



July 10, 2026



Celebrating 36 Years of the Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became law in 1990 and marks its 36th anniversary on July 26, 2026. The ADA is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in many areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and many public and private places that are open to the general public. The purpose of the law is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. The ADA is divided into [five titles \(or Sections\) that relate to different areas of public life](#).



Why Is Hope Important for Children?

A child's capacity for hope is directly proportional to their wellbeing. Here, find four strategies to help youth feel hopeful about their ability to shape their futures. [Click Here to Learn More](#).

Did You Know?

Your Child May Qualify for More Support

Related services help children with disabilities benefit from special education, helping students meet the goals written in their Individualized Education Program (IEP). IDEA requires that a child be assessed in all areas related to his or her disability. The evaluation must be comprehensive to identify all the child's special education and related service needs. See IDEA's definition of [related services](#). See some of the services that could be considered as [related services](#) in a child's IEP.

UPCOMING WEBINARS LIVE ONLINE



Great opportunities to increase your advocacy skills and improve education opportunities for your child. Register for these informative FREE trainings.

- Presented by Nevada PEP

Student Led IEP

Monday, July 13

5:00pm-6:00pm

Join Youth MOVE Nevada to learn how youth can participate in their

¡Seis Consejos de Abogacía que Gira de un No a un Sí!

Jueves, 16 de Julio

5:00pm-6:00pm

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own IEP meetings. Both youth and parents will learn ways that youth can strengthen their skills as they work with their IEP team in creating an Individualized Education Program.

REGISTER NOW >

“No”? Usted es el experto en su hijo y usted sabe las necesidades de su hijo y usted sabe las necesidades de su hijo. Aprenda cómo conseguirlo con estas seis estrategias de increíbles!

REGISTER NOW >

How Is My Child Reading?

Tuesday, July 14

1:00pm-2:00pm

Do you worry about your child's reading? You will learn how children learn to read and how to partner with the school on reading improvement. Do not miss these strategies that help children become good readers!

REGISTER NOW >

Coffee Tea and IEP

([In-Person Workshop](#))

Las Vegas Office

Thursday, July 23

11:00am-12:00pm

Don't miss this small group, in person, interactive discussion for families! Learn how to navigate the special education process, actively participate in IEP meetings, and gain practical strategies to set high expectations that support success for students with disabilities. **Please call 1-800-216-5188 to register.**

Looking for more convenient times? Did you know our Free On Demand webinars are always available 24/7 in English and Spanish [click here](#).

When Home Changes, Education Doesn't Have To

This law provides rights and services to children and youth experiencing homelessness, including those sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship. School districts must ensure homeless students are enrolled in school and have a full opportunity to succeed. This [resource](#) can help parents who have children with disabilities. Learn more about McKinney-Vento Act's core provisions in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). This [infographic](#) explains the definition of homelessness.

WHAT'S NEW IN SCHOOL?



What is Section 504?

Section 504 is a federal civil rights law that protects students with disabilities in programs receiving federal funds, including public schools and colleges. A student may qualify if they have a disability that limits a major life activity, even if they do not qualify for special education under IDEA. Section 504 requires

schools to provide eligible students with FAPE and needed accommodations. To understand the process, view this [Section 504 Flow-Chart](#) or this [parent overview of the Section 504 evaluation process](#). Nevada PEP also offers an **Understanding Section 504 and Civil Rights** workshop. Click [here](#) to learn more.

The Road to IDEA: What Families Faced Before 1975

Before the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, many children with disabilities were denied access to public education or placed in settings that did not meet their needs. In 1970, only one in five children with disabilities attended U.S. schools, and some states had laws that excluded students with certain disabilities.

Key Facts Before IDEA:

- Many children with disabilities could not attend public school.
- In 1970, only 20% of children with disabilities were educated in U.S. schools.
- Some state laws excluded students with certain disabilities.
- Public Law 94-142 was passed in 1975 to protect educational rights.
- The law was renamed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in 1990.

Public Law 94-142 helped ensure that children with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education. Today, IDEA continues to protect the rights of children and families across the country. Read more about [IDEA's history](#) and its impact on education. Read how the [IDEA Act of 1975 transformed education](#) for students with disabilities.



Digital Awareness for Parents

The digital world changes quickly, and children and teens are often the first to use new apps, platforms, and devices. Online risks can include [cyberbullying](#), negative group conversations, and [harmful content](#) that can affect others and a child's online reputation. Learn more in [How to Prevent Cyberbullying: A Guide for Parents, Caregivers, and Youth](#).

Life Beyond High School: For Young Adults with IDD

Beck Williers is a 23-year-old young man with an exciting life ahead of him. His transition into adulthood did not happen overnight but came through a journey of self-advocacy and community-building. Resilient from the day he was born, Beck and his family show what it takes to create a life full of endless possibilities and finding success through joy. Watch the documentary [here](#).



Support a Growing Vocabulary

Vocabulary is the foundation for all communication. Research suggests that a strong vocabulary is linked to future success and happiness, both in school and in later life. A rich vocabulary allows children to understand the books they read and the ideas that teachers may share at school. Here are [five ways to support a growing vocabulary](#).

A New Chapter for Tourette Awareness in Nevada

The Nevada Chapter Tourette Association of America is dedicated to increasing awareness, advocacy, education, and support for individuals with Tourette syndrome and other tic disorders. The chapter works to connect families, healthcare providers, educators, and community leaders while expanding access to resources and promoting inclusive communities across Nevada. Read more [HERE](#).

Read-Along: Books for Kids App

With 5,000+ read-aloud books, interactive games, and vocabulary tools, Read-Along: Books for Kids App inspires a love of reading in children ages 3–12. Parents can track progress, personalize learning, and enjoy a safe environment that supports every child's reading journey.



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[NVPEP.ORG/CAREERS](https://nvpep.org/careers)

Helping Children Become Lifelong Readers

There are many things that parents can do to help their children become successful readers. Here are [10 ways](#) parents can help build and support a child's love of reading. Don't forget the public libraries are a good place to find books for children of all ages. Click [here for complete list of all public libraries in Nevada](#). Join our [On Demand Webinar- How is My Child Reading?](#) to get more great tips.

Youth MOVE Nevada News

Summer is a great time to build new skills and grow your confidence. In this [training series](#), young people learn how to become more self-determined, set goals for their own future, and make decisions confidently. You can also join our weekly [youth-led meetings](#), where we talk about disability, mental health, and speaking up for yourself in a supportive space. Don't forget to follow us on social media to stay connected!



ASL on PBS Kids

Children who are deaf or hard of hearing have a new way of watching some of their favorite shows. For the first time PBS KIDS has American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation available for several series across its free digital streaming platforms. Check it out [HERE](#).

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Preparing Students with Disabilities for Life Beyond School

If you have a child in or approaching high school and you're wondering what the word transition really means, check out [this article](#) to learn the basics of transition planning and discover how your participation—and your child's—can make all the difference as they navigate their way into adult life. You can also attend our workshop on planning for life after high school, [see our webpage](#) or contact Nevada PEP to speak with a specialist.

Press Play on PEP Talks

Nevada PEP presents a series of podcasts on topics of interest for families. Listen to these [informative](#) podcasts. These podcasts help parents with Back-to-School Tips, Parent Voice in the IEP, Evaluations and much more. Each podcast is filled with important information for parents, check it out.

Do You Know About: Hand in Hand Together We Can?

Celebrate the amazing people who make a bright and lasting difference in your child's life! Send in a nomination, and they'll receive a Hand in Hand lapel pin as a token of our appreciation. Your story, filled with their kindness and support, will also shine in our Hand in Hand Annual Yearbook. Click [HERE](#) to share your nomination and recognize someone who truly makes the world a little brighter!



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