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## ABOUT GCD

The New Mexico Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD) is committed to improving the quality of life of all New Mexicans with disabilities by addressing social integration, economic self-sufficiency, political resolve, physical and program accessibility, and full participation in the benefits of life and rights of all individuals.

GCD addresses physical, sensory, programmatic, and attitudinal barriers to forward its mission. Such barriers may keep a person with a disability from enjoying the full aspects of community living.

GCD works to improve the quality of life of New Mexicans with disabilities through progressive systems advocacy.

GCD promotes community living and access to: employment opportunities; universal access to information; appropriate and available assistive technology; accessible education; accessible, affordable, universally designed housing; accessible and available transportation (rural and urban); available home and community-based services; and access to social and recreational settings.

GCD serves as liaison and advisor to the Governor and Legislature on disability issues. GCD programs include:  
Disability Awareness and Advocacy Program  
Physical Accessibility Unit  
New Mexico Technology Assistance Program  
Brain Injury Advisory Council



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## AWARENESS & ADVOCACY

**The Quality of Life Grant** cycle is a bit more than half way through, but one of our awardees has already finished their project. Collins Lake Autism Center in Cleveland, NM expanded their sensory integration playground equipment offerings. This is the second QOL grant that they have received, and they have created a truly wonderful experience for their clients and others who visit the center.

This year they added a merry-go-round, climbing structure, sand box, a balance beam, and picnic tables. They also have swings, a tic tac toe game, a xylophone, and a seesaw, with a shade cloth offering protection from the sun. They have five clients living on the property who all use the equipment. The seesaw encourages cooperation, and the tic tac toe game is a good team building exercise. The equipment is also used in physical therapy sessions at the center. All the clients are experiencing improvements in coordination and their physical well-being.

Additionally, Mora school district's 5th grade students visit the center twice a month. Their class includes children on the autism spectrum, kids with ADHD, and neuro-typical kids. Their teachers report increased focus on academics for all the kids after using the equipment.

The Mora Homeschool Learning Coalition spends every Wednesday at the center and uses the equipment every time they visit. Again, there are children with a variety of disabilities in this group. The playground time offers them physical exercise and socialization opportunities.

Often, people with disabilities have very few opportunities to participate in physical exercise, games, and sports. The Governor's Commission on Disability regularly grants programs related to exercise and movement because it is so important to the health and well-being of all people, but especially people with disabilities. We thank the Collins Lake Autism Center for being such a good grant partner and creating an opportunity for movement in an otherwise underserved area.

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## PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY UNIT

### **The Residential Accessibility Modification Program (RAMP)**

The Residential Accessibility Modification Program RAMP here at Governor's Commission on Disability is a state funded program that will help improve the quality of lives for individuals with disabilities by making improvements to their current housing situation.

The RAMP team which consists of three members, Josh Lopez, Annette Apodaca and Nadine Flores, has been keeping busy with the day-to-day stuff in hopes of making RAMP a program that is beneficial, efficient and as successful as possible, in helping as many New Mexicans as we can. We are excited to see what will continue to transpire with our new team. With that said, we are happy to say that the program is moving right along, and modifications are being completed continuously throughout all of New Mexico. The modifications consist of one per household, which can be a bathroom modification or a ramp.

One of the best parts of RAMP, is being able to meet and assist our wonderful clients by putting their minds at ease knowing that they can live more comfortable and safer, within their own

homes. A part of the job requires that once a modification is completed, a RAMP team member will go and assess the completion to ensure that things were done correctly by the contractors and their crew, and to meet with the client to get his or her opinions on the work that was done on their behalf. We recently traveled out to the Taos County area to visit with Ms. Mascarenas, who had a completed bathroom modification done recently. Ms. Mascarenas indicated that she had fallen three times previously getting in and out of her bathtub and those were her reasonings for applying at RAMP.



When we met with Ms. Mascarenas, she stated that she was very happy and content with her final project! She indicated that the gentleman that came to do the project, was a very nice person

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who went above and beyond for her. She stated that even at the end he stuck around to add the final touches, to ensure that she would be safe in her bathroom. She was very grateful for this. We joked with Ms. Mascarenas that since the project was done close to Valentine's Day, that she ended up with a great Valentine's gift; one which made her chuckle. Ms. Mascarenas also expressed her many thanks throughout the whole process to the staff at Governor's Commission on Disability, stating that she was greatly appreciative to the team for all of their hard work and diligence in getting this done for her. Ms. Mascarenas stated that now that the project is complete, that not only does she feel safer, but her bathroom looks fancier, like a hotel. It was a pleasure working with Ms. Mascarenas, she too was great to work with.

Seeing the projects from beginning to end, has been a great experience and the transformation is pretty amazing. There is no greater joy than seeing just how much it means to the clients that we serve. Those smiles on their faces mean everything to us, and inspires us to continue to work hard to help others every day.

## BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (BIAC)



Brain injuries can cause devastating physical, emotional and financial impacts. The Brain Injury Advisory Council (BIAC) promotes the use of helmets in sports where head injury is a serious risk. Research proves again and again that helmets work in preventing head injuries, and we believe that everyone needs to know about the benefits of wearing a helmet. In New Mexico, every minor who operates or is a passenger on a bicycle, skates, scooter or skateboard is required by law to wear a well-fitted protective helmet.

The Governor's Commission on Disability with the Brain Injury Advisory Council collaborates with schools and youth organizations across the state promoting the use of helmets and distributing free

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helmets through our Helmet Distribution Program. Students are given pre and post questionnaires regarding the use of helmets and bike safety. This ensures that students absorb this important information and establish healthy habits. Helmets are then fitted for each student. Surprisingly, many students state that they do not own a helmet and don't wear one when they are on their bikes. In January, BIAC distributed 136 helmets to Free Bikes for Kids and 15 ski helmets to The Academy for Technology and the Classics' Ski Club. In February, BIAC distributed 764 helmets to schools and youth organizations in Hobbs, Lovington, Roswell, and Ft. Sumner. This is just a small dent in our large state, but BIAC will continue to work hard to visit not only urban areas but also the many rural communities in our state.

BIAC is excited to announce several changes to our website intended to enhance user engagement and to spread brain injury awareness and education across New Mexico. Soon viewers will be able to view Brain Injury Advisory Council members with their biographies, BIAC meeting minutes, and educational videos.

BIAC is also reviewing and updating its mission statement and strategic plan which will also be available to view on the website. As we work diligently to make these changes, you may notice some temporary glitches. Please be assured that these issues are temporary, and that we are working very hard to keep disruptions to a minimum.



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## **NM TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NMTAP)**

NMTAP has been busy providing direct services to individuals of all ages with physical, cognitive, visual, speech, and hearing challenges. Jesse Armijo, AT Coordinator, and Julie LaJeunesse, AT Specialist, from the main location in Albuquerque provided 30 device demonstrations for individuals with disabilities during this quarter. It was noted that device demonstrations are always provided to individuals with disabilities to try several AT devices that could work in accomplishing a needed task. There have been 73 persons who returned loaned AT devices and 68 persons were given AT devices during these three months. We provided training for 34 attendees at the Conference on Aging, 24 attendees at the New Mexico Technology in Education conference, and 42 attendees at the Children's Law Institute conference. A Hands-On Workshop of Assistive Technology (HOW-AT) provided training on communication devices and AT for reading, writing, and spelling to 37 Special Education professionals in the Las Vegas area. This was hosted by our Satellite partner, the Northeast Regional Education Cooperative located at New Mexico Highlands University. The satellite partner at the Western New Mexico University office located in Silver City provided AT information to 13 staff of the Child Development Center. There is always activity offering knowledge and access to AT with the NMTAP staff. Contact them today for AT trainings or direct services for your program!

A couple of other exciting endeavors with the NMTAP program are around the activities with the New Mexico AgrAbility Project and the newly hired Digital Divide Coordinator. The NMTAP role with the AgrAbility Project is focused on the AT available for food growers in NM. This is a partnership project with New Mexico State University Extension, University of New Mexico Occupational Therapy Graduate Program, and Mandy's Farm. Several training courses are in the works locally and nationally around AT and we have recommended AT for a few farmers.

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With a grant from the US Administration on Community Living, we have hired Alice Shriver as a Digital Divide Coordinator. In this 1-year project she will research and assess the digital gaps that exist for individuals with disabilities throughout New Mexico. We know gaps exist, however, information from impacted persons is needed to coordinate services for bridging these gaps. Alice will also provide information and training to individuals with disabilities as well as those of us who serve them. Her training will create or enhance digital accessibility statewide. Together, we can move forward to Digital Equity for all New Mexicans with disabilities and those with challenges from the natural aging process. Here is a picture of Alice, tell her what your barriers are!

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# TECH CORNER



## The Eyedaptic Eye 4

The Eyedaptic Eye4

The Eyedaptic Eye4 is a 2-in-1 wearable digital and handheld magnifier designed for individuals who struggle with Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD). This happens when aging causes damage to the macula part of the eye which controls straight-ahead vision. AMD is the leading cause of vision loss for the elderly population. This device can help bridge the gap for those whose AMD affects their daily lives and their ability to perform tasks around the house or in public.

The Eyedaptic Eye4 glasses themselves are lightweight at 3oz. and are tethered to an included Android smartphone which acts as the motherboard for all the magnification needs. This also acts as the charging mechanism for the glasses and the phone. Once connected, the user can choose between direct magnification from the glasses themselves or by using the phone's camera as the magnifying aid.

It's simple to toggle between both modes as each one can be used for different scenarios which NMTAP can guide the users on. The glasses will not work by connecting to a user's existing Android smartphone.

Some included features of the Eyedaptic Eye4 include an autozoom mode, image stabilization, and contrast enhancement. This device will allow users to read books, mail, newspapers, or even a small print menu at a restaurant. Individuals will also be able to see items at a distance such a TV screen or writing off in the distance. It is not recommended to walk around with the Eyedaptic glasses or to drive with them as the effects will be too disorienting for those tasks.

If you would like to try these devices or check out other devices like them, you can call NMTAP at 505-841-4464, send us a message on Facebook, or view them on our online database at <https://bit.ly/ATDatabase>

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# DISABILITY NEWS AROUND THE STATE

## ADELANTE LAUNCHES NEW SOCIAL ENTERPRISE: DESTINATION ACCESSIBILITY

### SCOOTER & WHEELCHAIR RENTAL PROGRAM WILL MAKE ALBUQUERQUE MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR TOURISTS WITH DISABILITIES!

ADELANTE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, A LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, LAUNCHED A NEW SOCIAL ENTERPRISE BUSINESS ON FEBRUARY 22, 2024, WITH THE DESTINATION ACCESSIBILITY LIFT OFF EVENT IN DOWNTOWN ALBUQUERQUE. THE NEW BUSINESS WILL RENT ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIRS, POWER SCOOTERS, AND TRANSFER WHEELCHAIRS TO PEOPLE WITH MOBILITY ISSUES WHO ARE VISITING ALBUQUERQUE. IN ADDITION, DESTINATION ACCESSIBILITY WILL HELP CONNECT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO EQUIPMENT AND GUIDES WHO WILL HELP THEM EXPERIENCE MORE OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS IN CENTRAL NEW MEXICO.

THIS NEW BUSINESS, DESTINATION ACCESSIBILITY, WILL BE ADDRESSING AN EMERGING ISSUE IN TOURISM – ACCESSIBILITY FOR A BROADER GROUP OF TOURISTS. OVER 6 MILLION PEOPLE VISIT ALBUQUERQUE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. WITH OVER 42 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES WHO HAVE A DISABILITY AND 12% HAVING A MOBILITY-RELATED DISABILITY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIORS HAVE OPTIONS WHEN THEY VISIT. IN FACT, IT IS A RAPIDLY GROWING CONCERN. ACCORDING TO A POPULATION REFERENCE BUREAU REPORT\*, THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS AGES 65 AND OLDER IS PROJECTED TO INCREASE FROM 58 MILLION IN 2022 TO 82 MILLION BY 2050 (A 47% INCREASE). FURTHERMORE, THE 65-AND-OLDER AGE GROUP'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL POPULATION IS PROJECTED TO RISE FROM 17% TO 23%. THE U.S. POPULATION IS OLDER TODAY THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN AND THESE NUMBERS ARE ACTUALLY PROJECTED TO BE HIGHER IN NEW MEXICO. DESTINATION ACCESSIBILITY COULD MAKE VISITING OUR CITY EASIER FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, AND THAT NUMBER IS PROJECTED TO GROW.

THIS NEW BUSINESS IS A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE OF ADELANTE, A NONPROFIT THAT SUPPORTS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, SENIORS, AND PEOPLE

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EXPERIENCING DISADVANTAGES ACROSS NEW MEXICO. IN 2023, ADELANTE HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OVER 79,000 PEOPLE ACROSS THE STATE. THIS NEWEST VENTURE HAS CLOSE TIES TO THE NONPROFIT'S MISSION AND EXPERIENCE. VISIT ALBUQUERQUE AND THE OUTDOOR EQUITY FUND BOTH PROVIDED FUNDING FOR DESTINATION ACCESSIBILITY TO SUPPORT ACCESSIBLE TOURISM AND ACCESSIBLE OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE AND WERE KEY TO MAKING THIS NEW BUSINESS POSSIBLE.

NOT ONLY WILL THIS BE A HELPFUL SERVICE FOR TOURISTS, DESTINATION ACCESSIBILITY WILL HAVE LOCAL IMPACT, TOO. THOSE TWO ASPECTS MADE THIS NEW WORK ESPECIALLY APPEALING TO ADELANTE. FIRST, THE ITEMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO RENT LOCALLY IF PEOPLE HAVE GUESTS COME INTO TOWN THAT NEED TEMPORARY USE OF A WHEELCHAIR OR SCOOTER. THE SERVICE INCLUDES FREE DELIVERY OF ITEMS WITHIN THE ALBUQUERQUE CITY LIMITS. SECOND, THE REVENUE FROM DESTINATION ACCESSIBILITY WILL HELP TO FUND ADELANTE PROGRAMS THAT HELP NEW MEXICANS IN NEED. THOSE INCLUDE GIVEABQSM, A NONPROFIT DONATIONS COLLABORATIVE THAT PROVIDES HOME FURNISHINGS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS, AND BACK IN USE®, A PROGRAM PROVIDING FREE ASSISTIVE DEVICES LIKE WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, AND MORE FOR LOCAL SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN NEED.

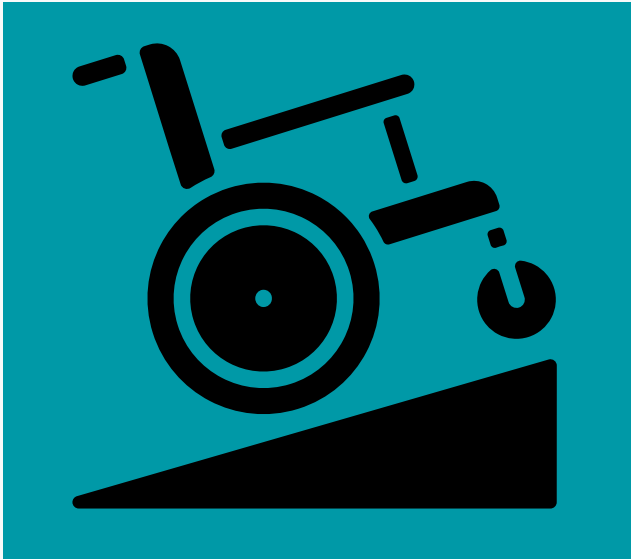
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\* U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, "AMERICA IS GETTING OLDER," JUNE 22, 2023; AND U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, 1980 CENSUS OF POPULATION, VOLUME 1, CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION (PC80-1).

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# PERSONAL STORIES



**The New Mexico Technology Assistance Program (NMTAP)** provides device loans of Assistive Technology on a free trial basis for those looking to find an appropriate permanent solution or for those that need an accommodation on a short-term basis. NMTAP worked with a family in December 2023 to help create some quick accessible paths of travel in and out of a home residence when there was no other option to do so. NMTAP was able to loan out two portable wheelchair ramps to a family in Albuquerque, New Mexico to use on their exterior entrances to their residence. The father of the home was recently discharged from

a rehabilitation facility for the holidays, and the exterior design of the home made it difficult for a wheelchair user to enter and exit the residence. This is a common occurrence for many families throughout the state of New Mexico as people quickly discover how inaccessible their homes are. Portable ramps provide a quick solution without the complexity of a full-on home modification. With these ramps, the individual was able to enter the home quickly and safely with the wheelchair. The loaner ramps also allowed the family time to invest in a more permanent solution.

These portable wheelchair ramps are readily available and come in many different sizes necessary for small to large and even multiple steps. They can be used outside or inside of a residence and can be neatly stored away when not in use. After the loan period had ended, the family returned the two portable ramps to NMTAP with gratitude for the quick turnaround on the request, the time afforded to think of a long-term solution, and for helping create a much-needed form of access during the holiday season. The family was able to get some quick ramp installation installed with help from the Bernalillo County Fire Department.

# AGENCY NEWS



## Legislative Report

The Governor's Commission on Disability was mandated to complete a study per the Senate Memorial (SM) 30 objectives from a previous 60-day legislative session in 2023, and this was completed with a SM Report developed by the SM 30 Task Force this past fall. The SM 30 objectives states to conduct a study on the feasibility of:

- Requiring health insurance coverage to provide a continuum of health care, therapeutic services, and job development services that individuals living with brain injuries and related conditions require for recovery and maximum independence; and
- Establishing a brain injury registry to track the occurrence, functional outcome, and effectiveness of brain injury treatment.

As a result of the SM Task Force which comprises of twenty-seven individuals from the brain injury community, whether they are state representatives, services providers, medical personnel, or a person with a brain injury, they came together and met at least 11 times virtually or in-person to complete a 32-page report with eleven findings and recommendations.

The final report to the link is below:

[SM30-Report-DRAFT\\_110323-final-for-approval.pdf \(nm.gov\)](#)

The findings and recommendations were shared in a presentation to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee which was well received with high compliments and support. This led to some individuals from the Brain Injury community to put their advocacy to a bill that includes funding for the Brain Injury Services Fund and funds for a Registry/Surveillance Program. Bill 203 included both components this 2024 legislative session, but it did not pass. Attempts will be made to try again in 2025 during the 60-day session. The link to the bill is below:

[SB0203PAS \(nmlegis.gov\)](#)

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**HB 2 General Appropriation Act** sponsored by Rep. Nathan Small which includes Agencies that serve people with disabilities. I will only name two here:

**Human Services Department (HSD)** (renamed Health Care Authority beginning July 1st, 2024)

Brain Injury Services Fund (BISF) – It is administered by the HSD which provides case management and other limited services for individuals with brain injuries. It was funded by fines from traffic violations, but this will end on June 30th, 2024.

HSD did not request any new money to replace the lost funds, however there is a large funding balance that has accumulated to support this BISF in the coming year.

There is interest in the Brain Injury community to get a bill sponsored next year for legislative funding to support the BISF at the HSD.

## **Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD):**

The GCD requests that if you have received support from the RAMP Program under the GCD in the past, that you consider working with your legislator to support increased funding for the RAMP program during the legislative session of 2025. An increased budget will support our efforts to hire another access specialist and to support funding towards the increased cost of building ramps to the entrance into the home and to modify bathrooms.

In the next year, we will be creating fact sheets and how to work with your legislators for support. If you would like more information, please contact; Stan Ross, Director of the Governor's Commission on Disability at [Stan.ross@gcd.nm.gov](mailto:Stan.ross@gcd.nm.gov) or Nadine Flores, Program Manager of the RAMP program under the GCD at [Nadine.flores@gcd.nm.gov](mailto:Nadine.flores@gcd.nm.gov).

## **Bills of interest**

There were 72 bills passed (not all are disability related) in this year's session, of those that are disability related and at the time of this writing (3/4/24) only 5 have been signed by the Governor. However, there are 4 bills waiting for action by the Governor. Some bills that passed both chambers (House and Senate)

- HB 98 Amendments to ABLE sponsored by Rep. Liz Thomson. Amends the state's Accounts for Persons with Disabilities Act (ABLE) Act to include individuals whose disability begins by age 46 (rather than the current limit of age 26). This would align state law with recent amendments to the federal ABLE provisions. The bill would also prohibit state programs such as Medicaid in seeking payment, after a person's death, from the person's ABLE account for benefits provided. Unless recovery of such expenses is required by federal law.

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- HB 298 Service member/veteran suicide prevention sponsored by Rep. Eliseo Alcon. Establishes a suicide prevention program within the State's Veterans Service Department, tasked with raising awareness and working to prevent suicide deaths among veterans and active service members. Note: In addition, there is a 200k GRO funding in HB 2 for the department to contract such services, to be spent over the next two years. GRO Funding is the new Government Results and Opportunity Fund which supports pilot programs.

Some bills of interest that are still waiting on the Governor's Desk, if it is not formally signed or vetoed then it is a pocket veto on March 6th.

- SB 142 Notification requirements for Behavioral Health (BH) Facilities sponsored by Senator George Munoz. Requires a residential behavioral health facility to try to get contract information for a patient's family and provide opportunities for the patient to inform the family that the person has been admitted to the facility. The bill provides for penalties of \$750 for a first violation and \$1,000 for subsequent violations.
- Drug Price Transparency sponsored by Rep. Pamelaya Herndon. This bill imposes reporting requirements on manufacturers of drugs that cost more than \$4000 for a 30-day supply. If the price of the drug rises more than 10% for a brand name drug or 30% for a generic in a year, manufacturers will have to report information about their costs and profits related to the drug to the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance. Note: HB 2 includes \$100k to implement this program.

Note: Ellen Pinnes who provides a comprehensive report from the roundhouse weekly during the session, which includes the pre-legislative report (before the session begins) and a final report after the Governor's "final" signature on any bill's passage. You can contact her to receive a report at this email address:

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Her report is from the Disability Coalition which includes Jim Jackson who follows the legislative session much more closely than the GCD. The Disability Coalition is funded in part by the NM Developmental Disabilities Council through Federal Program Funding. Additional funding is provided by the Arc of New Mexico, Disability Rights New Mexico, the Independent Living Center, and New Vistas.

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# EMERGENCY RESOURCES



IF INTERESTED IN HAVING AN ALL DAY TRAINING IN YOUR AREA ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REGARDING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AS FEMA IS ENCOURAGING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY APPROACH WHERE IT TAKES EVERYONE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DISCUSSION BEFORE A DISASTER OCCURS TO BE BETTER PREPARED.

PLEASE CONTACT LISA MCNIVEN AT [LISA.MCNIVEN@GCD.NM.GOV](mailto:LISA.MCNIVEN@GCD.NM.GOV) OR 505-435-9326 TO SCHEDULE A TRAINING SESSION.

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## Ongoing

- **ADA Coordinator Certificate Program:** Empowering Accessibility (nm.gov) <https://www.gcd.nm.gov/programs/ada-coordinator-certificate/>
- Training | Rocky Mountain ADA <https://rockymountainada.org/services/training>
- Trainings - Mid-Atlantic ADA Center <https://www.adainfo.org/trainings/>
- Self-paced Webinars <https://www.accessibilityonline.org/continuing-education/SelfPacedWebinars.aspx>
- Accessibility Online <https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ao>
- Conferences and Online Training - ADA Coordinator Training Certification Program (ACTCP) - Great Plains ADA Center <https://www.adacoordinator.org/page/Training>

## March

- **Thursday, March 7, 2024** Employee Work Areas and Break Rooms <https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ADA-Audio/session/?id=111105>
- **Wednesday, March 20, 2024** **March** ADA Legal Webinar Series: A Review of Various Notable ADA-Related Settlement Agreements and Conciliations by Federal Enforcement Agencies <https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ADA-Audio/session/?id=111098>
- **Thursday, March 21, 2024** March Accessible Technology Webinar Series What's New with WCAG 2.2? <https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ADA-Audio/session/?id=111103>
- **Tuesday, March 26, 2024** March Section 508 Best Practices Webinar Demystifying the Procurement Process <https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ADA-Audio/session/?id=111104>
- **Wednesday, April 10, 2024** April Ask an ADA Pro Ask an ADA Professional Questions RE: High-Stakes Testing Accommodations <https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ADA-Audio/session/?id=111101>

# USEFUL LINKS

## Links

**NM Governor's Commission on Disability:** <https://gcd.state.nm.us/>

**ADA National Network:** <https://adata.org/>

**NMTAP:** <https://www.tap.gcd.state.nm.us/>

**CDC on Corona virus :** [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/needs-extra-precautions/FS\\_COVID\\_Plan\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/needs-extra-precautions/FS_COVID_Plan_FINAL.pdf)

**Americans with Disabilities Act:** <https://www.ada.gov/>

**ADA Coordinator Certificate Program and Related Training:**  
<https://gcd.nm.gov/ada-coordinator-certificate>

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**New Mexico Brain Injury Advisory Council**

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