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ALABAMA DISABILITIES ADVOCACY PROGRAM
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The Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP) is part of the nation's federally-funded protection and advocacy (P&A) system. ADAP provides legal services to Alabamians with disabilities to protect, promote and expand their rights. ADAP's vision is one of a society in which persons with disabilities are valued and exercise self-determination through meaningful choices, and have equality of opportunity. ADAP is part of the [National Disability Rights Network \(NDRN\)](#).

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ADAP's FY16 Advocacy Goals to be Introduced at its Upcoming Annual Meeting

ADAP will introduce its proposed **FY16 advocacy goals** at its annual council meeting on Friday, August 28 in the Sington Community Room at the **Lakeshore Foundation** in Birmingham. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting to review and offer comments about the draft goals. The meeting will start at 1 PM. If you need accommodations to participate in the meeting, please contact Vicki Hubbard by email at vhubbard@adap.ua.edu or by phone at (205) 348-4928 no later than Friday, August 21. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to comment on the draft goals, please email your comments to adap@adap.ua.edu.

ADA at 25: The celebrations are over; the work continues

While we and other advocates across the country were celebrating the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the ADA this past July, we also renewed our commitment to the bold vision of a



world without barriers for people with disabilities. Read about some of the latest national challenges and goals in the advocacy arena in a [report](#) issued by the [National Disability Rights Network](#). Many of them mirror the [advocacy goals](#) we have set for ourselves right here in Alabama, including the expansion of home- and community-based services.

Services for Alabamians with Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI)

Between 1.1% to 1.7% of the U.S. population lives with long-term disabilities resulting from a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) is the lead agency for TBI planning and services here in Alabama. ADRS is conducting a needs assessment of service providers to learn more about what they offer to persons with TBI and any existing gaps in services. If you are an [agency](#) that serves persons with TBI, please click on this [link](#) to complete the survey. Responses are due by September 4.

Separate from ADRS, ADAP provides legal advocacy services to protect and promote the rights of persons with TBI. ADAP provides:

- Information, referral, and advice on independent living
- Individual advocacy services to protect the rights of persons with TBI (subject to ADAP's case eligibility guidelines)
- Self-advocacy training to individuals with TBI and their families

For more information or for help from ADAP's TBI program, contact ADAP by email at adap@adap.ua.edu or by phone at (205) 348-4928.



Are you Prepared for the Worst?

How might a disaster affect you or a family member? By evaluating your (or your loved one's) individual needs and making an emergency plan that fits those needs, you can be better prepared. For help on disaster planning, check out this [video](#) from FEMA. This is the first in a series of videos that aim to deliver a strong preparedness message

by showing people with disabilities taking charge to prepare themselves and their families for emergencies.





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