

Accessibility for All

by the Disability and Health Program

Training Module: Disability for Information and Referral Specialists

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) has recently shared the release of a new training module on disability for Information and Referral specialists on the [NASUADiQ online learning center](#). The training module provides participants with an overview of key issues relevant to providing information and referral/assistance to individuals with disabilities. The module covers many topics including disability awareness, effective communication, services and trends in service delivery, resources, disability rights and advocacy and empowerment. The training concludes with a self-administered quiz.

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Upcoming Events

25th Anniversary SportsAbility Event

April 9-11, 2015, Tallahassee, FL
What: Baseball, indoor day and EXPO, banquet and outdoor day activities, brought to you by the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association. For more info and to register, click [here](#).

Stop the Stigma

April 25, 12-4 pm; Kanapaha Park, Gainesville, FL
What: This event works to stop stigma related to mental illness. The event is geared for children and multiple groups hold booths. There will be food, fun activities, face painting by O2B, bouncy balls, etc. KISS 105 will be broadcasting live, ensuring a good attendance. [Click here](#) for more info.

Oral Health Care for Caregivers Training

May 1, 9am-12pm (English); 1pm-4pm (Spanish); Ocala Children's Medical Services, Ocala, Florida
What: The University of Miami Mailman Center for Child Development and the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council are offering a FREE training session for professional and family caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities. A UM registered Dental Hygienist will show you how to perform oral hygiene

Measuring Access to Opportunity

The Annie E. Casey Foundation recently released the [KIDS COUNT data snapshot](#) highlighting the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM), which captures the effect of safety-net programs and tax policies on families. By using the SPM, researchers have determined that the child poverty rate has declined from 33% to 18% as a result of these programs and policies.

Community Health Status Indicators Launch

The CDC released the updated Community Health Status Indicators (CHSI) online tool that produces a public health profile for all 3,143 counties in the United States. Each profile includes key indicators of health outcomes, which describes the population health status of a county and factors that have the potential to influence health outcomes, such as health care access and quality, health behaviors, social factors, and the physical environment. To access CHSI, visit www.cdc.gov/communityhealth.

Disability Rights Florida Annual Report Now Available

Including success stories, financial information and updated contacts, the Disability Rights Florida 2014 Annual Report is now available. You can find it by following this link: http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/documents/Disability_Rights_FL_2014_Annual_Report.pdf

Jay Weiss Institute for Health Equity Community Resource Guide

The Jay Weiss Institute for Health Equity at the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center has created their 3rd edition of the *Community Resource Guide*. The guide provides information for anyone seeking assistance with a wide range of health and social services throughout Miami and surrounding areas. The guide is available at the following website:

Video-On-Demand for Students with Visual or Hearing Disabilities

The US Department of Education announced on March 16th the availability of free, video-on-demand children's television programming for thousands of students who are blind, visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing. Dozens of children's and family TV episodes may now be viewed online featuring closed captioning and descriptions through the Education Department's [Accessible Television Portal Project](#). Among the shows: "Ocean Mysteries," "Magic School Bus," "Bill Nye the Science Guy," and more. The portal is part of the department funded [Described and Captioned Media Program \(DCMP\)](#). To view the content, teachers and school personnel, parents, and other professionals working with qualified students can visit www.dcmp.org and apply for access to the portal.

Community Resilience PSAs

The Florida Department of Health Bureau of Preparedness and Response Community Resilience Unit developed four public service announcements in English, Spanish, Creole, and American Sign Language (ASL). Posted on their YouTube site, the videos address emergency preparedness for parents of children with medical needs, persons who are Deaf/Hard of hearing, and persons who may need special needs shelter in an emergency. More information is available by [clicking here](#).

White House Honors Teen with Cerebral Palsy

This year's White House Student Film Festival will feature a documentary about the efforts of a student with cerebral palsy to make his high school more accessible. The documentary about Archer Hadley, 18, is one of 15 that is being honored by President Obama. To read more about Archer and to watch his film, [click here](#).

Sexuality Education is Vital for Teens with Intellectual Disabilities

It is common for parents to request help with sexuality education for their pre-teen and teenage children. However, parents are truly at a loss when their child has an intellectual, cognitive, or developmental disability. Anxiety about how much is enough and how much is too much can plague parents and teachers alike. Sexuality education often stay on the back burner, but ExpertBeacon is providing steps for parents and teachers to help. [Click here to read more.](#)

AAIDD has also created a YouTube video on [Social Development and Sexuality Across the Lifespan](#).

Education for Lifelong Mental Health Series Factsheet

These factsheets were designed for people with mild intellectual disability to learn about mental health issues. They can also be a resource for mental health professionals, family caregivers, and support professionals to educate and raise awareness of mental health concerns. Usual treatment and strategies for maintaining mental health are highlighted. Future factsheets will feature coping with stress, and grief.

[Anxiety Fact Sheet](#)

techniques like tooth brushing, flossing, and positioning in order to help you improve the oral health of the individual you care for. The program is approved for 3 hours of in-service training for APD providers. Registration will open April 10, 2015. Contact Roselyne Antao at rantao@med.miami.edu for more information.

National ADA Symposium

May 10-13, 2015; Atlanta, GA
What: This comprehensive conference on the ADA will feature 72 break-out sessions, advanced discussion groups, exhibits, hands on learning activities, and a celebration of the ADA at 25. Register at <http://www.adasymposium.org/>



Webinars

Traveling by Air for Business and Pleasure

April 15, 2015

Join Delta Air Lines Disability Advisory Board presenters f David Martin and Dr. JR Harding for an entertaining and enlightening informational session about air travel for persons with disabilities. This presentation is intended to educate individuals with disabilities and their families about: "The Travel Ribbon": what to expect from the arrival at the curb to picking up your bags at your destination (and everything in between), how to plan and prepare for air travel domestically and internationally, and how Delta Air Lines is proactively taking care of and including their customers with disabilities in the air travel experience. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Guardianship for Individuals with Intellectual Disability:

Education For Lifelong Health Series Factsheets

This series of factsheets were designed for people with mild intellectual disability. They can be used to help raise awareness about serious health conditions that become more common with increasing age. Usual treatments and prevention tips are also highlighted.

[Cancer, Cancer Treatment, Diabetes, Good Health and Hygiene, Osteoporosis Fact Sheet Series](#)

My Health Passport

FCIC's *My Health Passport* is a health advocacy document that describes the unique supports and preferences of an individual. It is designed to be shared with many types of healthcare providers, in clinic and hospital settings, especially for those who are not very familiar in providing care to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Hard copies of *My Health Passports* are currently available, and can be ordered free of charge by contacting [Dr. Liz Perkins](#) or (813) 974-7076. The forms are also available for free download.

[My Health Passport Form](#)

2015 Social Security Red Book

The Red book serves as a general reference source about the employment-related provisions of Social Security Disability Insurance and the Supplemental Security Income Programs for educators, advocates, rehabilitation professionals, and counselors who serve people with disabilities. The Red Book Guide to Work Incentives is available by [clicking here](#).

Get Involved

"Identifying What People with Physical Disabilities Want and Need to Know about Employment"

Virginia Commonwealth University, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Employment of People with Physical Disabilities is conducting a research study entitled "Identifying What People with Physical Disabilities Want and Need to Know about Employment." Participants must be within the ages of 18-24 years with any type of physical disability. Individuals can participate whether they are currently employed or unemployed and do not have to live in Virginia to participate. For more information and/or to sign up, go to: <http://www.vcurrctc.org/focus/index.cfm>.

Florida Disabilities Council Seeking New Members

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council is seeking individuals who would be interested in becoming a member of the council. Their mission is to advocate and promote meaningful participation in all aspects of life for Floridians with developmental disabilities. This is a great opportunity to become involved in helping to change the system to enhance the quality of life for Florida's citizens with developmental disabilities and their families. Click [here](#) to access the requirements for membership. If you meet the requirements, you can complete the

Trends and Issues

April 29, 2015

Dr. Susan Marks will present an overview of the history of guardianship policies for individuals with intellectual disabilities and an overview of national policies. The purpose of the presentation is to share how the history of guardianship policies are changing. [Register here](#).

Cultivating Talent for Tomorrow: The Value of Interns with Disabilities April 29, 2015

This webinar was rescheduled from March 26. There is no need to re-register, but if you would like to register for the first time, you can do so by [clicking here](#).

Florida Center for Inclusive Communities 2015 Webinar Schedule:

April 15, 2015: Traveling by air for business or pleasure

May 20, 2015: Transportation Disadvantage-getting to and from work

June 17, 2015: Transition to adulthood: essential Skills to getting a job

August 19, 2015: Navigating the Workplace with Invisible Disabilities

September 16, 2015: Coping with the employment process: Effective relaxation and stress management techniques.

[Click here for more information](#)

CDC Public Health Grand Rounds Webinar: Addressing Preparedness Challenges for Children in Public Health Emergencies Now Archived!

This webinar discussed strategies to address the unique vulnerabilities of children in every stage of emergency planning. Presenters also highlighted the strong progress that has been made in pediatric disaster readiness as well as the collaboration that is still needed between public health professionals and pediatric care providers. Both the video presentation and the slides are available by [clicking here](#).

CDC Study Benefiting Children with ADHD

The first national study to look at behavioral therapy, medication, and dietary supplements to treat attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) among children ages 4-17 shows that less than one half of children with ADHD were receiving behavioral therapy in 2009-2010. The

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study, "Treatment of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder among Children with Special Health Care Needs," published this week in *The Journal of Pediatrics* provides a snapshot into how ADHD was treated just before the release of the 2011 clinical guidelines for treatment of ADHD from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). [Read more here](#).



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.

Awards and Scholarships

Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts

The Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts (PLSA) is a new program that helps families customize educational plans for their children with special needs. To qualify, students in kindergarten through 12th grade must be diagnosed with one of the following: autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Spina bifida, Williams syndrome or an intellectual disability (severe cognitive impairment). Also, students deemed "high risk" due to developmental delays and not older than 5 on September 1 may be eligible for the year they are applying. The PLSA allows parents to direct scholarship funds toward a combination of approved programs and providers they think best meets their children's unique needs. These include approved private schools, therapists, specialists, curriculum, technology- even a college savings account. They are currently accepting applications for the PLSA for the 2015-16 school year. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. [Apply for the PLSA](#) for the 2015-16 school year today! Thanks to FAAST for running this information in their newsletter.

Best,

Florida Disability and Health Program

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