

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Mapp Administration Aims To Enhance Job Opportunities For Territory's Disabled

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ST. THOMAS -- The Mapp administration announced via press release on Thursday its plans to broaden opportunities in the territory for residents with disabilities.

On July 25, 1990, the United States passed a pivotal piece of civil rights legislation aimed at eliminating discrimination against people with disabilities. The doors to equality, independence, integration and self-sufficiency opened on that day, however, there's still a lot of work to be done, stated the release.

Government House highlighted town hall meetings held by Territorial ADA Coordinator, Jamila Russell on all three islands, as its dedication to disabled individuals. Members of

the ADA community learned of the administration's work on recruiting and hiring workers with disabilities.

"The doorway to full participation, opportunity and independence for people with disabilities has been opened and the Mapp/Potter Administration is committed to keep that door open and help individuals with disabilities through," the press release stated.

Through grant monies from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Departments of Education, Human Services, Dept. of Labor and the ADA Coordinator will be working collaboratively to provide training and job opportunities to individuals with disabilities, according to the release.

"As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ADA, we recognize that barriers still exists and too many individuals with disabilities are denied the American opportunity of fully participating in our community and in our workforce.

"The Mapp-Potter administration commits to educating all on the mandates of the ADA, as well as implementing and enforcing the mandates of the ADA in the territory," said the administration.