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In a recent joint letter, the Departments of Justice (DOJ) and Health and Human Services (HHS) offices of Civil Rights advised the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF) that it violated the rights of a new mother with developmental disabilities when it removed her two-day-old daughter from her care. DOJ found DCF violated Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and HHS found DCF violated Title II and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504), by denying the mother opportunity to benefit from supports and services following the removal of her infant and over the next two years as she was seeking to reunify with her daughter. [Click here](#) to read the letter.

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