

ADA and attitudes, featuring executive director of the WITH Foundation Ryan Easterly

Ryan Easterly is executive director of the WITH Foundation and has significant experience as a grant maker, strategist, and advocate. In this video interview, he addresses why society's attitudes toward disability are just as important as legislation.

Transcript begins.

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RYAN EASTERLY: My name is Ryan Easterly. I am a black man with a teal-and-white striped shirt, wearing glasses. I identify, personally, as a black, gay person with disability who's a former foster kid.

I have spent the majority of my life with the Americans with Disabilities Act in existence, but you can't necessarily legislate overcoming societal barriers, overcoming attitudinal barriers. The real work, the real challenge is overcoming those attitudinal barriers to get people to see me for me, everything I bring to the table, and not just the disability.

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