



ILLINOIS E1 EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS WEBINAR REMINDER

- **FEATURED WEBINAR: 7/18/18, 12:00-1:30 PM**

Equip for Equality's Employment Rights Helpline Webinar

Please join Hannah Walsh from Equip for Equality to learn more about the Employment Rights Helpline. Many topics and issues like disclosure, requesting accommodations and frequently reported concerns and issues in Illinois will be explored.

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The Employment Rights Helpline is a new, free, statewide service to provide people with disabilities with legal rights information and advice, as well as self-advocacy assistance to help them navigate employment issues that arise. Equip for Equality is the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy System that safeguards the rights of people with disabilities in Illinois.

The concept of the Employment Rights Helpline was an outgrowth of ADA 25 Chicago, a year-long initiative launched by The Chicago Community Trust that inspired hundreds of partner organizations to leverage the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act by expanding inclusion in the Chicago region. The Trust is also the primary funder of the Employment Rights Helpline. "We are very grateful to The Chicago Community Trust, which has been a long-time supporter of Equip for Equality initiatives," said Zena Naiditch, President and CEO of Equip for Equality. "The latest partnership between Equip for Equality and The Chicago Community Trust is an exciting and innovative program that will allow people with disabilities to maximize their employment opportunities," said Anna Lee, the Trust's Program Officer of Basic Human Needs & Social Services.

Historically, the unemployment rate for people with disabilities has been significantly higher than that for the general population making the need for an Employment Rights Helpline especially critical. "Work is a fundamental part of adult life providing dignity, purpose, self-esteem and a sense of belonging to the community," said Barry C. Taylor, VP for Civil Rights and Systemic Litigation at Equip for Equality. "Unfortunately, discrimination against people with disabilities remains pervasive in the workplace. The Helpline is an important new tool to promote equal opportunity and combat discrimination."

To access the Helpline, people with disabilities can call toll-free: **1-844-RIGHTS-9** (or **1-844-744-4879**) and a trained attorney will respond to the call. People with disabilities can also email the Helpline at: employment@equipforequality.org

Helpline staff can:

Discuss legal rights under the ADA
Answer employment rights questions

Assist with reasonable accommodation requests
Help understand options
Share fact sheets, sample letters and forms

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Many people with disabilities receive Social Security benefits. Social Security assigns a Representative Payee if they have information that indicates the person needs help managing their money. Frequently, people have had little to no opportunity or experience with their money. They haven't been responsible for developing a budget, paying their bills, and saving for things they want.

They haven't had the opportunity to learn from their successes or from mistakes. In supporting people to exercise their rights, we find that money is important to people. It is our responsibility to help people gain experience and skills to manage their money or to make a truly informed choice.

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