

July 26, 2010- The City of Santa Monica's Human Services Division and Disabilities Commission are pleased to announce the launch of Accessible Santa Monica, the City's new disability resources web portal at [www.smgov.net/accessiblesm](http://www.smgov.net/accessiblesm).

The site is a one stop for information about accessibility and disability services in the City of Santa Monica, along with an index of online local, regional and national resources. Additional features include news from the disability community, upcoming events, a catalog of disability-related films and a disabilities awareness training module.

Accessible Santa Monica is the first step forward in updating the way the City manages its resources online. Having information available in one place is important not only to accessing resources easily and efficiently but also for many people with disabilities for whom navigating multiple sites is not always easy.

The portal launched today, the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a groundbreaking piece of civil rights legislation that ensures equal access for people with disabilities to all aspects of life. Through its programs, grantees and Disabilities Commission, the City of Santa Monica is committed to advancing the mission of the ADA and advocating on behalf of community members of all abilities. The Santa Monica City Council recognized the 20th anniversary of the momentous legislation by issuing a proclamation at its July 13th meeting.

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