

Mississippi

Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities

Celebrating 20 Years of
Opening Doors Together

**Join us for MSCCD's
13th Annual Awareness Day
Mississippi State Capitol!
February 11th**



Approximately one in five Mississippians have a disability according to U.S. Census Bureau. This staggering statistic isn't well known beyond the disability community. For this year's Awareness Day the hope is that all of our state legislators and policymakers will be aware of this staggering fact also!



Help make the kind of impact that's needed to get the message across.

Attend this event and invite others as well.

Come and display your organization's projects and programs that benefit Mississippians with disabilities and their families.

Reserve Your Space **SOON**

Call your legislators and let them know you are coming and want to visit with them.

After all, individuals educating their legislators about the realities faced by people with disabilities in Mississippi is what this day is all about.

Capitol Switchboard – 601-359-3770

This year we are asking everyone who will be attending to **wear a lime green or light green shirt** so you will easily be identified as being part of this important day.

**ALL EVENTS AND LUNCH
ARE FIRST COME, FIRST
SERVED.**

TO RSVP & DISPLAY Contact:

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Disability Awareness Day 2009

Wednesday, February 11th

Mississippi State Capitol

AGENDA

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9 a.m. Registration/Check-In

1st Floor Rotunda

Displays may be set up at these times:

Tuesday afternoon, 02/10 from 4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. or Wednesday morning. All displays MUST be set-up by 9:00 a.m. 02/11

(Please let CCD know which time you will set-up)

Check-in at registration table for lunch tickets

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Orientation for the Day

10:30 a.m. Press Conference

1st Floor Rotunda

11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Lunch and Issues Conversation

Noon – 1 p.m. Man Your Displays (This is the time both Houses usually break for lunch and legislators will be coming into the Rotunda)

1:00 p.m. Visits & Introductions - House and Senate Galleries

The House and Senate will be going back into session. All organizations who have signed up will go to the galleries and you and your organizations will be introduced. House Gallery is not accessible. Those who have mobility issues must receive permission to enter onto the House floor for introductions.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Visit with Your Legislators

All displays must be removed by 3:30 p.m.

Please collect all trash and make sure is collected and removed properly.

"Get involved as if your life depends on it..... because it DOES."

**Justin Dart
Father of Disability Movement
Americans with Disabilities Act**

Registration

Please help us by pre-registering early. The day of the event, check in early at the registration table on the 1st floor to get your free lunch pass.

Questions?

Call (601)969-0601 or 1-800-721-7255

Legislative Visits

Get a brief issues orientation at 9:30 a.m. Followed in the afternoon with "on-the-job" type training with a seasoned advocate who will show you how easy it is to visit your legislators. Learn more by visiting www.msccd.org for materials and information for your visit.

LUNCH

Lunch is on a first come, first served basis. Get your lunch tickets at the registration table

PARKING

Accessible parking is located at the base of the north steps of the Capitol. Public parking includes the First Baptist parking lot directly northeast of the Capitol, a parking lot east of the Capitol which is accessible across High Street and a parking garage at the Walter Sillers Building just north of the Capitol on High Street. There will be Capitol Police who can answer your questions and for those who need assistance.

Entrance

Please enter the building at the north entrance. Entrance is wheelchair accessible

Security

When entering you will be required to pass through a metal detector and run all purses and articles through the scanner. Wheelchair users may be waived. Bring a photo I.D. Identify yourself with the MS CCD.