



CAMPS AND
ACCOMMODATION

Advocacy for my DHH
child

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Power, Judy
Heumann





I AM GOING
TO PUT MY
KID(S) IN
CAMP!

What does my child need to make
camp(s) a positive experience?

Identify the needs

Be considerate not to put the burden
of communication on the child

wikipedia.org



FIRST STEPS

- Register
- Look for where and/or who to make an accommodation request
- Make a request - be specific what your child needs

no



"No, I'm sorry"

"It cost too much for us
to accommodate your
child"

"WE DON'T
PROVIDE
ACCOMODATIONS!"

Most of the time,
its an training
issue: Ask for
their manager or
ADA coordinator

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Case story #1
Zoo camp

Where is my ADA regional center?

<https://adata.org/find-your-region>



Northwest ADA Center- Region 10

Serves Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington

Mountlake Terrace, WA

Phone: 425-248-2480 (V)

Fax: 425-774-9303

Email: nwadactr@uw.edu

Website: www.nwadacenter.org

<https://adata.org/find-your-region>

Section 36.303 of the [ADA Title III Regulations](#) describes Auxiliary Aids and Services that an entity must provide, and discusses Effective Communication specifically. Note that Section 36.303(c)(2) states:

(2) A public accommodation shall not require an individual with a disability to bring another individual to interpret for him or her.

Long Story Short:
Camps may not
charge extra for
the
accommodations



Religious
organization
camps are
exempt from
the ADA

Effective communication as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies when the camp is a program of the state, county, city, or private business or nonprofit.

Effective communication means that the camp must ensure that their communication with the parents, guardians, and the child with disability is as effective as it is with nondisabled parents, guardians, and children. The camp is responsible for providing aids and services needed for the effective communication to take place.

*Terms and conditions apply

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Case story 2

Great Lakes ADA Center- Region 5

Serves Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio,
Wisconsin

Chicago, IL 60608

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Case Story 3 -
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Advocacy

Individual or
Community?

Other resources:

- NAD-National Association for the Deaf
- City/town/state Civil Rights office
- DOJ-Department of Justice-Civil Rights

Where can I find DHH camps:

- Check with your state Hands & Voice chapter/TOD
- Supporting Success for Kids with Hearing Loss
 - <https://successforkidswithhearingloss.com/summer-camps-for-children-who-are-deaf-or-hard-of-hearing/>
 - STEM programs at Gallaudet or RIT/NTID
- Check your area for deaf lead organizations hosting camps

<https://www.rmtcdhh.org/faq/summer-camps>



Go and help make the world more inclusive!

THANK YOU!

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