Justin Dart: "Father" of the ADA. "The ADA is a landmark
commandment of fundamental human morality. It is
the world's first declaration of equality for people with
disabilities by any nation. It will proclaim to America and to
the rest of the world that people with disabilities are fully
human."

By Gordon Richins, CPD Consumer Advocate

In the old paradigm of disability, individuals with disabilities
were thought to be broken and need to be fixed by the
medical field.

In the new paradigm of disability, individuals with
disabilities are not broken, it is the systems and the
environments that are broken and need to be fixed so
individuals with disabilities can be included in all aspects of
life.

Here are some resources and web sites that may be
helpful to individuals with disabilities and their families.

Names to know

Justin Dart was one of the key disability leaders,
considered father of the Americans with Disability Act,
winner of the Presidential Medal of Freedom (the highest
USA civilian award). Justin Dart was also a very strong
supporter and advocate for the Independent Living
Movement.

http://www.independentliving.org/column/
stone200102.html

http://www.thecccoalition.org/justin-dart-jr-on-disability-
employment-empowerment-and-productivity/

Ed Roberts is one of the most important pioneers of
the disability rights movement. Besides his advocacy
for educational rights, Roberts was a founder of the
Independent Living (IL) movement and director of
Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) in California.

http://www.ed.gov/blog/2014/03/celebrating-a-disability-
rights-pioneer/

Independent Living

National Council on Independent Living

APRIL: Association of Programs for Rural Independent
Living

ILRU: Independent Living Research Utilization founded in
1977, has a long history of providing research, education
and consultation in the areas of independent living, the
Americans with Disabilities Act, home and community-
based services and health issues for people with
disabilities.

RapidCourses is a free, self-paced learning option,
fully accessible (508 compliant) and available 24/7,
allowing you to "Learn at the Speed of YOU!" This web-
based, user-friendly curriculum is easy to navigate and is
designed to provide essential, fundamental knowledge of
the independent living field.

http://independentlivingideal.blogspot.com/p/principles-of-
independent-living.html

Utah-specific Resources

Bear River Mobility Management

Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State
University

Developmental Skills Laboratory (DSL)

Utah Assistive Technology Program (UATP)

OPTIONS for Independence

Cache Employment and Training Center

Cache Valley Adult Day Center

Rocky Mountain ADA Center
Utah Parent Center
Utah Developmental Disabilities Council UDDS
Disability Law Center
Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (VR)
Division of Workforce Services
Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD)
USU Disability Resource Center