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- Funded by National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR), Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

ADA National Network

- Ten regional centers provide guidance, training, and materials on the ADA
- 1-800-949-4232
- ADAfa.org
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Invitations?
- Ask guests to let you know if they need accessibility features or accommodations
- Follow up if a guest indicates a need that you don't understand or you think you may not be able to meet

Home or Away?
- Going out?
  - Look for accessible venues, ask about accessible features (parking, entrance, restrooms, etc.)
- Staying in?
  - If you know your home is not physically accessible, and you're expecting a guest with access needs, consider whether there are temporary measures you can take (portable ramp?), or maybe you should consider …
Set the Scene

- Decorations? Cool! Extra seating? Yes!
  - Leave enough clear space for maneuvering for people using wheelchairs, walkers, etc.
- Mood lighting? Sure!
  - Maintain good lighting on walkways, in restrooms, food and beverage service areas
  - Avoid blinking or flashing lights with fast flash rates
- Scents and sensibility
  - Avoid, or use sparingly, strongly scented air fresheners, soaps, candles, flowers, etc.

Food and Beverage: Buffet

- Self-serve items within reach for people of short stature or those using wheelchairs or scooters
- Identify items and ingredients
  - Common allergens (nuts, shellfish, etc.)
  - Unique items (sugar-free, etc.)

Games and Activities

- Choose activities that are suitable for everyone, or offer different types of activities, both group and solitary activities (nature walks, scavenger hunts, dancing, crafts, brain-teaser puzzles, board games, card games, word games, etc.)
- Team sports and collaborative games can be a good way to include people of varying skill levels (as well as children) and to foster mentoring or “buddy system” approaches to group activities
Turn on the Captions

• Watch party? Turn on the captions for that football game, classic holiday movie, or parade broadcast!

Quiet Spot

• Set aside a quiet spot for anyone who needs a break from noisy or crowded spaces

Enjoy!

• Remember, being a good host is all about being considerate and making your guests feel comfortable and welcome!
Thank You for Joining Us!

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