

Health Insurance Jeopardy, Service Animal FAQ, and an \$80,000 grant RFP! All that and more in this issue of Accessibility for All.

Accessibility for All

by the Disability and Health Program

Nike's Slam Dunk: Flyease Footwear

Nike has recently released a new shoe, the Flyease, that has a zipper that goes around the back of the shoe so you can zip it with one hand. The shoe was built specifically for athletes with disabilities who struggle with the standard shoe design. Sophomore at Florida Gulf Coast University Matthew Walzer, an athlete with cerebral palsy, was involved in the product design. To read more about Matthew and the Flyease Journey, [click here](#).

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Upcoming Events

Making Sense of the Madness

October 20, 9am-4pm, Sarasota, FL
 What: Jeff Noble, founder and CEO of Noble Initiatives, an organization that provides hope and education to people caring for someone living with a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD), will cover information on what a FASD is, understanding brain dysfunction, primary and secondary disabilities and more. To save your seat, call 941-371-8820x1025 or email michelle.moreno@thefloridacenter.org

Florida Council for Exceptional Children 69th Annual State Conference

October 1-3, 2015, Hilton Double Tree, Orange County, Florida
 What: The conference will continue the collaborative efforts with school

National Business & Disability Council Public Opinion Survey Results

The Marketing Anthropology Project (MAP), a program of the National Business & Disability Council (NBDC) at the Viscardi Center announced that it conducted a national survey in early May about consumer attitudes on disability. Key findings included that: 60% of respondents feel that business currently ignore or overlook potential and current customers with disabilities; only half of respondents

recalled recently seeing any form of advertising including individuals with disabilities, and over 86% of consumers would be more likely to support a business that includes people with disabilities in advertising. To learn and read more about the national survey, [click here](#).

The Case for Inclusion 2015 Report

United Cerebral Palsy's annual report, The Case for Inclusion, ranks all 50 states and the District of Columbia (DC) on outcomes for Americans with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD). This year's report shows that while all states have room for improvement, some have consistently remained at the bottom of the rankings since 2007. To see where Florida (and all the other states) lands, click [here](#).

Self-Advocacy Resource "The Art of Impact"

The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities released a new online publication on self-advocacy, "The Art of Impact: A Handbook for Living a Self-Determined Life," written by and for individuals with disabilities. The publication is filled with resources, information, and tips for successful advocacy. [Click here](#) to access the publication.

Health Insurance Jeopardy

districts, universities, family organizations, and Florida Student CEC. The conference will celebrate mutual commitment to children and youth with special needs. Click [here](#) for more information.



Webinars

The ADA and Higher Education: What You Need to Know

August 12, 2015, 1:00pm ET

Students with disabilities have greater responsibilities for seeking accommodations in the postsecondary setting than they had in high school. Colleges and Universities must comply with Section 504 and either Title II or III of the ADA. In this webinar, the intersection of rights and responsibilities of both students and schools will be discussed. [Click here to view details and register.](#)

ADA National Network Learning Session Strengthening Emergency Communication Strategies Among Responders and People who are Disproportionally Impacted

August 13, 2015, 2:30 p.m. ET

Registration: Free online by [clicking here](#)

This presentation will identify those who are disproportionately impacted and discuss the converging communication challenges many face; share information from first responders regarding what strategies work best for them when communication is difficult; and suggest practical ways community

The National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative has released a series of six videos about health insurance, highlighting that in picking health insurance, it's not about the answer, it's about asking the right question. These videos address some of the main topics that people with disabilities need to consider when selecting an insurance plan on the ACA marketplace and range in length from 3.5-6 minutes. To read more and access the videos, [click here](#).

New Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Website

The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has a new website with the Florida Department of Health. The FCCDHH exists to serve as an advisory and coordinating body and recommends policies that address the needs of individuals in Florida who are deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened and deaf-blind. For more information [click here](#).

September is FASD Awareness Month

The first Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Month is September 2015. FASD Awareness Month is an annual campaign to increase recognition about the risks of prenatal alcohol exposure and the needs of children and adults living with FASDs. This year's theme is "Alcohol

professionals can increase community resilience by preparing people with communication issues for emergencies.

Florida Centers for Inclusive Communities' 2015 Employment Webinar Series

The third Wednesday of each month from 5-6pm EST, FCIC provides an opportunity to participate in a series of Webinars geared to build capacity on a range of employment related topics.

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.

Nurse Practitioner Education in Developmental Disabilities

The AADMD is proud to offer a free, 7.0 credit-hour webinar series based on the first internationally vetted curriculum in Developmental Medicine created in the United States. This series is designed to enhance the practice skill of nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner students who would like to provide better care to their adult patients with developmental disabilities. Click [here](#) for more detailed information.



About the DHP

and Pregnancy: No safe amount; No safe time; No safe alcohol. Period." For more information [click here](#).

Florida Disability Data Report

The University of Florida Disability and Health Program (DHP) has released the annual Disability Data Report, which provides a statewide comparison between persons with and without disabilities on all aspects of life, from healthcare access and barriers, to exercise and income. To access the report [click here](#).

Disability Prevalence Study

The CDC has recently released a report on the prevalence of disability and disability type among adults in 2013. To access the report, [click here](#).

Autism and Exercise Video Series

The National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD) and the Exercise Connection launched a new video series, *Improving the Lives of Individuals with Autism through Exercise*. The goal of the series is to help parents, caregivers, educators and therapists introduce exercise to their children or students on the autism spectrum. The series will unveil on NCHPAD's [YouTube Channel](#) and [website](#) with three new episodes per week.

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.

Briefs and Tip Sheets

Service Animal FAQ

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) released a new technical assistance document entitled "Frequently Asked Questions about Service Animals and the ADA." Read the new [Service Animal FAQ](#) here.

Valuing the Invaluable: 2015 Update

This series from AARP focuses on the economic value of family caregiving, and the most recent report updates national and individual state estimates of the economic value of family caregiving using the most current data available. In 2013, about 40 million family caregivers in the U.S. provided an estimated 37 billion hours of care to an adult with limitations in daily activities. The estimated economic value of their unpaid contributions was approximately \$470 billion. To read more and access the report, [click here](#).

Guides to Disability Benefits, Housing Assistance, Long- Term Care and More!

Disability.gov has developed a series of guides on topics surveys show are most important to you. Information on disability benefits, housing assistance, job training, financial help and more are available from among [14 guides](#) that were created.

Get Involved

Share Your Feedback on Draft APS Guidelines

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is soliciting comments, and will be hosting [12 listening sessions](#) on newly released draft voluntary guidelines for Adult Protective Services (APS) systems.

Through October 13th, members of the public are encouraged to provide feedback on the draft guidelines by commenting via an [electric form on the ACL website](#). [Click here](#) to learn more and read the draft guidelines.

Informal Memorandum on Allotment Formulas

The Administration Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) released an informal memorandum on the formula grants for the Fiscal Year 2016. Starting in the fall, AIDD will look to the public for comments on a new formula to use starting in Fiscal year 2017. AIDD will look to the

public for comments on a new formula to use starting in Fiscal Year 2017. AIDD will respond to the comments and release a final formula by April 1, 2016. [View the memorandum here.](#)

Awards, Scholarships, and Applications

Request for Proposals (FDDC 2015-HC-13500) Community Health and Wellness

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council is pleased to announce a request for proposals to improve access to inclusive community health and wellness activities for adults age 22-59 with developmental disabilities who are on the DD HCBS waiting list for services. FDDC has set aside a maximum of \$80,000 federal funds for a period not to exceed one year of fiscal support of this RFP. Copies of the RFP can be [downloaded here.](#)

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