



## 1990 to 1999

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 made discrimination of individuals with disabilities illegal. This historic passage led to the closing of many institutions for people with developmental disabilities and their placement in community settings. The implementation of assistive technology also was at the forefront in the 1990s as states worked to make all parts of public life more accessible. In 1999, the *Olmstead* decision, based on the ADA, gave everyone the right to live, learn, and work in the most integrated setting.

Below: *Oliver Park, Boston*, by Ann Mendenhall, 1990s.

Below: *John and Jennifer with their children*, left: *John and Jennifer with their children*, right: *John and Jennifer with their children*, 2000s.

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## 2000 to 2009

In July of 2000, the last resident with developmental disabilities left the state institution system—though the process was far from over. In 2007, investigations at the former Minnesota Extended Treatment Options (METO) program at Cambridge found that scores of residents were routinely handcuffed, placed in leg irons, or locked alone in rooms.

In 2009, the *Jensen* case commanded headlines, alleging that the METO program used restraint and seclusion in a way that violated residents' rights under the U.S. Constitution, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Federal Rehabilitation Act. When this landmark lawsuit was completed in 2020, the result provided more rights and protections for those with disabilities.

# Inclusion Mobile Museum

A traveling exhibit that celebrates the journey from 1900 through the present to increase the independence, productivity, self determination, integration, and inclusion of Minnesotans with developmental disabilities and their families.

*Inclusion* offers visitors a deeper understanding and perspective as Minnesotans with developmental disabilities work towards greater inclusion. Through photos and time, learn about:

- **Society's perception and treatment** of people with developmental disabilities for the past century
- **The important role of parents of children with developmental disabilities and self advocates** in the pursuit of better living conditions, educational rights, and employment opportunities
- **The Partners in Policymaking® program and the self-advocacy movement**
- **Key legal actions and decisions** that work to ensure the Constitutional rights of people with developmental disabilities
- **What can be done** to support people with developmental disabilities to enjoy the same rights as everyone

# Exhibit Details

## Visit Inclusion

The mobile museum will travel around the state to showcase the important history of Minnesotans with developmental disabilities.

## Host Inclusion

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD) is always looking for organizations to host the important *Inclusion* mobile museum. Hosting the traveling exhibit is free and:

- Includes 15 visually captivating 36"x48" boards, including 10 showing a timeline of advancements and five with quotes from individuals with developmental disabilities
- Includes all easels
- Set up and tear down provided by the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Requires no power or special lighting
- Prefers, but does not require building/public WiFi access for viewers to access QR codes
- Requires a minimum of 480 square feet
- Braille books are available

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