

# Disability in the United States



In the USA, people with disabilities are included in school, work, and society.

Disability is not viewed as a bad event or personal failure.

**Many Americans with disabilities lead independent and successful lives.**

## The American Disability Rights Movement

Americans with disabilities have fought to be respected and included. They have helped create laws to be included in schools, public transportation, government programs, housing and more.



## Legal Rights

Americans with disabilities have the right to:

- Go to school;
- Live and work in their community;
- Visit public businesses;
- Advocate for their needs;
- Participate fully in society.

## What if my child has a disability?

If you think your child may have a disability, **do not wait to send them to school.** All children in the USA have the right to go to school. Your child can receive support at school.



**It may be scary or confusing to discover your child has a disability, but there are many resources in your community and school. For more information about resources, see the flyer *Who Can I Contact for Help with My Child's Special Education?***



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