

The new regulations concerning situation of disabled people 05.2015-10.2016

Education

The new regulations adopted in 2014-2016 aimed at improving the education of disabled children. The changes concerned: provision of special management and methods to organize education for disabled children; enhancement of subsidies for children with different disabilities; transmission of educational materials between schools; adoption of an education program for individual needs of child with disabilities.

Digitization and access to information and communication

New regulations adopted in 2014-2016 enable people with disabilities access to public information, libraries and museums. There was established a new law which provides technical standards and operating requirements for digital receivers. The digital receivers will be more adopted for disabled people. Moreover public websites of central and local administration are adjusted according to requirements of Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0).

In September 2016 the new agreement was signed between Polish Public Television, Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy, Government Plenipotentiary for Disabled People and State Fund for Rehabilitation of Disabled People concerning the implementation of the Convention (CRPD) and accessibility of broadcasting services for persons disabilities.

Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport

During 2Participation in culture by access to museums, libraries, theaters, national parks etc. The cooperation with international organization such as Trusted Intermediaries Global Accessible Resources, World Intellectual Property Organization enable people with visual impairment access to books.

Sport for disabled people - The Sport Council of Persons with Disabilities was established in June 2016, their tasks include to submit proposal of sport development among people with disabilities e.g. the support for professional sport for disabled people.

Health Service

New regulations were established in June 2016. The duties of persons providing care to pregnant woman are specify. In situation the prenatal diagnosis indicate that baby would be disable, the caregivers are obliged to convey extensive information about services and organizations of people with similar problems (perinatal hospice, nongovernmental organization, early intervention).

The program for nurses for learning sing language. The development of treatment for psychiatric patients.

Financial support

In September 2016 the financial support for parents and caregivers of children and persons with disability significantly increased (social attendance allowance) and expand the number of persons entitled to benefits. The new regulation comply with expectations of parents and care givers.

There is funding increase to the home and community support sector and community care centers.

Justice

According to the provisions of the new regulation the access to justice enhance because of presents of sing language translators in lawsuits.

Accessibility

The revitalization of public space- according to a new law adopted in 2015, the revitalization of public space should be done according to principles of universal design define in art.2 of CRPD¹. Local governments are obliged to apply the new regulations included in the act.

Accessibility of bus transport – the legislative changes regarding transportation law were adopted in 2015. The new regulations oblige Minister of transport to indicates the bus stations where services for persons with disabilities are available.

Transport Strategy 2020 provides adjustment of trains and city transport for people with disability.

¹ CRPD- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The issues of people with disabilities has been included in the National Housing Program. The part of program concerns social housing contains construction apartments for disable persons.

The new solutions adopted in Poland assure the fulfilment of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.