

WALSH COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
GENERAL SELF-EVALUATION
ADA TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE
MARCH, 2012

In the process of creating and implementing a Walsh County Title VI Plan, the Walsh County ADA Transition Plan has been reviewed and updated. Following is an update to the ADA Self-Evaluation originally written in June of 1998.

1. Existing Physical Facilities

Walsh County has six existing facilities:

1. Walsh County Courthouse
600 Cooper Avenue
Grafton, ND 58237

2. Administration Building
638 Cooper Avenue
Grafton, ND 58237

3. Law Enforcement Center
638 Cooper Avenue
Grafton, ND 58237

4. Walsh County Extension Office
County Road 12B
Park River, ND 58270

5. Walsh County Fair Building/Shop
Park River, ND 58270

6. Walsh County Chase Building
516 Cooper Avenue
Grafton, ND 58270

All six facilities have been updated over the years to make them handicapped accessible and to comply with ADA/504 requirements. No further alterations are necessary.

2. Accessibility of New and Newly Acquired Facilities

The County ADA Coordinator (Kris Molde) works with all engineers/architects to review all construction plans for the County. For future building construction, acquisition or lease, the County ADA Coordinator will review accessibility and make sure all ADA Guidelines are met.

3. Notification

Walsh County utilizes The Record, published in Grafton, ND to publish its non-discriminatory policies. County staff have been made aware of the ADA/504 policy guidelines. Participants are informed by word of mouth and in publications that auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request for meetings, hearings, etc.

4. Eligibility and Admission Criteria

No guidelines, policies or procedures are enforced as it relates to licensing and admission criteria.

5. Use of Contractors

When formal contracts for projects are drawn on the County, a statement of requirements for the contractor concerning disabled participation is included in the text. County procurement officials will take steps to gain knowledge of training and awareness of ADA requirements as they apply to contractors.

6. Transportation

There is currently no transportation system conducted by Walsh County.

7. Undue Financial and Administrative Burden

Accessibility work items involved with any future acquisitions or new construction will be included in the County budget and should not cause any undue financial or administrative burden.

8. Telephone Communications

Walsh County participates in a county-wide 911 system. The system utilizes a hearing impaired access network. The 911 system also uses a call tracing system to locate the caller if for some reason their speech is impaired.

9. Documents and Publications

Walsh County does not have a county publication. The County utilizes the Record to publish public hearing notices and other legal documents when necessary. Any official County documents will be made available in alternate formats upon request.

10. Meetings

Meetings are held in the County Courthouse, which is entirely handicapped accessible. Auxiliary aids and/or adaptive equipment will be made available upon request based on an individual need basis. Hearing impaired individuals will be served on an individual request basis.

11. Emergency Evacuation

There is no county-wide emergency warning. The County's largest cities utilize a warning through Cable TV which is both audio and visual. This system is funded through Walsh County.

12. Video, Audio Visual and Television

Alternative formats for hearing impaired individuals are available upon request.

13. Automated Equipment

Walsh County does not presently employ any individuals with disabilities. Should this change and a need for automated equipment arise, the County will provide a reasonable accommodation to meet these requirements.

14. Complaint Procedure

Walsh County has adopted a Grievance Procedure, which is included in the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

15. Consultation

Senior Citizens and persons with physical disabilities have been consulted in the past, and consultation will be on-going to best serve the needs of those residents.

16. Advisory Board

The ADA Committee who originally completed the self-evaluation was responsible for educating the public and enforcing ADA/504 guidelines. The goal of the County is that no qualified disabled person is denied the opportunity to participate as a member of a planning or advisory board, or to serve in any other desired capacity for which they are willing and able to perform for the County.