



**STANISLAUS COUNTY
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TITLE II
PUBLIC ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES
DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT**

POLICY

Stanislaus County is committed to complying with the provisions outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act regarding barrier free access to all County programs, services and activities.

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities by public entities in the operation of all services and programs offered by the entity. It is the policy of Stanislaus County that all facilities, programs and services be accessible to and usable by disabled individuals, unless providing access results in an undue hardship to the County or causes a fundamental alteration of the programs or services. It is also the County's policy that members of the public not experience discrimination or harassment based upon disability.

All complaints of discrimination on the basis of disability will be promptly investigated. When appropriate, effective remedial action will be taken to address and remedy any complaints.

YOUR RIGHTS UNDER TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") was signed into law on July 26, 1990 and became effective July 26, 1992. The purpose of the ADA is to ensure that people with disabilities are afforded the same rights and privileges as non-disabled people.

The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, state and local government services and public accommodation and commercial facilities.

REQUESTS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

Individuals who are disabled may request reasonable accommodation to assist the individual in accessing County facilities, programs or services. An individual is considered a person with a disability if he or she has: 1) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; or 2) having a record of such impairment; or 3) being regarded as having such impairment. Major life activities include, but are not limited to, functions such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working.

Examples of auxiliary aids or services which may be provided as a reasonable accommodation include, but are not limited to: extra staff assistance, interpreters, assistive listening devices, electronic documents, paper and pen.

Individuals who require reasonable accommodation to access facilities, programs or services should either: 1) submit a request through the County website at <http://www.stancounty.com/accessibility/request/>; 2) contact the County department providing the facility, program or service and advise the department's designated ADA Title II/Civil Rights Title VI Liaison of the individual's needs; or 3) contact the Stanislaus County ADA Title II/Civil Rights Title VI Coordinator located in the Clerk of the Board Office at (209) 525-4494, fax (209) 525-4420 who will direct you to the appropriate department representative.

Stanislaus County employees who require reasonable accommodation should refer to the Stanislaus County Employment Discrimination Policy and Complaint Procedure.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints against Stanislaus County regarding a program, service or activity not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to the Stanislaus County ADA Title II/Civil Rights Title VI Coordinator located in the Clerk of the Board Office at (209) 525-4494 or <http://www.stancounty.com/accessibility>.