

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

The Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council supports the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its Section 504 regulations. Section 504 is an important civil rights law that protects people with disabilities from discrimination. It helps make sure people with disabilities have equal access to schools, healthcare, housing, jobs, and public services.

Section 504 requires reasonable accommodations, clear and effective communication, and accessible programs and facilities so people with disabilities can fully take part in their communities. Strong enforcement of Section 504 is critical to protecting civil rights and making sure people with disabilities are not excluded, separated, or denied opportunities because of disability.

Below are DDC's position statements making sure rights under Section 504 regulations are protected.

Behavioral Supports - <https://shorturl.at/rpyEU>

Behavioral supports help people manage their behavior in positive, respectful ways. These supports should be based on what works, easy to access, and given in places like home, school, or the community. They should be personalized, support learning and choice, and help people be part of their families and communities.

Community Living - <https://shorturl.at/SCRjA>

Everyone should have the choice to live in a real community. This means deciding where and with whom you live, who supports you, and how you spend your time. A real community includes people with and without disabilities, and everyone should have the same rights, responsibilities, and chances to be independent.

Education - <https://shorturl.at/rhpG2>

Students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) have a legal right to a good education. Schools and staff must follow the laws that protect these rights and make sure students get the support they need to learn and succeed.

Employment - <https://shorturl.at/Uv1ao>

People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) can work in the community with people without disabilities and earn good wages. They should be given information and supported to make choices about their work and careers.

Healthcare - <https://shorturl.at/WfX2K>

Everyone who lives in Delaware must be able to get the healthcare and health related services they need.

Housing - <https://tinyurl.com/3mb2cmmk>

People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD), like all Americans, have a right to live in their own homes, in the community.

Human & Civil Rights - <https://tinyurl.com/yz5sj3pj>

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) have the same human and civil rights as everyone else. They have the right to support and accommodations to make sure they can fully enjoy those rights

Inclusion- <https://tinyurl.com/yxhf3tpm>

All people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) benefit when fully included in the community.

Individual Supports - <https://tinyurl.com/39rnycup>

People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) must be able to get the individual supports they need to live the lives they want at home and in the community.

Quality of Life - <https://tinyurl.com/4uaeaa62>

People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities must be able to lead the life they choose so they can have a good quality of life that is right for them.

Self Determination - <https://tinyurl.com/56n2sn4z>

Self-determination is when you have the freedom to make your own choices and are in control of your own in life.

Sexuality - <https://tinyurl.com/3uw6fab5>

All people, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), have the right to make their own choices about sexuality and relationships.

Support Coordination - <https://tinyurl.com/3j7x6pbe>

Support Coordination finds and coordinates services, supports, and resources in the community that children and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities(I/DD) and their families need.

Transportation - <https://tinyurl.com/mvrm3fvd>

Everyone should have access to transportation that is easy to use, affordable, and reliable. People with disabilities should be able to get where they need to go—just like everyone else.