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Here is your November 2014 edition of the MSCOD monthly update on the 25<sup>th</sup> ADA Anniversary Celebration.

## **“STICK PEOPLE” TO DA VINCI: POSTER & VIDEO CONTESTS ARE UNDERWAY!**

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the ADA, MSCOD is sponsoring a poster contest and a video contest to capture what the ADA means to people around the state of Minnesota. We are now accepting entries!

Posters and videos submitted should creatively address the following question: “How has the ADA impacted society in general or your life in particular?”

Categories for Participation:

- Students in grades K-4
- Students in grades 5-8
- Students in grades 9-12
- Students in post-secondary education
- Adults – Professional
- Adults – Other

Don't wait too long; all entries must be received by December 15, 2014. For a complete list of rules, go to the [25th Anniversary ADA Poster and Video Contests](#) page. Good luck!

## **CALL TO ACTION!**

Were you or your organization instrumental in the passing of the ADA? Do you know someone who was? How has the ADA positively impacted your life? We want to hear your stories!

To tell us your story, or to let us know how you plan to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the ADA, contact David Shaw at [david.a.shaw@state.mn.us](mailto:david.a.shaw@state.mn.us). We hope to hear from you!

## **ADA SURVEY & FOCUS GROUPS**

MSCOD, in collaboration with The Improve Group, is preparing surveys and focus groups to measure what people know about the ADA and how it has impacted employment opportunities for people with disabilities. If you are a person with a disability who works or is looking for work, we would love to hear from you. We would also like to hear from employers about how the ADA has affected the hiring process.

Please contact Dillon Balthaser at [DillonB@theimprovetgroup.com](mailto:DillonB@theimprovetgroup.com) if you would like to participate in the focus groups, but hurry, space is limited! If we are unable to schedule you into a focus group, we welcome you to take the survey.

## **HERE'S WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON NEXT**

- Seeking national speakers for an ADA Policy Conference on July 9th, 2015
- Finalizing details for the July 26th, 2015 ADA 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Minnesota History Center
- Conducting the ADA survey
- Creating an historical documentary with **TPT** about Minnesota's implementation of the ADA
- Poster and video contests

**MORE DETAILS TO COME!**

## **GET INVOLVED!**

Please support our exciting projects as they develop. Volunteer with one of our committees and help plan our celebrations and other activities. Committees meet monthly. Please contact Andrew Mosca at 651-361-7803 or [andrew.mosca@state.mn.us](mailto:andrew.mosca@state.mn.us) for more information about how to become involved.

## **ABOUT THE ADA 25TH ANNIVERSARY LEGACY PROJECT**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) turns 25 years old on July 26, 2015. The Minnesota State Council on Disability (MSCOD) is planning a number of activities leading up to and marking this historic day.

The MSCOD ADA 25 year Anniversary Legacy Project seeks to preserve and raise awareness of Minnesota's role in the development of the ADA as well as celebrate Minnesota's disability cultures in tandem with the 25 year anniversary of the passage of the ADA.

For more information about the Legacy Fund visit <http://www.legacy.leg.mn/>.

MSCOD's Legacy Funds are administered by the Minnesota Humanities Center. Learn more about the Minnesota Humanities Center at <http://www.minnesotahumanities.org/>.

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