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

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