

**2015 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)!**



The Illinois Department of Human Services in cooperation with numerous State Agencies and Councils is proud to celebrate the many accomplishments of people with disabilities. This year, we will be celebrating this important milestone on **July 21, 2015** at the **James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago, IL from 10am – 3pm.**

There will be free workshops for practitioners and job seekers. The workshops will also be held at the **James R. Thompson Center between 10am – 12pm and 1pm - 3pm**, including a telecast to a Springfield site (see link below). Registration will be conducted on a first come, first served basis. There is limited space available, so it is important to **register early via Eventbrite: <https://ada25illinoisworkshops.eventbrite.com>**

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**MORNING SESSIONS:**

**ADA LEGAL UPDATE WORKSHOP (2 hours), (10am - 12pm)**

**::CLE Credits Offered::**

This session will review the most significant ADA cases in the last 25 years, and discuss the broader impact these cases have had. It will cover a wide variety of issues under Titles I, II and III.

Presenters: Equip for Equality

Location: Chicago (Room 9-040) and Springfield (McFarland Mental Health Center 2nd floor Administration Bldg. Rm 227 901 Southwind, Springfield Il 62703)

**STATE OF ILLINOIS EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP (1 hour), (10am - 11am)**

Attend this session and hear from experienced staff members about how to obtain a job with State of Illinois agencies. Learn about the process from testing, to how to locate suitable employment and identify appropriate job titles. Find out more about the "Successful Disability Opportunities" Program and whether it's right for you.

Presenters: State of Illinois Central Management Services, Illinois Department of Employment Security

Location: Chicago Only (Room 9-031)

**PRACTICAL JOB SEARCH TIPS WORKSHOP (1 hour), (11am – 12pm)**

This presentation seeks to provide a solid foundation for a successful job search. Participants will learn a number of practical principles that allow them to have greater confidence in the interview process while avoiding common blunders.

Presenters: Illinois Department of Human Services and Chicago Urban League

Location: Chicago Only (Room 9-031)

**AFTERNOON SESSIONS (SEE PAGE 2)**

**AFTERNOON SESSIONS:****WORK INCENTIVES: THE IMPACT ON BENEFITS WORKSHOP (2 hours), (1pm - 3pm )**

Are you receiving SSDI and/or SSI? Would you like to work or are you currently working but are worried about losing your cash or medical benefits? Come to this workshop to learn about how to make informed choices about your benefits. This program is for individuals that are considering work, seeking work, self-employed, or currently employed.

Presenter: City of Chicago Mayors' Office for People with Disabilities

Location: Chicago Only (Room 9-040)

**STATE OF ILLINOIS EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP (1 hour), (1pm - 2pm)**

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Presenters: State of Illinois Central Management Services, Illinois Department of Employment Securities

Location: Chicago Only (Room 9-031)

**PRACTICAL JOB SEARCH TIPS WORKSHOP (1 hour), (2pm - 3pm)**

This presentation seeks to provide a solid foundation for a successful job search. Participants will learn a number of practical principles that allow them to have greater confidence in the job search and interview process while avoiding common blunders.

Presenters: Ken Skord, Director and Janice Duvall, Information and Referral Counselor, AbilityLinks, a program of Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital

Location: Chicago Only (Room 9-031).

**LINKS:**

Job fair/employers: <https://2015adacelebration-jobfair.eventbrite.com>

Job fair/job-seekers: <https://adacelebrationillinois-jobseekerticket.eventbrite.com>

Workshop Schedule: <https://ada25illinoisworkshops.eventbrite.com>

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