



Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential

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LEAP's mission is to advance a society of equal opportunity for all persons, regardless of disability.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OVERVIEW

GOAL: To create a person-centered, community-based environment that promotes independence and dignity for individuals with disabilities.

Community Education provides technical assistance and training on accessibility and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act for businesses, government agencies, schools, and public accommodations. It also provides training on home and community-based services and supports, including:

- Accessibility studies
- Independent living history and philosophy
- Disability awareness and sensitivity training
- Access to services such as long-term-care options counseling, disability benefits assistance, personal care assistance, home modifications and assistive technology, consumer-directed care, advocacy, and self-advocacy
- Disability legislative history
- Disability rights law, including the following laws: the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, Section 504, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), the Fair Housing Act as amended, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Olmstead v. L.C.

Other topics include such issues as Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, nursing home transition, advocacy, emergency preparedness, and school-to-work transition.

Community Outreach and Access enhances public awareness of disability and disability issues, programs and policies; and offering technical assistance to advance local, state and federal policy to make facilities, services, programs and opportunities available and accessible.

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