

IL's Independence Trail

1968
The Architectural Barriers Act is generally considered to be the first ever federal disability rights legislation

1970
• The Physically Disabled Students Program is founded by Ed Roberts, John Hessler, Hale Zukas and others at the University of California at Berkeley
• Urban Mass Transit Act (required all new purchases of mass transit vehicles be lift equipped)

1972
The Center for Independent Living (CIL) is founded in Berkeley, California

1973
Rehabilitation Act

1974
Ed Roberts becomes the director of the California Department of Rehabilitation

1975
Developmental Disabilities Bill of Rights Act

1977
Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU) is established in Houston, Texas
www.ilru.org

1978
• Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments
• Establishes federal funding for independent living
• Creates the National Council of the Handicapped

1979
• First ten states receive Title VII funding through the Rehabilitation Act
• Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) founded in Berkeley, CA

• U.S. Supreme Court rules that, under Section 504 of the Rehab Act, programs receiving federal funds must make "reasonable modifications"

1990
• Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signed by President George HW Bush on July 26 in a ceremony on the White House lawn
• Education for All Handicapped Children Act amended and renamed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
• ADAPT changes its name to American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today

1988
Technology-Related Assistance Act

1986
• Air Carrier Access Act
• National Council on the Handicapped issues Toward Independence, citing the need for federal civil rights legislation (eventually passed as the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990)
• Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL) founded

1984
The Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act

1983
• American Disabled for Accessible Public Transit (ADAPT) is organized
• Ed Roberts, Judy Heumann and Joan Leon found the World Institute on Disability in Oakland, California

1982
National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) founded

1992
Rehabilitation Act Amendments (restructured Title VII to set standards for CIL, to create independent Statewide IL Councils)

1996
Not Dead Yet is formed

1998
Workforce Investment Act passed

1999
The Olmstead decision

2004
First Disability Pride Parade held in Chicago and around the country

2008
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA)

2009
The Year of Community Living

2010
• Department of Justice's revised regulations for Titles II and III of the ADA known as 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
• 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA)

2011
New Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) rules are enacted

2014
• The Stephen Beck, Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (the ABLE Act)
• The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

2015
July 26—ADA 25th Birthday

