

CALL TO ACTION

Persons with disabilities may contact the City of Corpus Christi at 3-1-1 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

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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.

DISABILITY RESOURCES

Area Agency on Aging of the Coastal Bend	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	361-361-1668
Coastal Bend Aging and Disability Resource Center	855-937-2372
Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living	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 September 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.

July 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



CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

For assistance or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Corpus Christi
3-1-1 Call Center

Monday to Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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