

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Specifically,

Title VI provides that “no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance” (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d).

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 is a civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against people who have disabilities and includes provisions which applies to public entities such as state and County governments. Specifically, Title II requires nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in state and local government services. These “public entities”, including departments, agencies, or other instrumentalities, are required to comply with the ADA.

Title II of ADA therefore requires that all programs, services and activities of public entities, including those considered “instrumentalities” of the government; assure that individuals with disabilities have access to all of their programs, services and activities. The Act applies to all facilities, including both facilities built before and after 1990. As a necessary step to a program access plan to provide accessibility under ADA, State and Local governments, public entities or agencies are required to perform self-evaluations of their current facilities and services, relative to the accessibility requirements of ADA. The agencies are then required to develop a Transition Plan to address any deficiencies. The Plan is required to be updated periodically until all accessibility barriers are removed. The Plan is intended to achieve the following:

Identify physical obstacles that limit the accessibility of County services to individuals with disabilities

Describe the methods to be used to make the services accessible

Provide a schedule for making the access modifications

Identify the public officials responsible for implementation of the Transition Plan

Turner County is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI in the act cited above.

This plan was developed to guide Turner County in its administration and management of Title VI-related activities.

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