

An updated handicapped symbol, an autism screening app, and more in this issue of Accessibility for All.

# Accessibility for All

## by the Disability and Health Program

### November is American Diabetes Month

Did you know that 30 million people in the United States have diabetes and the total national cost of treating diabetes is \$247 million? The mission of the American Diabetes Association is to raise awareness of this ever-growing disease. To learn more facts about diabetes and how to live a healthy lifestyle, click [here](#).

### Amazon to Expand Their Closed Captioning

As part of a deal with The National Association of the Deaf (NAD), Amazon.com, Inc. have agreed to provide closed captioning for 100% of their TV shows and movies by the end of 2016. To learn more about the agreement [click here](#).

### Handicapped Symbol Gets an Update

The current International Symbol of Accessibility has been updated to represent a more active and able community. New York has been the first to replace the universal symbol for the updated version. While some people praise this change, others are against it.. Find out why [here](#).

### Parenting with a Disability

Christine Rudd, an advocate for various disability

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### Upcoming Events

#### Assistive Technology Conference of New England

November 19-20, 2015,  
3:30pm-5:00pm,  
Warwick, RI

What: This conference includes workshops and exhibits on technologies that enhance the lives of persons with disabilities of all ages. To learn more [click here](#).

issues, such as parenting and dating with a disability, shares her story of choosing to become a mother with Cerebral Palsy. Read more about Christine's advice for achieving goals and her parenting story [here](#).

## Post-secondary Programs: A Practical Path to Employment

According to the Think College National Coordinating Center at the University of Massachusetts Boston, there is a growing percentage of students with intellectual disabilities graduating from a post-secondary program with paid employment. To learn more [click here](#).

## A Drone to Guide Blind Runners

Eelke Folmer, an associate professor of computer science at the University of Nevada, Reno has built a prototype drone system that allows blind runners to independently run around a track without a sighted guide. Another one of Folmer's projects, VI Fit Series, guides users through tennis and bowling using audio and tactile cues. To learn more [click here](#).

## An Autism Screening App

Apple and a team of researchers are developing an app called Autism and Beyond that aims to screen for autism in children. The goal is to "identify children with autism at younger ages allowing them to enter intervention programs sooner and see better outcomes long-term." To learn more [click here](#).

## Briefs, Guides, and Tip

### Buddy Break - FREE

### RESPITE - Apopka

November 21, 2015,  
10:00am-1:00pm, Palm  
Coast, FL

What: This is a program for children 2-16 years old with special needs to enjoy all kinds of activities and make new friends, while their caregivers get a break. Buddy Break serves various cities, such as Orlando and Jacksonville, To learn more about when there will be a Buddy Break in your area, [click here!](#)



## Webinars and Educational Tools

### Final 2015 Accessible Technology Webinar Series

Tuesday, November 19, 2015, 2:00-3:00pm  
The Great Lakes ADA Center and the Pacific ADA Center sponsor this free series. The final webinar features speaker Debra Ruh who will discuss Social Media, Accessibility, and Disability

# Sheets

## Uninsured Americans Eligible for Financial Assistance

The Kaiser Family Foundation issued a brief stating that 15.7 million of the 32.3 million uninsured American would be eligible for financial assistance (premium tax credits or Medicaid) if only they would apply. To learn more [click here.](#)

## Paralysis, Essential Equipment, and Healthcare Access

The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation release three new Policy Data Briefs.

1. Paralysis in the U.S. [click here,](#)
2. Access to Durable Medical Equipment [click here,](#)
3. Access to Health Care for People with Paralysis [click here.](#)

## In Case of an Emergency!

The Florida Division of Emergency Management has a tip sheet for how to appropriately and efficiently help evacuate vulnerable populations, which includes people with mobility impairments and people with autism. To read how, [click here.](#)

## Importance of Physical Activity

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stresses the importance of aerobic physical activity for adults with disabilities. Adults with disabilities who get no physical activity are 50% more likely to develop conditions such as cancer and heart disease. To learn

Inclusion. [Click here.](#)

### Accessible Outdoor Recreation Trails, Camping, and Picnic Areas

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 1:00-2:30pm  
David Barton of the Northwest ADA Center discusses the Outdoor Developed Areas, such as camping facilities and beach access routes, and how they relate to the accessibility requirements updated by the Access Board in 2013. [Click Here.](#)



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more about the report and 10 things you need to know about physical activity, [click here](#).

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