

Upcoming Training: Disability and Transportation

Partners is offering the following upcoming training. Speech to text (Typewell) services will be provided, but if you need additional accommodations to participate in this training, please email kiahh@uark.edu.

Disability and Transportation

July 29, 2025 at 10:00am CST via Zoom

Registration: [Online Registration Form](#)

UA Partners is pleased to offer the following training. This presentation will provide professionals with an understanding of transportation challenges (and solutions) for people with disabilities. All aspects of life require transportation. You need transportation for day-to-day activities such as shopping and appointments. If you're going to school or have a job, you need a way to "get there". If you are "restarting" a new life after surviving domestic violence, you will need transportation. Whether it's going to a new job interview, finding a new apartment, or going to court, people who have disabilities need transportation too. This presentation will provide participants an understanding of how the Americans with Disabilities Act addresses access to transportation.

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Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am Central Time

Location: Zoom

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Presenters: Marisa Demaya and Diego Demaya

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Marisa Demaya is the Deputy Director for the Southwest ADA Center at ILRU, the Independent Living Research Utilization Program in Houston, Texas. She works with businesses, consumers, and community organizations to train and inform them on their rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Ms. Demaya graduated from the University of Houston in 2002 with a BS in Professional Writing. Her interest in civil rights of persons with disabilities developed through personal experience as a family member of a person with a disability. Marisa has been with the Independent Living Research Utilization program for over 20 years having joined them under separate projects in 2004 then later joining the ADA center in 2009.

Diego Demaya, JD, Southwest ADA Center, Dir. Technical Assistance has a BA in Humanities, a BS in Professional and Technical Writing from University of Houston, and a J.D. from City University of New York School of Law. He is senior General Adviser and Educator for the Southwest ADA Center (SWADA) - of the national ADA network covering Region VI-NM, TX, OK, AR, LA. SWADA is a division of ILRU TIRR Memorial Hermann. Diego provides technical guidance on the Americans with Disabilities Act and other laws--focusing on employment, health care, education, business administration, human resources, web and app accessibility, and Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. He brings 20 years of successful leadership experience addressing legal and ethical issues toward developing equitable compliance policy for various industries—government, manufacturing, retail, transportation, hospitality, law enforcement, health care, and the AI/ML industry. Diego provides guidance to help address complaints and trains private and public entities pursuant to Federal enforcement action. He has experience mitigating civil rights and compliance liability by equalizing the balance between enterprise objectives and diversity, equity, and inclusion awareness. His mission is to interpret law in service of human needs to empower equitable solution of complex problems to improve productivity and enterprise sustainability with success. Diego is a seasoned audiophile and does consulting on home audio system design and installations as a side hobby.

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Questions: If you have any questions, feel free to contact Paula Pottenger by email: ppotten@uark.edu

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