



Access Wilmington Committee Fact Sheet



MISSION STATEMENT: Work in an advisory capacity to the Mayor to raise awareness of accessibility issues and advocate for resources on behalf of individuals with disabilities and their families who live, work or visit the City of Wilmington.

VISION: Wilmington will serve as a model of accessibility.

GOALS: The Wilmington Access Committee resolves to work toward:

- **Community Education:** Increasing awareness of disability issues and resources.
- **Legislation:** Develop laws and ordinances affecting citizens with disabilities and their rights.
- **Accessibility:** Assuring that all facilities and programs are totally accessible to citizens with disabilities.
- **Employment:** Promoting employment opportunities for citizens with disabilities.
- **Transportation:** Acquiring a totally accessible public transportation system.
- **Economics:** Promoting opportunities for economic independence for citizens with disabilities.

MEMBERSHIP: Members are appointed by the Mayor. Those eligible for appointment include:

- *Wilmington residents with disabilities.*
- *Family members of Wilmington residents with disabilities.*
- *Representatives of organizations which provide services to Wilmington residents with disabilities.*
- *Students who attend city high schools and colleges.*
- *City employees.*

MEETINGS: The meetings are open to the public and are generally held at 9:30 AM on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Louis L. Redding City/County Building, 1st Floor Council Workshop Room, 800 French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. For information call 302-576-3114.

AWARDS: The ACCESS Committee's *ACCESS Award* was created to recognize those in the greater community of the City of Wilmington who are opening doors and creating opportunities for people living with disabilities and their families. It serves as a tool to encourage investments in accessibility. The annual deadline for nominations is August 30 and awards are presented in October. Award categories include: Accessibility to Arts, Accessibility to Resources, Employment/Business Ownership by and for the Disabled, and Community Involvement.