# **DISABILITY RESOURCES**

- Area Agency on Aging of the Coastal Bend (AAA): 361-883-3935
- Housing Discrimination: 800-669-9777
- City of Corpus Christi Senior Community Services: 361-826-4120 Meals on Wheels
- City of Corpus Christi Solid Waste Services: 361-1668
- Coastal Bend Aging and Disability Resource Center (CBADRC): 855-937-2372
- Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living (CBCIL): 361-883-8461
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center: 361-993-1154
- Disability Rights Texas (DRTx) South TX: 210-737-0499
- Lighthouse for the Blind: 361-883-6553
- Medicaid (Helpline): 800-335-8957
- Medicare: 800-633-4227
- Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities: 361-886-6970
- Nueces County Department of Social Services Corpus Christi Residents: 361-888-0837
- Texas Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend 361-882-7491
- The ARC of Texas: 512-454-6694

For more resources, please contact the Area Agency on Aging of the Coastal Bend.



# **DISABILITY RIGHTS**

#### Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act

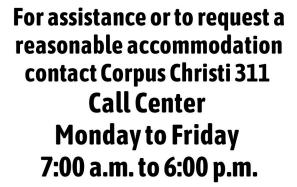
- It prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in programs that receive federal financial assistance.
- It was the first disability civil rights law to be enacted in the United States.

1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- It prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by:
  - **■** Employers
  - **■** Public Accommodations
  - State and Local Governments
  - Public and Private Transportation
  - Telecommunication



### BRIDGING THE GAP FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



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# CALL TO ACTION

Persons with disabilities may contact the City of Corpus Christi at 311 if they are faced with an ADA barrier.





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### **CFPWD**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide knowledge, insight, and guidance to the community, Mayor, City Council, and City Rights on the rights and needs of PWD and to further opportunities for PWD.

## ABOUT THE CFPWD

The Committee for Persons with Disabilities (CFPWD) meets every first Wednesday of every Month from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Corpus Christi Council Chambers.

## AGENDAS CAN BE VIEWED AT

www.corpuschristitx.gov/ourgovernment/mayor-andcouncil/agendas-and-minutes/

## EFFECTS OF DISABILITY STIGMA

- Social Avoidance of People With Disabilities (PWDs)
- Stereotyping of disabilities
- Discrimination in job hiring, housing, or other opportunities
- Condescension because PWDs are seen as helpless
- Blaming for their disability or receiving disability benefits
- Internalization of negative false beliefs
- Hate Crimes and Violence targeting PWDs

PWDS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE VICTIMS OF PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE THAN PEOPLE WITHOUT DISABILITIES.

### **Changing the Narrative**

- Person First Language: Referring to the person first and disability second.
- Identity First Language: Some people see their disability as an essential part of who they are and prefer to be identified with their disability first.
- Choosing language that emphasizes what people can do instead of what they can't do is empowering. Instead of saying a person who is wheelchair-bound, say a person who uses a wheelchair.
- Empower each other by pointing out our capabilities and ability to overcome personal challenges.