



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES  
**Department of Human Services**  
*"Working Together to Make A Difference"*

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The Department of Human Services, Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program is excited to be a partner in America's Job Center. On July 26th, 2015 we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The ADA protects individuals with disabilities from job discrimination on the basis of their disability. This civil rights law prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public. The purpose of the law is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.

The Virgin Islands Vocational Rehabilitation Program helps individuals who have physical or mental disabilities to prepare for, find or keep employment. The program also helps its consumers to gain skills needed for a career, learn how to prepare for a job interview or access accommodations needed to stay employed and/or increase productivity and independence. The ADA is the foundation for the services provided by VR counselors.

In commemoration of this historical event, the Department of Human Services – VR program will celebrate by hosting a re-enactment ceremony of the signing of the ADA on Friday July 24, 2015. This event will be recorded and broadcast on local media at a later date.

We encourage you to reaffirm your commitment to full compliance of the Americans with Disabilities Act by signing the national ADA recommitment pledge at <http://adaanniversary.org/pledgeon>

You may also access more ADA facts at <http://adata.org/learn-about-ada>

