

Grassroots Advocacy Portfolio

HIGHLIGHTS:

Daily Reports from the TennCare Sit-in – Every day of the two-and-a-half month Nashville TennCare sit-in I produced an update, most original pieces from primary sources, to encourage and expand the grassroots advocacy efforts of the Tennessee coalition organizing the sit-in [<http://www.mcil.org/mcil/log/2005/tenncare.asp>].



Free Our People March Coordinator – From January to September 2003 I was one of 19 volunteer National Coordinators for the Free Our People March. My specific duties were to raise money for the march, develop the [<http://www.FreeOurPeople.org>] website and produce Internet related media everyday of the march (Photo by Tom Olin).

ADAPT Action Report – Since 1999 I have produced and edited the ADAPT Action Report for every national action and many local and regional actions [<http://www.adapt.org/freeourpeople/aar/>].



Rental Housing Accessibility Survey – On January 29, 2001 I published a Survey and Additional Detail describing over 1,700 barriers to people with disabilities [<http://www.mcil.org/mcil/news/mcil371s.pdf>]. The resulting lawsuit *MCIL v. Makowski* [Tennessee Western District 01-2069], was joined by the US Department of Justice in October [<http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2001/October/518cr.htm>].

CPWD Consumer Survey – I organized people with disabilities to produce two transportation accessibility surveys. In April of 2004 [<http://www.cpwd-ilc.org/cpwd/ilp/survey04/>] and June of 2005 [<http://www.cpwd-ilc.org/cpwd/ilp/survey05/>] CPWD consumers published findings of accessibility surveys that improved access to transportation in the Boulder area.



PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

NCIL Training – *Conducting An ADA Accessibility Survey*. September 1 - 3, 1999; Chicago Illinois.

DISABILITY RIGHTS EDUCATION AND DEFENSE FUND – *Training on the Transportation Requirements of the ADA*. July 11 - 13, 2006; Las Vegas, Nevada.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ✓ Organizer for National ADAPT (1998 – 2006).
- ✓ Southeast DBTAC Advocacy Award (December 1999).
- ✓ Organized the [Barrier Free Memphis Society](#) (1996 – 2002).
- ✓ Advocacy presentation to the Kentucky SILC "Pro Se Advocacy Strategy" (October 2001).
- ✓ Invited and helped coordinate Senate Majority Leader [Bill Frist's visit to Memphis ADAPT](#) (April 2000).
- ✓ Article – [Justin Dart Memorial Service](#) and Celebration of the 12th Anniversary of the ADA (July 2002).
- ✓ Mayor's Fair Housing Task Force, Joint author of the [Memphis Visitability Directive](#) (October 2000).
- ✓ [Phone System Survey](#) (January 2002).
- ✓ Photo – Cover Photo for the *Ragged Edge Magazine* Vol. 23 No. 1 (January 2002).
- ✓ Article – [Handicapped Memphis newspaper](#) (December 2001).
- ✓ Presenter at the Memphis Fair Housing Conference (April 2001).
- ✓ Original member of the [Fair Housing Alliance of Greater Memphis](#), Elected Sectary 2000 – 2002, Selected in 2000 for one of HUD's regional Best Practices Awards.
- ✓ Tennessee Coordinator for [The Rolling Freedom Express](#) (September 2000).
- ✓ Photo – Cover Photo for the *Colorado Quarterly* (July 2003).
- ✓ Article – [Resistance Makes No Cents](#) (November 2002).
- ✓ Photo – *The Progressive* (p. 16 November 2003).
- ✓ Author – [Let's Get Together, Inc.](#)