

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

# Kentucky to celebrate 20th Anniversary of Americans with Disability Act with Capitol Rotunda celebration July 26

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FRANKFORT, Ky. – In recognition of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KCDHH) is collaborating with various coalitions to organize celebrations across the state in July leading to a grand finale ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort on July 26 at 11 a.m.

“The ADA was the world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities. It was a collaborative effort of democrats, republicans, the legislative and the executive branches, federal and state agencies, and people with and without disabilities,” said Virginia Moore, executive director of KCDHH.

“The ADA anniversary is a time that we can reflect positively on a law that has made a great impact on the lives of people with disabilities, and our country, over the past 20 years. To this end, various coalitions are collaborating to organize statewide freedom rallies in Kentucky to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the signing,” Moore said

At the signing of the ADA on July 26, 1990, President Bush stated, “Three weeks ago we celebrated our nation's Independence Day. Today we're here to rejoice in and celebrate another ‘Independence Day,’ one that is long overdue. With today’s signing of the landmark

ADA, every man, woman, and child with a disability can now pass through once-closed doors into a bright new era of equality, independence, and freedom.”

Bus transportation from Louisville to the Frankfort for the Capitol Rotunda ceremony will be available. For seat reservations, contact [JamesA.Brown@ky.gov](mailto:JamesA.Brown@ky.gov) (Subject line: ADA Bus) or call the automated ADA bus registration line at 502-429-4479, ext. 203, and provide your name and phone number for call-back confirmation. All reservations must be confirmed by an ADA representative. Space is limited to 45 reservations. The coordinator for the Capitol celebration is Pamela Roark-Glisson and she can be reached at 859-948-3663 or [pglisson@independenceplaceky.org](mailto:pglisson@independenceplaceky.org).

If you are interested in attending one or more of the area celebrations, details and contact information are listed below. ADA interpreters will be provided at the celebrations.

### **July 23, 2010**

**Louisville** - Charles McDowell Center, 8412 Westport Road, noon. Coordinator: Chase Forrester, 1-800-327-5287, [chase.forrester@ky.gov](mailto:chase.forrester@ky.gov).

**Florence** – Northern Kentucky Association of Realtors, 7660 Turfway Road, 4 p.m. Coordinator: Johnny Stephenson, 859-653-7000, [jigs@one.net](mailto:jigs@one.net).

### **July 24, 2010**

**Ashland** – Ashland Central Park Bandstand, 17th Street and Central Ave., 10 a.m. Coordinator: Sandi Radford, 606-615-0355, [sradford@independenceplaceky.org](mailto:sradford@independenceplaceky.org).

**Hazard** – Paul E. Patton Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, 200 Veterans Drive, 3 p.m. Coordinator: Bobby Begley, 606-435-4009, [bpbegley@setel.com](mailto:bpbegley@setel.com).

### **July 25, 2010**

**Williamsburg** – Briar Creek Park, 1 p.m. Coordinator: Patricia Turner, 606-304-1229, [pturner@independenceplaceky.org](mailto:pturner@independenceplaceky.org).

**July 26, 2010**

**Lexington** – 215 W. Main St. (Old Courthouse), 9 a.m.

Coordinator: Bruce Burris, 859-806-0195, [latitudearts@yahoo.com](mailto:latitudearts@yahoo.com).

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