

Technology Planning for Patrons with Disabilities

Post-Webinar Addendum

Our presenter, Dina Abramson, has provided this information in relation to the following three questions asked during the Webinar.

1. Are there any resources that outline what libraries are required to provide regarding ADA compliance?

Sources for information about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):
ADA Technical Assistance through the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Civil Rights

www.ada.gov

800-514-0301 (toll free hotline)

ADA National Network

<https://adata.org/>

Find your regional network: <https://adata.org/national-network>

For Texas:

Region 6 (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)

Southwest ADA Center at ILRU

713-520-0232

swdbtac@ilru.org

www.southwestada.org

What the ALA (American Library Association) says about the ADA and libraries:

www.ala.org/ascla/asclaissues/libraryservices

2. How can we locate other Disability and Information Referral Coordinators in other states?

I believe there are only two other libraries within the National Library Service system that have Disability Information & Referral Coordinators (they may be known by another title).

To find your regional library, visit: www.loc.gov/nls

Every state should have a Governor's Office for People with Disabilities. Here is the link for the Texas office: <http://gov.texas.gov/disabilities/resources>

In addition, many cities may have an ADA Coordinator. Here is the link for Austin, TX: <http://austintexas.gov/department/americans-disabilities-enforcement-program>

And, repeating what was said during the Webinar, you might always want to begin by contacting your State Library and seeing if they have a consultant or specialist in this area.

3. Are there any resources available that might help me determine my community's assistive technology needs?

Here is an interactive map for Texas. Click on a county, and a window will pop up with numbers of residents with a variety of disabilities that live in that county. The numbers are based on 2013 population statistics:

www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/templates/OnePane/basicviewer/embed.html?webmap=a876b5a1c7474a5e9abc956cd0492b1f&gcsextent=-108.4466,24.7427,-86.1005,38.6648&displayslider=true&displaylegend=true

Here is a list of state AT Programs from the Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs:

www.ataporg.org/states_listing.html

www.ataporg.org/

Texas Technology Access Program is the state program for Texas:

<http://techaccess.edb.utexas.edu/>

800-828-7839

Also, contacting Independent Living Centers, Lighthouses, Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC), Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services (DARS) offices, and other organizations such as Easter Seals would be helpful in determining needs in local areas:

Texas Independent Living Centers: www.txsilc.org

Texas Aging & Disability Resource Centers:

www.dads.state.tx.us/care/findanadrc.html

DARS (Texas): www.dars.state.tx.us

Easter Seals: www.easterseals.com and www.easterseals.com/connect-locally/