As you know, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will turn twenty-five in 2015. In celebrating passage of this historic civil rights legislation, we will be looking at the past, present, and future of Americans with disabilities.

The ADA Legacy Project’s (TALP) http://www.adalegacy.com/ mission is to honor the contributions of people with disabilities and their allies by:
• preserving and promoting the history of the disability rights movement;
• celebrating the impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as other related disability rights legislation and accomplishments; and
• educating the public to create opportunities for inclusion, access, and equal rights for the future.

The goals are to:
  a. To encourage the collection of historical materials related to the disability rights movement and to connect efforts to preserve, promote, and exhibit materials from the disability rights movements.
  b. To coordinate activities for the ADA25 Anniversary in 2015.
  c. To promote the development and use of educational curricula that raises awareness of the history, contributions, and issues still facing people with disabilities, and promotes involvement in advocacy.

The Wisconsin ADA Partnership www.adawipartnership.org/ is joining with the national ADA Legacy Project to take advantage of the ADA’s 25th anniversary in 2015 to highlight the important role our state has played in the evolution of disability rights and services over the past 50 years.