Did you know? The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires after school programs to provide individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and services. This means that after school programs:

- **Cannot exclude children with disabilities from their programs,** unless the child’s presence would pose a direct threat, create an undue hardship, or require a fundamental alteration of the program;
- **Must evaluate your child individually** to assess whether it can meet their particular needs;
- **Must make reasonable modifications** to integrate children, parents, and guardians with disabilities into their programs;
- **Must provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services** needed for effective communication;
- **Must make their facilities accessible** to persons with disabilities;
- **Must train staff to administer daily medicines** required by children with disabilities; and
- **May not require parents to pay the cost of a reasonable modification** necessary for their child to fully participate in after school program activities.

This bulletin is intended to provide basic information regarding the ADA and after school programs. It is not a substitute for legal advice. If you have questions or would like assistance with specific issues, please contact Disability Rights Maine.