The National Federation of the Blind of Cleveland

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The National Federation of the Blind and how it relates to The enactment of the Americans With Disability Act by illuminating and edifying its philosophy mission and purpose on the national, state and local levels.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990, by President George H.W. Bush. The ADA is one of America's most comprehensive pieces of civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination and guarantees that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else to participate in the mainstream of American life; to enjoy employment opportunities, to purchase goods and services, and to participate in State and local government programs and services.

Like the ADA, “the ultimate purpose of the National Federation of the Blind is the complete integration of the blind into society on a basis of equality. This objective involves the removal of legal, economic, and social discriminations; the education of the public to new concepts concerning blindness; and the achievement by all blind people of the right to exercise to the fullest their individual talents and capacities. It means the right of the blind to work along with their sighted neighbors in the professions, common callings, skilled trades, and regular occupations.” This was taken from the organization’s website and to learn more, visits NFB.ORG.

So, join the Cleveland Chapter for a wonderful commentary presented by three renowned scholars providing a channel of communication from a hierarchy perspective. At the national level, Mark Riccobono, who is the Executive Director of the Jernigan Institute will grace us with his expertise and experiences on blindness and the Federation. Next at the State level, Ohio’s former president, Dr. JW Smith will provide equal knowledge: and at the local level, Barb Fohl who is the Secretary for the Lake County Chapter will offer her outlook and discourse.

This Program will be held at the Cleveland Sight Center located at 1909 E. 101st Street, Cleveland, OH 441o6 on July 18, 2014, from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. with a Q&A session. If you are unable to attend in person, join us by conference call at 760-569-9000 ex: 246345. This is open for the entire State to participate. For those who will be attending in person, refreshments will be served from 5:00 P.M. to 5:45 P.M. For more info call Suzanne Turner or Renee Payne at the numbers below.

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For all utilizing the conference call number above, please call in by 5:50 P.M.

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