The ADA...

## The Americans with Disabilities Act



## What Does it Mean for You and Your Child?

- 1. The ADA is a federal law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities
- The areas that are affected by the ADA include employment, public services (schools), public accommodations, and services run by private entities and telecommunications
- 3. All people with physical and mental disabilities are protected by the law
- 4. How will this affect your daily life?
  - O Barriers to buildings must be removed
  - O Employers must make reasonable accommodations
  - O Modifications must be made so everyone can enjoy public accommodations
  - O All new construction must be accessible
  - Readily accessible transportation for people with disabilities (Para transit services) must be provided whenever possible
  - If places like hotels offer transportation, they must offer equal transportation to people with disabilities
  - Telephone companies must offer services to people using telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDDs)
- 5. Want more information- ask your school counselor or health care provider, or call 1-800-514-0301 (voice) or 1-800-514-0383(TDD)

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