

The ADA in Jails and Prisons:
**A Guide to Accommodating
 Inmates and Visitors
 with Disabilities**



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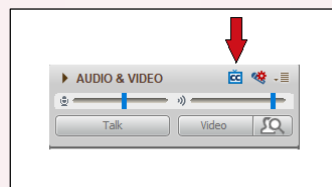
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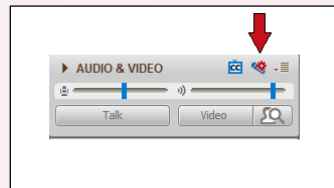
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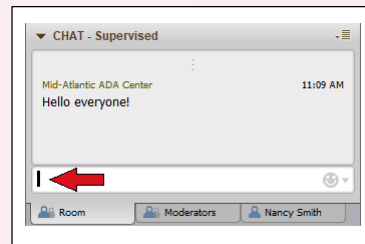
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- TransCen, Inc.
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Disability Related Access for Inmates and Visitors Guide

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We know that...

- ✓ More than 750,000 people with disabilities are incarcerated across the nation.
- ✓ These **inmates** can, if the facility does not fully comply with the ADA and implement ADA best practices, serve harder time with less access to positive programming (such as early release) and vital services.
- ✓ Due to discriminatory practices, inmates with disabilities can end up living in a “prison within a prison.”

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Additionally, we know that...

- ✓ Approx. 85% of **incarcerated youth** have a disability (often undiagnosed).
- ✓ They are referred to the juvenile justice system earlier than youth without disabilities.
- ✓ They are referred for more serious crimes and experience shorter survival times before they recidivate.

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Finally, we know that...

- ✓ **Facility visitors** with disabilities often face barriers including a lack of accessible parking, inaccessible entrances and visitation areas, lack of effective communication or a modification of policy that would make the facility accessible to the visitor.
- ✓ Correctional facilities do not necessarily inform visitors of their ADA rights and do not always have a ADA grievance process for visitors with disabilities.

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The Corrections Guide

- In response, the Southwest ADA Center's ***Disability Related Access for Inmates and Visitors Guide**** is designed to be utilized by corrections to educate and train facility staff regarding their ADA responsibilities concerning inmates and visitors with disabilities.

**Material/contents of the Guide developed through the Southwest ADA Center, funded by a grant (90DP0092-01-00) from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research.*

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Can Download the Guide

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Disability Related Access for Inmates and Visitors Guide

www.southwestada.org/html/publications/misc/correctional.html

- Available in HTML and fully accessible PDF
- Let's **now examine** the comprehensive *Guide* and consider how it can be utilized within the correctional system.

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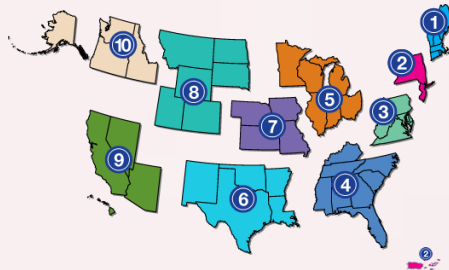
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ADA National Network

- Ten regional centers provide guidance, training, and materials on the ADA
 - **1-800-949-4232**
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