

Camden County Marks 20th Anniversary of ADA

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Twenty years ago, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law. Since that time, public access for individuals living with disabilities has greatly improved, and the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of disability has been firmly established.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of this historic act, the Camden County Freeholder Board and the Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services will present a program at Camden County College's Camden campus entitled "Moving Forward" on July 26.

"Moving Forward" will honor the individuals that fought hard to bring about this legislation. That dedicated and persistent group also worked to implement the intent of the law over the past 20 years, continually enriching the lives of those living with disabilities.

Joining the Freeholder Board in honoring the work of our local disabled community will be US Representative Robert Andrews, NJ Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Camden City Mayor Dana Redd. Members of the disabled community are invited to attend the anniversary celebration. Individuals requesting handicap accessible transportation to attend should call (856) 858-3220. Camden County College's Camden Campus is located at 601 Cooper Street, Camden NJ.

The Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services is available to assist Camden County residents with disabilities. They publish a resource guide of non-profit agencies, government services and national organizations that are dedicated to both issues of disability and serving persons with disabilities.

The staff of the County's Division of Senior and Disabled services provides information on a wide range of topics including basic benefits for persons with disabilities, employment resources, health care and transportation. They are located at 700 Browning Road, Suite 11, in West Collingswood, NJ. They can be reached by phone at 1-877-222-3737. For more information, visit www.camdencounty.com where you can sign up for weekly updates and to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.