

Free camp for students who are deaf and hard of hearing, FCIC looking for feedback on five year plan, and Gov Scott signs bill helping students with disability. This and more in this issue of Accessibility for All.

# Accessibility for All

## by the Disability and Health Program

## News from DHP

### Upcoming Projects

The DHP is hard at work completing our 2014 Disability Data Report and Briefing Document. We will also be starting our write up of results from our legislative survey and working on our needs assessment based on your feedback. We will be sharing our results with you so keep an eye out on our next newsletter for those!

### In Other News

## Oral Hygiene Techniques for Caregivers of Developmentally Disabled

This video is for anyone who provides personal care to someone with a developmental disability.

Dr. Luise Utset-Ward, a dentist, demonstrates how to perform oral hygiene techniques such as positioning, brushing and flossing. These techniques will help you improve the oral health of the individual under your care. The video is free and can be accessed

at <http://www.fddc.org/about/oral-health-care-training-for-caregivers>. For questions or comments, please contact Holly Hohmeister at [hollyh@fddc.org](mailto:hollyh@fddc.org).

## Free Camp for Student Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The University of North Florida is offering iRead Graphic Novels Summer 2014 camp. Camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on August 11 - 15, 2014, at the College of Education and Human Services in Jacksonville. Further information may be viewed

at <http://www.unf.edu/coehs/edie/deaf/iRead.aspx>.

## The New FFAST Issue for Summer 2014

The Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology has released the newest issue of FFAST Access, which can be found at: <http://www.faat.org/news/latest-edition-faat-access-out>

## Helping Seniors with Low Vision Maintain Independence

"Each day approximately 10,000 Americans turn 65, and one in six adults this age and older has a vision impairment that cannot be corrected with glasses or contact lenses. As part of its support for Senior Independence Month this July, the American Academy of Ophthalmology is providing older adults with low vision guidance on how to make the most of their remaining sight and keep their independence." For the full article please go to: <http://www.disabled-world.com/assistivedevices/visual/independence.php>

## Community Conversations: Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (FCIC) Creating Five-Year Plan

The FCIC is beginning its five-year planning process! In partnership with our Community Advisory Committee (CAC), the FCIC will be determining the priority areas the FCIC should focus on in the next five years to support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to: make

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### Webinars

#### *2014 Combating Autism Act Initiative Virtual Poster Symposium*

Monday, July 28, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST  
The Virtual Poster Symposium will allow you to learn more about the exciting and innovative projects CAAI grantees have completed in the areas of "Improving Screening and Monitoring" and "Improving Care and Access to Care." CAAI grantees will share a wide variety of successes they have experienced in the identification, assessment, diagnosis, and services to children with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities and their families. There will be time for questions and answers. For more information please contact Rebecca Carman at [rcarman@aucd.org](mailto:rcarman@aucd.org). Register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/515022345>

#### *Transportation Webinar: Neighborhood Wayfinding: What You Need to Know to Get Involved*

Wednesday, August 6, 2014, 2:00 p.m. EST  
Sponsored by Easter Seals Project ACTION, this webinar will discuss wayfinding assessments, and best practices in successful community wayfinding, including a profile of a successful program in Greenville, South Carolina. The deadline to register is August 4th. Please send questions to the presenters in advance or general inquiries to [http://webinars@easterseals.com](mailto:http://webinars@easterseals.com) (with "Wayfinding" in the subject line) or call Kristi McLaughlin at (800) 659-6428.

#### *Communication, Care Coordination and Co-management*

Wednesday, August 27, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST  
The communication, care coordination and co-management session will confirm the importance of a medical home and its role in working with patients and families. Drs. Phillip John Matthias and Ira Chasnoff will review the development of comprehensive care plans and present several case studies to demonstrate different approaches to care coordination and co-management.  
Register: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/500923542>

#### *Roles, Referrals and Reimbursement*

Wednesday, August 13, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST  
The roles, referrals and reimbursement sessions will provide primary care clinicians with the tools they need to work with families and children who have or may have an FASDs. Dr. David Wargowski will identify the appropriate professionals needed to build and FASD team and discuss options for community based resources for referral and treatment. Billing, coding and reimbursement will also be

informed choices and decisions about their lives; receive support and services that are based on individual goals and outcomes; and achieve full inclusion and participate in society.

The planning process will occur in several stages and will use multiple mechanisms for outreach. *Community Conversations* will be held in late July and early August. A statewide survey will be distributed in September. Finally, a planning retreat will be held in December with selected stakeholders to review the gathered information and decide on priorities.

For more information, please visit: <http://us1.campaign-archive2.com/?u=66d159b7802dfc34a3402a299&id=e974a6f452&e=6856a72330>

## Center for Disease Control's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities 2013 Fiscal Year Annual Report

The Center for Disease Control's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities recently released the fiscal year 2013 Annual Report. The 2013 Annual Report provides a snapshot of NCBDDD activities and major accomplishments and highlights some of the achievements that moved us closer to the Center's goal to promote the health of babies, children and adults, and enhance the potential for full, productive living. Visit <http://go.usa.gov/X6tQ> to read a letter from NCBDDD Director, Dr. Colleen Boyle, and to view the full report.

## Governor Rick Scott Signs Bill to Help Students with Disability

Governor Rick Scott signed SB 850, an act relating to education, into law with an effective date of June 20, 2014. It revises educational programs related to the Florida College System Students with disabilities by repealing the Special Diploma and creating alternative pathways for students with disabilities to earn a standard high school diploma. The bill also established the Florida Personal Learning Account for students with disabilities in kindergarten through 12th grade, to provide funding for certain educational and specialized services. SB 850 may be viewed online at: <http://laws.flrules.org/2014/184>.

## HHS Releases Guidance Outlining Standards for Person Centered Planning and Self-Direction

**Washington, D.C.** – The Administration for Community Living at the Department of Health and Human Services released guidance outlining standards for person centered planning and self-direction. This guidance is released under the authority of Section 2402(a) of the Affordable Care Act, which directed HHS to develop regulations that promote better coordination, consistency, and improved resource allocation for LTSS programs. It also directed HHS to improve the person-centered nature of a wide range of home and community based services. For more information about the standards please visit: [http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/blog/2014/2014\\_07\\_09.aspx](http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/blog/2014/2014_07_09.aspx)

## Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) Hiring

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) is seeking a full-time coordinator, **based in Miami**, to plan, develop, manage and provide oversight of the implementation of a state Help Me Grow initiative, including expansion of the local Help Me Grow affiliates. This management position will provide training and technical assistance to establish local Help me Grow sites and is responsible for planning and development of a state Help Me Grow infrastructure. Candidates with experience in management, early childhood development, early intervention, program development, training, community based service systems, and evaluation are preferred. This position is a temporary position with no guaranteed funding beyond June 30, 2015. Continued funding will be requested from the Legislature during the 2015 Legislative session. The position will be housed at The Children's Trust in Miami, Florida. If you would like to be considered for this position you must submit a resume, a cover letter describing your experience to perform the duties of this position, and a writing sample. Resumes, CVs, and writing samples need to be submitted to Holly Hohmeister via postal mail to 124 Marriott Drive, Suite 203, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301; at email to [hollyh@fddc.org](mailto:hollyh@fddc.org); or at (850) 922-6702. For a more detailed description of this position, please

visit: <http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102470514219-320/State+Coordinator+Job+Announcement+7-9-14.pdf>

The FDCC is also hiring an Employment Program manager based in Tallahassee, to plan, manage and implement initiatives for the Council's goals in employment, transition and transportation for individuals with developmental disabilities. Candidates with experiences in

discussed.

Register: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/187514118>

### Community Collaborations for Assisting People with Alzheimer's and Dementias: The Steps to Success

Thursday, August 28, 2014, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST  
The Administration for Community Living, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institute on Aging are collaborating to host a webinar series to increase knowledge about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and resources that professionals in the public health, aging services, and research networks can use to inform, educate, and empower community members, people with dementia, and their family caregivers.

Register: <https://aoa-events.webex.com/mw04011/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=aoa-events>



### Upcoming Events

**2014 Southwest Conference on Disability**  
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



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working with individuals with developmental disabilities in the competitive integrated employment, transition from school to employment, and transportation arenas and knowledgeable about the options and systems for competitive integrated employment; career, technical and other post-secondary education; and transportation are preferred. Contract and program management, strong verbal and written communication, and experience in facilitating diverse workgroups or teams are critical skills for this position. If you would like to be considered for this position you must submit a resume, a cover letter describing your experience in the identified fields and skills you would bring to the position, and a writing sample. Please submit resumes, CV, and writing sample to Carolyn Williams at [carolynw@fddc.org](mailto:carolynw@fddc.org); via fax at (850) 922-6702; or through postal mail at 124 Marriott Drive, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

For a more detailed description of the position, please

visit: [http://www.fddc.org/sites/default/files/EMPLOYMENT%20PROGRAM%20MANAGER\\_0.pdf](http://www.fddc.org/sites/default/files/EMPLOYMENT%20PROGRAM%20MANAGER_0.pdf)

## Register to Vote for Florida's 2014 Primary Elections

Florida's 2014 Primary Elections will be held in August. To vote in the Primary Elections, you must be registered to vote by July 28, 2014. To learn more, please go to [http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/resources/disability\\_topic\\_info/voting\\_rights\\_responsibilities](http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/resources/disability_topic_info/voting_rights_responsibilities)

**Best,**

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