

Waiting for Rights

People with developmental disabilities have been waiting for their rights since Minnesota became a state in 1858.

WAITING ...

116 YEARS for the RIGHT TO TREATMENT

117 YEARS for the RIGHT TO EDUCATION

123 YEARS for the RIGHT TO LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD

132 YEARS for BASIC CIVIL RIGHTS
(ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act)

141 YEARS for the RIGHT TO MOST INTEGRATED
SETTING

153 YEARS for the RIGHT TO FREEDOM
FROM RESTRAINT & SECLUSION

154 YEARS for the RIGHT TO VOTE

... and are still waiting to be treated as equal citizens in life and work.

“Self-determination means respecting our right to pursue our own goals and dreams. I don’t think that’s too much to ask, do you?”

Irving Martin, Minnesota, 1997

