

# Accessibility for All

## by the Disability and Health Program (DHP)

## News from DHP

### Stories of Our Community

DHP is looking for positive stories or messages from individuals with disabilities, their caregivers or family members as well as programs in Florida. We'd like to put more of a focus on story and storytelling as a way to promote your work and highlight the lives of people living with disabilities.

**Personal stories:** can be of an individual or family member who has had a positive experience with health promotion, wellness or emergency planning. For example, a family who builds an emergency kit and was fully prepared for a recent emergency in their hometown. Other examples could include quotes, personal interviews with the family or individuals, etc.

**Program stories:** can be a story about a program activity, event or resource that had a positive health outcome to your community or the population you serve. A good program communication story could be loosely tied and just depicts a good activity outcome. Examples could include resources/ products that were developed and disseminated, training's provided, changes in policy, new research articles, quotes from partners or individuals, etc.

One story will be highlighted per month and pictures are welcome. Please send your stories to [ctamayo@php.ufl.edu](mailto:ctamayo@php.ufl.edu)

## In Other News

### People with Disabilities: National Preparedness Month

Many people with disabilities and their caregivers do not plan for disasters, or are not included in disaster planning. CDC works to make sure people of all abilities - including those with disabilities - are prepared for an emergency.

Recently Dr. Georgina Peacock, Acting Division Director of the Division of Human Development and Disability (DHDD) at CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, wrote a blog post entitled "Emergency Planning for All Abilities." In this post, Dr. Peacock highlights what can be done by caregivers, emergency responders, health professional and individuals with disabilities to prepare for disasters. To read the post, please

visit: <http://blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters/2014/09/emergency-planning-for-all-abilities/>

### SportsAbility To Be Held October 3rd and 4th in Ocala

SportsAbility, the premier event of the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association (FDOA), enhances the lives of people of all abilities by promoting active living.

SportsAbility, provides first-hand access to recreation and active leisure, resources and demonstrations. The program is designed to encourage participation regardless of age or ability level. For more information about SportsAbility and to register, please visit: <http://www.fdoa.org/sportsability-ocala>

## You Are Invited: Florida Chronic

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## Webinars

### *Supporting Individuals with an FASD Across the Lifespan*

Wednesday, September 24, 2014, from noon to 1:30 p.m. EST

This webinar will help participants become familiar with traditional supports and services available for adulthood; recognize the limitations of these supports for those with an FASD; and help support families as they think "outside the box" in planning the future of their loved ones.

Register at: <https://casatunr.wufoo.com/forms/fasd-supporting-across-the-lifespan-92414/>

### *Increasing Access to Information for Women with Intellectual Disabilities*

Friday, September 26, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to noon EST

Join this webinar to get updates from the FDA's Office of Women's Health, the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, and the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, on new materials for women with intellectual disabilities on using medicines wisely. Learn tips for adapting your health educational materials for women with intellectual and developmental disabilities and how you can play a role in October's, "Talk About Prescriptions Month." Register at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/332193505>

### *Increasing Access to Information for Women with Vision Issues*

Friday, September 26, 2014, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Join this webinar to get updates from the FDA's Office of Women's Health, the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, and the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, on new materials for women with vision issues on using medicines wisely. Learn tips for adapting your health educational materials for women with vision issues and how you can play a role in October's, "Talk About Prescriptions Month." To register, please visit: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/762069912>

### *Emergency Shelters, Assistive Technology, and the ADA*

Tuesday, September 30, 2014, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST

This training provides an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for emergency shelters. It highlights suggestions on how Assistive Technology (AT) can be used to accommodate evacuees.

For more information on this webinars please email: [LesleyAnne.Ezelle@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:LesleyAnne.Ezelle@fema.dhs.gov)

## Disease Prevention Coalition's 3rd Annual Summit starting Oct 1

Partners from around the state will gather at the Chronic Disease Prevention Coalition's 3rd Annual Summit, providing an opportunity for you to provide input to the state Chronic Disease Plan. Continuing Education Units are available for nurses, and CEUs are pending for dietitians.

The first day is an exciting program related to "Healthy Weight for All."

Presentation topics include school health, disparities, physical activity for people of all abilities, build environment, and more. The second day is for those who want to help shape the Coalition's future. What does the Coalition do? Where are we going? How do we define and measure access? This will be an intensive half-day working sessions, so roll up your sleeves and help answer those questions! To register, please

visit: <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/events/event/196>

For more information about the summit please visit:

<http://www.preventchronicdiseasefl.org/annual-summit---2014.html> \*Also note, there will be no reimbursement of registration, travel, lodging or meals.

## Golf Scramble and Silent Auction Benefiting GiGi's Playhouse Gainesville

GiGi's Playhouse Gainesville will be hosting a golf scramble and silent auction at Ironwood golf course in Gainesville, FL on October 4th, 2014. GiGi's Playhouse Gainesville will be one of the first Down syndrome organizations in the State of Florida with permanent, brick and mortar locations offering customized, no-fee programming to anyone that wants it. The center is designed for infants, toddlers, children, and young adults and will work with its patrons to develop their social development, their speech and language abilities, and their fine and gross motor skills. For more information about GiGi's Playhouse Gainesville and their fundraising efforts, please visit: <http://gigisplayhouse.org/gainesville> or email Lilly Bell at [lbell@gigisplayhouse.org](mailto:lbell@gigisplayhouse.org).

## Mental Health Disorders Are Among the Most Common Causes of Disability

The disease burden resulting from mental illness is among the highest of all diseases. People, including children and adolescents, with untreated mental health disorders are at high risk for many unhealthy and unsafe behaviors, including alcohol or drug abuse, violent or self-destructive behavior, including suicide. For more information on mental health and ways to help, please visit: [http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/LHL/mentalHealth.aspx?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/LHL/mentalHealth.aspx?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## Tutorial Videos for Accessing Data on the Health of People with Disabilities

NACCHO and CDC's Division of Human Development and Disability at the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities have developed four new tutorial videos to enhance the user experience on Disability and Health Data System (DHDS). The tutorial videos are free to users and teach them how to use the web tool to access data on the health of adults with disabilities. DHDS is an online interactive tool that provides instant access to state-level, disability-specific health data. Users can customize the disability and health data they view, making it easy to identify health disparities. To watch the tutorials, please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/dhds-materials.html>

## Stress and What You Can Do

### Disability Disclosure - Featuring Andy Imparato, AUCD and David Mank, IN UCED

Monday, October 27, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to noon. EST

The Institute on Human Development and Disability (IHDD) at the University of Georgia is hosting a series of free webinars regarding supported employment. Anyone concerned with ensuring employment is delivered in a holistic approach is encouraged to participate. To register, please visit: <http://www.fcs.uga.edu/events/event/supported-employment-webinar-free>

### Health Literacy Principles and Adult Education Strategies to Engage Family in Early Intervention Services

Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST

Service provision in early intervention requires effective communication between professionals and families. This is especially true given the shift toward coaching within a primary service provider model. This webinar will review research findings that were guided by health literacy principles and adult education strategies to illustrate the need for enhanced communication in early intervention. Facilitation and communication strategies to be incorporated into the daily practice of early intervention professionals who utilize coaching to provide caregiver education will be addressed. To register, please

visit: [http://www.aucd.org/template/event.cfm?event\\_id=7628&id=16](http://www.aucd.org/template/event.cfm?event_id=7628&id=16)



## Upcoming Events

### Florida Chronic Disease Prevention Coalition's 3rd Annual Summit

October 1, 2014, Orlando, FL

For more information, please

visit: <http://www.preventchronicdiseasefl.org/annual-summit--2014.html>

### SportsAbility

October 3-4, 2014, Ocala, FL

For more information, please

visit: <http://www.fdoa.org/sportsability-ocala>

### First Annual Golf Scramble and Silent Auction

October 4, 2014, Gainesville, FL

Fundraiser for GiGi's Playhouse Gainesville, a site that offers educational, social and therapeutic services to those with Down syndrome. For more information

visit: <http://gigisplayhouse.org/gainesville>

### Southern Obesity Summit

October 5-7, 2014, Louisville, KY

For more information visit <http://ghpc.gsu.edu/2014/07/10/8th-annual-southern-obesity-summit-kentucky/>

### National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) 27th Annual State Health Policy Conference

October 6-8, 2014, Atlanta, GA

For more information visit <http://www.nashpconference.org/>

2014 Southwest Conference on Disability

## About It

Announcing a new publication now available from the Developmental Disabilities Council. This new full color book that takes individuals with developmental disabilities through a colorful, graphically attractive and easy-to-read lesson in the basics of stress and stress management. Both the English and Spanish versions of the publication can be downloaded from the FDDC website at <http://www.fddc.org/publications> (under Health Care) or hard copies may be ordered online for FREE <http://www.fddc.org/publications/order-online>.

## College Resources for Disabled Students

A new resource book is now available for college students with disabilities to help explain to them their legal rights and the assistive services available to them. To access the guide please visit:

<http://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/disabled-students/>

## 700 Families and Counting: Life-changing Education Scholarship Awarded to Florida Kids with Special Needs

Thousands of Florida families of students with special needs are excited about the possibilities for their children through the state's new Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts (PLSAs). According to Step Up for Students, one of the administering organizations for PLSAs, 700 families and counting have been awarded PLSAs to better customize education for their children. Already, since the process opened in mid-July, 3,193 families have started applications in the hopes their children will benefit from this new educational choice. For more information please visit: <http://excelined.org/florida-plsa/>

## U.S. Department of Justice Launches the Elder Justice Website

The new website offers resources for victims, family members, prosecutors, researchers, and anyone who works with older adults. Victims and family members will find information about how to report elder abuse and financial exploitation in all 50 states and the territories. Federal, State, and local prosecutors will find three different databases containing sample pleadings and statutes. Researchers in the elder abuse field may access a database containing bibliographic information for thousands of articles and reviews. Practitioners including professionals of all types who work with elder abuse and its consequences will find information about resources available to help them prevent elder abuse and assist those who have already been abused, neglected or exploited. To visit the website, please go to: <http://www.elderjusticecoalition.com/>

## James Patrick Memorial Work Incentive Personal Assistance Services Program

The James Patrick Memorial Work Incentive Personal Assistance Services Program (JP-PAS) was created in 2008 by the Florida Legislature to serve people with all types of disabilities. This specialized program provides financial assistance to persons who are gainfully employed and have severe or chronic disabilities requiring assistance from a personal care attendant (PCA) for at least 2 activities of daily living such as ambulation, bathing, dressing, grooming,

October 7-10, 2014, Albuquerque, NM  
Visit <http://cdd.unm.edu/swconf/> for more information.

### Disabilities Expo 2014

October 11, 2014, 10-4 PM ~ Nova Southeastern University, FL  
Vendors, Fashion Show, Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, activities, games, prizes and More!  
Visit: <http://www.disabilitiesexpo.com/> to Register

### American Evaluation Association (AEA) Evaluation 2014: Visionary Evaluation for a Sustainable, Equitable Future

October 15-18, 2014, Denver, CO  
For more information visit <http://www.eval.org/p/cm/ld/fid=226>

### Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: A Focus on Congenital Heart Defects

November 4, 2014, St. Petersburg, FL  
Visit <https://cmetracker.net/USF/Files/Brochures/337950.pdf> for more information.

### The American Public Health Association's (APHA) 142nd Annual Meeting and Exposition: *Healthography - How Where You Live Affects Your Health and Well-Being*

November 15, 2014, Denver, CO  
For more information visit <http://www.apha.org/meetings/annual/>



## About the DHP

The Disability and Health Program (DHP) is funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Formerly the Florida Office on Disability and Health, the DHP is housed under the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention in Tallahassee, FL with partnership from the University of Florida.

toileting and other similar tasks. Program eligibility, the JP-PAS application, and other information can be found at: <http://www.floridacils.org/JPPASForms.html>

## **A Literature Map of Dropout Prevention Interventions for Students with Disabilities**

This research synthesis represents the most up-to-date review of dropout interventions for students with disabilities. The authors conducted an extensive search of the literature to find articles that described school completion interventions that yielded positive outcomes for students with disabilities. To read the report, please visit: <http://www.ndpc-sd.org/documents/wilkins-huckabee-lit-review.pdf>

## **The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation is Accepting Applications for their Public Policy Fellowship Program for 2014 -2015**

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation is seeking exemplary professionals, and/or persons experiencing disability and/or family members of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are currently working or volunteering in the field of inclusive services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for an intensive one-year Public Policy Fellowship in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the Fellowship is to prepare both early career and more seasoned leaders to assume leadership in the public policy arena in their home state and/or nationality.

The application deadline is October 30, 2014 by 5 p.m. EST. Applications will only be accepted online. To learn more about the fellowship, please visit: <https://www.aucd.org/app/index.cfm?grant=85> For questions please contact Steven M. Eidelman at [Eidelman@jpkf.org](mailto:Eidelman@jpkf.org).

## **Accepting Nominations for the Friends of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Executive Committee**

Friends of the NCBDDD is a coalition of government and private sector participants who work together to enhance the mission and activities of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) in identifying the causes of birth defects and developmental disabilities; helping children to develop and reach their full potential; and promoting health and well-being among people of all ages with disabilities, including blood disorders. Friends of the NCBDDD now accepting nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Members at Large (2). For more information, please visit: <http://friendsofncbddd.org/september-2014/>

## **The Florida Legislature Wants YOUR Input. Parent Focus Group on Post- Secondary Options for Students with Developmental Disabilities**

The Florida Legislature is collecting information on postsecondary programs (at colleges, technical centers, and universities) available to students with developmental disabilities. We would like to get input from parents of children

with developmental disabilities who are either currently enrolled in public high schools and will be looking for postsecondary options in the next few years or have exited the K12 system and are enrolled in a postsecondary program. For more information, please

visit: <http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102470514219-328/OPPAGA+Focus+Group.pdf>

## American Association on Health and Disability's Frederick J. Krause Scholarship on Health and Disability

AAHD is accepting applications for the AAHD Scholarship Program (2014 - 2015) which supports the students with disabilities pursuing higher education in a field related to disability and health. Preference is given to students who plan to pursue undergraduate/graduate studies in the field of public health, behavioral health, epidemiology, health promotion, disability studies, to include disability policy and disability research. Scholarships are limited to under \$1,000. Scholarships are competitive each year. Please visit the AAHD website at: <http://www.aahd.us/scholarship> to download the application. Deadline for submission is November 15, 2014. For more information, please email Maria Manolatos, AAHD Scholarship Coordinator, at [mmanolatos@aahd.us](mailto:mmanolatos@aahd.us).

**Best,**

**Florida Disability and Health Program**

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