

MISSION STATEMENT

The Alabama Disabilities Action Coalition (ADAC) is a non-partisan coalition of individuals with disabilities and organizations representing them. ADAC seeks to build a broad based statewide coalition of all people with disabilities in order to bring about positive changes in attitude among people without disabilities.

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physical disability.

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WHAT WE WANT

People with disabilities want the same kind of things as all people— to work, play, worship, learn, and live as they choose.

ACCESS to all aspects of American society including public and private services and facilities.

ADAC supports the removal of barriers to full and equal enjoyment of programs, goods, services and activities of all public and private entities.

ADAC supports a process for removal of barriers that is positive and works in the existing system first before considering outside action.

TRANSPORTATION that is fully accessible and incorporates universal design.

ADAC supports a constitutional amendment that would allow fuel and gas taxes to be spent on public transportation, which would provide the state match necessary to securing federal money. ADAC also supports a system of light rail between all major cities in Alabama.

EMPLOYMENT of all qualified individuals with disabilities who want to return to work or be employed for the first time.

ADAC supports the following:

- ◆ Medicaid Buy-In program funded by a combination of federal and state monies.
- ◆ State tax credits/deductions for employers who hire qualified individuals with disabilities
- ◆ Full state funding for state agencies like ADRS who help people with disabilities become successfully employed.

COMMUNITY-BASED CARE so people with disabilities can have CHOICE in where they live.

ADAC supports legislation that will allow people to use the money that Medicaid would spend on nursing home care to get care in their own homes.

ADAC supports the passage of necessary programmatic and funding legislation for increased access to community-based care.

ADAC urges Medicaid to establish access to home and community-based services for people with disabilities and seniors in a timely manner.

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