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Our Services

- Oversee ADA Title II Compliance in all City of Boston Programs, Policies, Services, and Events
- Manage the City’s Accessible HP Parking Program for Neighborhood Residents and Business Districts
- Provide Information & Referral on Disability Issues and Services
- Offer Architectural Access Plan Review and Technical Assistance
- Organize Trainings on Disability Issues for City Departments, Community Groups, Non-profit Agencies, and Local Residents
- Lead Systemic Advocacy within Boston’s City Government to Increase Accessibility & Inclusion in all Departments and Programs

Our Mission

The Mayor’s Commission for Persons with Disabilities works to increase opportunities for people with disabilities by facilitating full and equal participation in all aspects of life in the City of Boston.

This involves reducing architectural, procedural, and communication barriers, as well as promoting accessibility & inclusion in civic activities, housing, transportation, education, and the built environment.

The Commission works with City Departments, neighborhood residents, community groups, non-profit agencies, businesses, and private developers to ensure that access and inclusion remain a top priority in the City of Boston.

Our Initiatives

- **ADA Day**: Celebration held each July on Boston City Hall Plaza in support of the Americans with Disabilities Act - food, music, fun!
- **Disability Mentoring Day**: (DMD), A national initiative held annually in October to promote employing Boston residents with disabilities
- **Disability Community Forum**: An open forum hosted every spring to discuss issues of importance in Boston's disability community
- **Disability News & Views**: Monthly TV Show highlighting upcoming events & interviewing leaders from the local disability community
- **Get Involved Local Government**: A day for people with disabilities to learn about civic participation in Boston City Government Processes