Disability Support Services

Accessible Events
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Colorado School of Mines is and committed to providing equal access to University courses, programs, activities, and events for individuals with disabilities.

*It is the responsibility of the institution to ensure access as required by state and federal disability laws.*
DSS Growth and Student Needs

- 460 students registered and counting (August 2021)
- Consider and plan for a wide range of disabilities, including sensory and physical impairments. For example:
  - Physical/Mobility
  - Blind/Visually Impaired
  - Deaf/Hard of Hearing – ASL interpreters
Who is Responsible

• The event planner/department sponsoring the event is responsible for making sure the event is accessible.

• It is the responsibility of the department organizing the event to cover the costs associated with ensuring access.

• Consult with DSS for assistance
  (e.g. DSS contracts with an agency for sign language interpreting and can assist departments with how to secure interpreters as needed).
**Key to accessible events is communication**

Provide detailed information about the event upfront:
- location, environmental conditions, services available
- distance to parking areas
- availability of transportation services
- air-conditioning
- availability of listening devices
- access to wheelchairs/scooters
- food options for dietary needs/restrictions
- accessibility of lodging (if applicable)
Budget for the additional expenses to make event accessible (e.g. interpreters)

Utilize guides in the planning process. Some examples:

Neurodiversity & Sensory-Friendly Event Guide - Center for Autism and Innovation at Vanderbilt University.

Event Planning – Cornell University
Registration and Marketing Materials

• Include information on how to request accommodations and alternative formats if needed.

• Are materials accessible?
  • Can the information be read by a screen reader?
  • Is audio information captioned?
• Mines welcomes individuals with disabilities. If you require an accommodation in order to participate in this event, please contact (event contact) by (date) at (contact information). Advance notice may be necessary to arrange for some accessibility needs.

• If you have a disability and require assistance, please inform (event sponsor) by attaching your requirements to this form or call (contact information.)

• If you have a disability and require accommodation in order to fully participate in this activity, please contact (event sponsor). You will be contacted by someone from our staff to discuss your specific needs.
Stay up to date with DSS

• Check out DSS monthly newsletters. Posted on DSS website (use Single Sign On) or sign-up to receive by email
  • SUBSCRIBE BY EMAIL

• Newsletters include:
  • Department info/updates
  • Disability awareness and education (e.g. Autism Acceptance Month in April, inclusive teaching practices, disability etiquette, and many more)
  • Spotlight of events and resources
Resources

Accessibility @ Mines - https://www.mines.edu/accessibility/

Disability Support Services – https://www.mines.edu/disability-support-services/

To request a presentation or invite DSS to your next meeting, please complete this Outreach Request Form
Thank you!

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