



advocacy day

for Access & Independence

Public Access

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has mandated the accessibility of all services provided to the public. Despite this mandate, the disability community encounters barriers that prevent them from access at every turn.

Unlocking the Barrier: The General Assembly must push comprehensive building codes that include accessibility.

Unlocking the Barrier: The General Assembly must conduct self-review of state agencies' ADA Coordinators, examine qualifications, and develop a corrective plan.

Returning to the SC State House!

April 26, 2017



Transportation

Transportation is the key to community participation and independence. People with disabilities are twice as likely to lack adequate transportation, making it difficult to take advantage of all opportunities afforded to the community.

Unlocking the Barrier: Investments in infrastructure must embrace Complete Street standards that meet the needs of pedestrians and riders of public transit.

Unlocking the Barrier: The General Assembly must instruct the SC Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to lead a campaign highlighting existing public transportation options.

Employment

Despite South Carolina's rate of unemployment below 4.5%, over 68% of working-age residents with disabilities do not participate in the labor market.

Unlocking the Barrier: South Carolina State Government must lead the employment of people with disabilities by example.

Unlocking the Barrier: SC must remove any and all basis for subminimum wage.

Unlocking the Barrier: All agencies serving people with disabilities with public funds should focus on competitive, inclusive employment as the first and preferred outcome (Employment First).

Housing

Across the state, there is a scarcity of housing across socio-economic levels, complicating stable living conditions. Additional barriers limit access to housing and, as a result, people with disabilities make up 47.8% of the homeless population.

Unlocking the Barrier: South Carolina must incentivize acceptance of Housing Choice Vouchers.

Unlocking the Barrier: A tax incentive for home modifications can lessen the financial burden of ownership for people with disabilities.

Together, let's unlock the barriers to Public Services, Transportation, Employment, and Housing!

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