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Voter Registration Closes: Pre-General: October 22, 2018 (Voters may still register in person and cast an absentee ballot: October 23 - November 5, 2018)

Election Day (General): Voters may **STILL** register and vote at their polling places.





ARE YOU VOTING? REMEMBER that Tuesday, November 6th is ELECTION DAY!!

IMPORTANT

REMINDER

Mental health advocates, Colorado back in court over county jail issues

Disability Law Colorado, a Colorado advocacy group (and organizational counterpart to P&A) said Friday that the state's mental health agency has failed to comply with a federal court settlement aimed at ensuring people do not spend months in county jails awaiting treatment of issues preventing their criminal cases from proceeding.

Attorneys for the Department of Human Services, though, argued that it did not violate the agreement. The settlement allows leniency in some situations, and the agency is simply using those tools, they said.

Magistrate Judge Nina Wang said she would issue a written decision soon.

The lawsuit was reopened once before at Disability Law Colorado's request. A 2016 settlement added an independent consultant to monitor the state's progress.

Source: <u>https://www.aspentimes.com/news/mental-health-advocates-colorado-back-in-court-over-county-jail-</u>issues/



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DOJ Says Businesses Have Flexibility in Complying with ADA Website Accessibility Requirements

The DOJ, responding to more than 100 House members calling for guidance and clarity regarding website accessibility requirements under the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), issued a letter saying that public accommodations have flexibility in complying with such requirements.

Source: <u>https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/doj-says-</u> businesses-have-flexibility-in-34726/

States Expand Employment and Training Opportunities for People with Disabilities.

The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) released a white paper,



States Expand Employment and Training Opportunities for People with

Disabilities. The white paper outlines the employment challenges faced by many people with disabilities and the opportunity for governors to help people with disabilities overcome barriers to employment and successfully enter and remain in the workforce. These strategies fell into four priority areas: (1) preparing people with disabilities for careers, (2) supporting and retaining employees with disabilities, (3) engaging employers in education and training and (4) coordinating services and supports across state agencies.

Source: <u>https://www.nga.org/center/</u> <u>publications/states-expand-</u> <u>employment-and-training-</u> <u>opportunities-for-people-with-</u> disabilities/





HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

To all our Veteran<mark>s, on Veteran's Day:</mark>

BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE. THANK YOU.

November 12, 2018, is Veterans Day, an annual



November is **National American Indian Heritage Month**, which celebrates the history and contributions of Native Americans in the United States.

Our office will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2018 for Veteran's Day. Our office also will be closed from November 22-23 in observance of Thanksgiving.



Pictured above is staff members Tamara and Nikol celebrating Halloween!

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