

An Introduction to ADA, 504 and the IDEA: What Families Need to Know



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AGENDA

- Introduction
- Learning objectives
- Brief overview of the ADA, 504, and the IDEA
- Main protections under the ADA, 504, and the IDEA for DHH children
- IDEA and transition from IFSP
- Situations that implicate the ADA, 504, and the IDEA for DHH children
- Resources for questions

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Identify the main protections under the ADA, 504, and the IDEA for DHH children
2. Identify situations that implicate the ADA, 504, and/or the IDEA for DHH children
3. Name resources for questions regarding the ADA, 504, and the IDEA for DHH children

Brief overview (big picture)

- ADA
- 504
- IDEA

Alphabet soup!

- ADA
- 504
- IDEA
- EI
- IFSP
- IEP
- LRE
- FAPE

BRIEF OVERVIEW: ADA

- ADA = Americans with Disabilities Act
- Federal law passed in 1990
- Prohibitions discrimination on the basis of disability
- Requires provision of reasonable accommodations
- Examples

BRIEF OVERVIEW: 504

- 504 = Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Federal law
- Prohibitions discrimination on the basis of disability
- Requires needs of students with disabilities met to the same extent as needs of students without disabilities
- Examples

BRIEF OVERVIEW: IDEA

- IDEA = Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- Federal law first passed in 1975
- Federal special education law
- Examples

Protections for DHH children

- ADA
- 504
- IDEA

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- ADA
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IDEA: TRANSITION PROCESS IFSP TO IEP

- DHH child approaching age 3
- IFSP TO IEP: what doesn't change?
- IFSP to IEP: what changes?

**Situations that
involve ADA, 504
and/or IDEA**

SITUATIONS THAT INVOLVE ADA, 504, AND/OR THE IDEA

- Center-based EI
- Home-based EI
- School setting
- Looking ahead...extracurricular activities

Resources for questions

RESOURCES: QUESTIONS RELATED TO ADA, 504, IDEA

- American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC)
- Clerc Center (Gallaudet University)
- Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)
- National Association of the Deaf (NAD)
- Your state's parent training and information center
- Other resources

THANK YOU!

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