

OPEN FORUMS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Open forums for those living with a disability are being held throughout the state during the week of July 27th – 31st, as part of the 25th year anniversary celebration of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. These forums provide an opportunity for ALL people with disabilities and their families to speak out and voice their concerns. There will be a panel of representatives present from several state agencies and community-based organizations to listen to the participants.

Monday, July 25th, 2016, from 4 – 6 PM,

at the Rogers Free Library's Meeting Room, 525 Hope Street, Bristol, RI.

Co-hosted by RI Statewide Independent Living Council and National Federation of the Blind

Monday, July 25th, 2016, from 4 – 6 PM,

at the Warwick Public Library's Community Room, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI.

Hosted by the Ocean State Center for Independent Living

Tuesday, July 26th, 2016 from 4 – 6 PM,

at the South Kingstown's Potter Hall, 2605 Kingstown Road, Kingstown, RI.

Hosted by National Multiple Sclerosis Society Greater New England Chapter

Wednesday July 27th, 2016, from 4 – 6 PM,

at the Cumberland Public Library's Meeting Room, 1464 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland, RI.

Hosted by Rhode Island Department of Health

Thursday, July 28th, 2016, from 4 – 6 PM,

at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library's Meeting Room, 100 Tinkham Lane, Harrisville, RI

Hosted by TBA

Thursday, July 28th, 2016, from 4 – 6 PM,

at the Middletown Public Library's Meeting Room, 700 West Main Road, Middletown, RI.

Hosted by Opportunities Unlimited For People With Differing Abilities

Friday, July 29th, 2016, from 3:30 – 5:30 PM,

at the North Providence Union Free Library's Meeting Room, 1810 Mineral Springs Avenue, North Providence, RI.

Hosted by Perspectives Corporation

Friday, July 31st, 2015, from 2:45 – 4:45 PM,

at East Providence Public Library's Program Room, 41 Grove Ave, East Providence, RI

Co-hosted by RI Statewide Independent Living Council and National Federation of the Blind of RI

Sign language interpreters and real-time captioning will be used at the site and a transcript will be compiled of the testimony. Assistive listening systems will be available upon request at the hearing. **Requests for other language interpreting should be made to 462-2130 at least 3 business days in advance.**

Comments may be made in person during the forums. They can also be faxed to 462-0106 or e-mailed to disabilities@gcd.ri.gov, or mailed by August 8th to Governor's Commission on Disabilities, John O. Pastore Center-41 Cherry Dale Court, Cranston, RI 02920-3049. For more information or to request an accommodation call, 462-0100 or 462-0101(tty).