

Oregon Disabilities Commission Timeline, 1983-2009

- 1983 HB 2004 creates the Commission of the Handicapped.
- 1987 The Commission is designated as the state's Client Assistance Program (CAP).
- 1989 SB 368 changes the name to the Oregon Disabilities Commission (ODC), and starts administrating the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Access Program.
- 1991 ODC begins testing and certifying sign language interpreters. ODC is identified as the state's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator.
- 2005 ODC is transferred into the Department of Human Services (DHS) by HB 3230. Oregon Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Services Program is created as a separate entity in DHS.
- 2007 The newly-constituted ODC holds its first meeting in November.
- 2008 ODC elects its new officers, approves its bylaws and policies and procedures, and reaches its goal of fifteen commissioners representing statewide organizations.
- 2009 ODC advises on issues related to the ADA, employment, health care and long-term services, adult protective services, and transportation during the Legislative Session. ODC forms the Employed Persons with Disabilities Subcommittee to advise DHS on this program.