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# CDA Web Alert

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## **CDA participates in Access Chicago Expo at Navy Pier**

Today, the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) participated in the Access Chicago Expo for people with disabilities, an event hosted by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD).

The Access Chicago Expo promotes the independence and inclusion of people with all types of disabilities by showcasing Chicago's wide range of accessible venues, products and services.

As one of over 100 Expo exhibitors, the CDA provided attendees with information about its new Disability Awareness and Assistance program at O'Hare and Midway International Airports. Many vendors demonstrated products and assistive devices, and offered a variety of accessible sports and recreation activities.

The CDA's Disability Assistance and Awareness program was created this year to develop awareness and understanding of the needs customers with disabilities. The program is also designed to make travel more convenient and safer for all passengers, and to provide the best possible travel experience for them. The program utilizes Chicago's airports' existing resources including accessible parking; accessible taxis, buses and trains; the Airport Transit System (ATS); wheelchair assistance; animal relief areas; TTY phones; accessible seating at restaurants and family companion restrooms. In addition today's Expo, the City celebrates two important milestones in the disability community this year - the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the 20th anniversary of Chicago's MOPD.

For more information on the CDA's Assistance and Awareness program please visit [www.flychicago.com](http://www.flychicago.com).

The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) works to meet the diverse needs of the more than 600,000 individuals with disabilities who live and work in Chicago. MOPD's goal is to make Chicago the most accessible city in the nation. For more information on the MOPD please visit [www.cityofchicago.org/MOPD](http://www.cityofchicago.org/MOPD).

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit [www.flychicago.com](http://www.flychicago.com) to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit [www.airportgoinggreen.org](http://www.airportgoinggreen.org).

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit [www.oharemodernization.org](http://www.oharemodernization.org) to learn more about the OMP.

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