

DISABILITY ADVOCACY IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

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WHO WE ARE

Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio (MAHO) advances accessibility, independence, and inclusion in homes and communities.

We fulfill our mission through two programs:



The [Anderson Center for Accessible Living](#) promotes accessibility—in our homes and in our communities—through education and advocacy.



The [Vistas Apartment Communities](#) provide accessible and affordable housing in Northeast Ohio.

ADVOCACY BASICS



- Disability inclusion
 - Individuals with disabilities have the opportunity to participate in every aspect of life to the fullest extent possible.
- Access
 - Effective communication
 - Accessible architecture and infrastructure
 - Accommodations
- Etiquette
 - [Unitedspinal.org](https://unitedspinal.org)
 - Change with society
 - NEVER ASSUME



FULL ACCESS VS ADA ACCESS

Designed with people with disabilities in mind

Function BEFORE Form

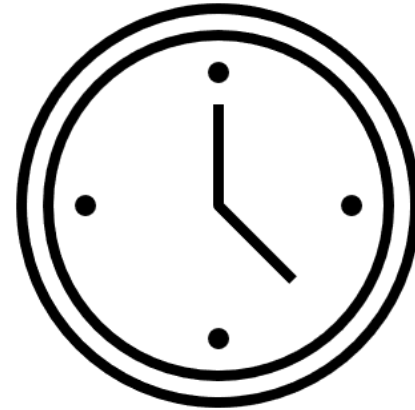
Investing in the future needs of a population

Going beyond the standard requirements



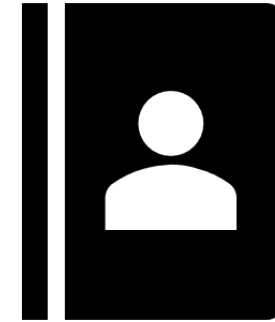
CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

- Time
 - Communicate early and often
 - Extending deadlines
 - Shorter content



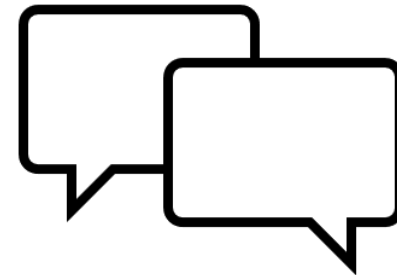
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- Preemptive Accommodations
 - Utilize registration!
 - “Do you have any accessibility needs?”
 - “Do you need accessibility accommodations?”



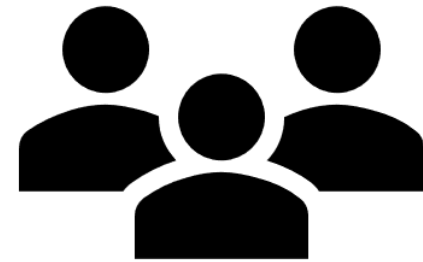
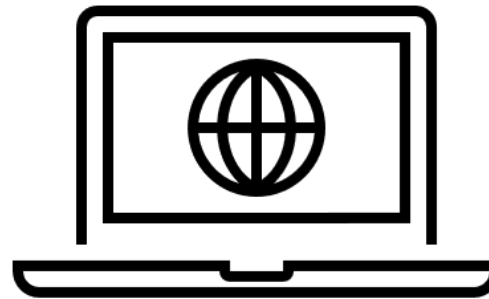
CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

- Language
 - Disability services or Accessibility services?
 - Modification or Accommodation?



CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

- Location
 - Hybrid IS the new normal
 - Invest in flexibility



QUESTIONS?

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