

Navigating Campus: A Guide for Students with Disabilities



Navigating college life can be challenging for any student, but for those with disabilities, the hurdles can sometimes seem insurmountable. Fortunately, there are extensive resources and support services available to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed. This guide provides a comprehensive overview of the resources available to students with accessibility needs and disabilities, covering campus facilities, support services,

advocacy groups, career development opportunities, and national resources.

Point Park University Accessibility Services

Office of Accessibility Services (OAS)

Point Park University's Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) is dedicated to addressing disability-related barriers on campus. The OAS is committed to partnering with all students, regardless of their instructional mode, full or part-time status, school of study, or on-campus employment concerns. The office provides a wide range of services, including:

- **Academic Accommodations:** Adjustments to ensure that students with disabilities have equal access to the educational experience.
- **Assistive Technology:** Tools and software to support learning.
- **Campus Accessibility:** Ensuring that all campus facilities are accessible to students with disabilities.

Contact Information

For more resources and support, you can reach the Office of Accessibility Services at:

- **Phone:** 412-392-8077
- **Email:** accessibility@pointpark.edu
- **Location:** West Penn Building, 5th Floor

Community Resources

PA Office of Vocation Rehabilitation (OVR)

The PA Office of Vocation Rehabilitation provides vocational rehabilitation services to help individuals with disabilities prepare for, obtain, or maintain employment. They offer a range of services including career counseling, job training, and placement assistance.

Disability Rights Network (DRN)

The Disability Rights Network helps individuals with disabilities in areas such as abuse and neglect, access to community services, discrimination, ADA compliance, education, assistive technology, voting access, and access to Medical Assistance services.

Achieva

Achieva is dedicated to supporting people with disabilities in achieving their goals and succeeding in everyday life. They provide various programs and services aimed at enhancing the quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

Autism Pittsburgh

Autism Pittsburgh is committed to raising autism awareness and providing vital resources and programs to support families, fostering a more informed and inclusive community.

Allegheny County Community Resources for People with Disabilities

This organization is devoted to creating an accessible, culturally competent, and comprehensive human services system that ensures individually tailored and holistic services to county residents.

Evolve Coaching

Evolve supports individuals with disabilities and our community through education, employment, and the arts. The organization provided highly specialized coaching services to more than 200 people each year in the Pittsburgh area, helping these individuals become integrated and productive members of the local community.

National Resources

National Organizations

Several national organizations offer support, advocacy, and resources for individuals with disabilities:

- **National Association of the Deaf**
- **American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**
- **National Federation of the Blind**
- **The Arc**
- **MindFreedom International**
- **Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund**

Career Development

Entry Point!

Entry Point! is a program that offers internship opportunities for students with disabilities in science, engineering, mathematics, computer science, and some fields of business.

Workforce Recruitment Program

The Workforce Recruitment Program connects students with disabilities to employers who are seeking to hire qualified candidates for internships and permanent positions.

National Association of Law Students with Disabilities

This organization provides resources, support, and advocacy for law students with disabilities, helping them navigate their educational and professional journeys.

Media Recommendations

Understanding and advocacy can also be enhanced through various forms of media. Here are some recommended movies, podcasts, and books that provide valuable insights into the experiences of individuals with disabilities:

Movies

- **Crip Camp (2020)**
- **Vision Portraits (2019)**
- **The Gang of 19-History of the ADA Movement (2018)**

Podcasts

- **The Disability Visibility Podcast**
- **Barrier Free Futures**
- **Power Not Pity**
- **Down to the Struts**

Books

- **Disability Visibility by A. Wong**
- **Black Disability Politics by S. Schalk**
- **Being Heumann by J. Heumann**
- **Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice by L.L. Piepzna-Samarinha**



For additional information or assistance, please reach out to the Office of Accessibility Services or explore the numerous resources listed in this guide. Your journey is important, and many are here to help you every step of the way.