



# The Ability Center

## Communicating Without Barriers: Empowering ADA Compliance through Effective Communication

### Description:

What are our legal obligations when it comes to communicating with people with disabilities and how can we go beyond legal compliance to ensure we are communicating effectively? Hear from national and local experts on best practices in removing communication barriers.

### When:

October 6, 2023 from 11:00am to 3:30pm

### Where:

Main Branch, Toledo Lucas County Public Library in the McMaster Auditorium, 325 Michigan St., Toledo, Ohio 43604

### Agenda:

11:00am-12:00 pm	Resource Fair, Boxed Lunches (pre-order only)
12:00-12:05pm	Welcome Speech, Katie Hunt Thomas, Attorney & Director of Advocacy
12:05-1:20pm	Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer & Director of Legal Services, National Association of the Deaf
1:20-1:25pm	Break
1:25-2:20pm	Panel: Perspectives on Effective Communication
Moderator: Dr. Rebecca Monteleone, Assistant Professor, Disability Studies, The University of Toledo	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Adrienne Bell, IT Specialist, First Solar</li><li>● Angie Goodnight, Advocacy Information &amp; Resource Associate, The Ability Center</li><li>● Shannon Seger, Director, Deaf Services Center NW Ohio</li><li>● Sara Soper, Accessibility Specialist, University of Toledo</li><li>● Jessica Weinberg, Self-Advocate</li><li>● Mallory Crooks, Marketing Director, The Ability Center</li></ul>
2:25-3:20pm	The Ability Center of Greater Toledo Community Partnership Award City of Toledo, Presentation on Closed Captioning Ordinance
3:20-3:30pm	Final Remarks, Wrap-Up