

**Information about the 2014 Public Forums  
On the Concerns of People with Disabilities and their Families**

We have secured the following dates and locations for the Public Forums. Please place this information in your company's newsletter and calendar.

These annual forums are an opportunity for ALL people with disabilities and their families to speak out and voice their concerns. There will be a panel of representatives present from several state agencies and community-based organizations to listen to the participants at each of the forums.

The 2014 Public Forums will be held throughout the state during the week of July 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, as part of the 24<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Specific forums will be held on:

**Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, from 1 – 3 PM**  
**at the Zambarano Unit of the Eleanor Slater Hospital, 2090 Wallum Lake Road Pascoag, RI**  
Hosted by the Zambarano Unit of the Eleanor Slater Hospital

**Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 from 4 – 6 PM,**  
**at the Woonsocket Harris Public Library's Community Room, 303 Clinton Street, Woonsocket, RI.**  
Hosted by Seven Hills Rhode Island

**Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, from 2 – 4 PM,**  
**at the Warwick Public Library's Community Room, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI.**  
Hosted by the Ocean State Center for Independent Living

**Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM,**  
**at the Middletown Public Library's Community Room, 700 West Main Road, Middletown, RI.**  
Hosted by Opportunities Unlimited

**Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, from 4 – 6 PM,**  
**at the Rogers Free Library's Herreshoff Community Room, 525 Hope St, Bristol, RI.**  
Hosted by TBD

**Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, from 4 – 6 PM,**  
**at the Charlestown Town Hall Chambers, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI.**  
Hosted by Perspectives Corporation

**Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, from 1:30 – 3:30 PM.**  
**at the South Providence Library's Community Room, 441 Prairie Avenue, Providence, RI.**  
Hosted by RI Department of Health

Sign language interpreters and real-time captioning will be used at the site and a transcript will be compiled of the testimony. Assistive listening systems will be available upon request at the hearing. **Requests for other language interpreting should be made to 462-2130 at least 3 business days in advance.**

Comments may be made in person during the forums. They can also be faxed to 462-0106 or e-mailed to [GCD.Disabilities@gcd.ri.gov](mailto:GCD.Disabilities@gcd.ri.gov), or mailed by August 8<sup>th</sup> to Governor's Commission on Disabilities, John O' Pastore Center - 41 Cherry Dale Court, Cranston, RI 02920-3049. For more information or to request an accommodation call, 462-0100 or 462-0101(tty).