

Accessibility for All

by the Disability and Health Program

Recent News

Congratulations, Dr. Liz Perkins!

The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) has elected Dr. Liz Perkins as the AAIDD Vice President. Dr.

Perkins previously served four years as the President of AAIDD's Gerontology Division. She was also awarded fellow status in 2014, which is a prerequisite to be eligible to run for Vice President of AAIDD. To learn more, [click here](#).

'Veterans Florida' Campaign

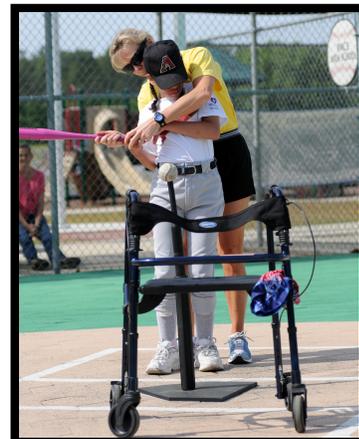
Veterans Florida's main purpose is to convince Veterans to reside in the state. Through the use of social media, print, and TV, the organization is highlighting reasons for veterans to live in Florida. Some of the highlighted reasons are that there are no taxes on personal income for veterans and that there are 161 state parks offering fishing, hiking, and camping! To learn more, [click here](#).

Technology for Nonverbal Students

As part of a pilot program, the Fort Worth school district equipped nonverbal special education

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Upcoming Events

FDOA - SportsAbility

April 7-9, 2016,

Times Vary Depending on Day

Tallahassee, FL

SportsAbility focuses on enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by promoting active living. It is hosted by the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association (FDOA). Activities include Miracle Baseball, laser tag shooting, martial arts, sit water-skiing, and horseback riding. The event is free, but you must register. To learn more, [click here](#).

students with iPads. The iPad enables students to swipe symbols on the screen that converts text to speech. This technology can enable non-verbal students and students with poor social skills. Due to the program's success, the Fort Worth school board will purchase 130 additional iPads. To learn more, [click here.](#)

Recycling Crayons

The Crayon Initiative recycles old unusable crayons to send new crayons to children's hospitals. Instead of creating standard small, circular crayons, the organization creates larger, triangular crayons.

This crayon was designed with the help of an occupational therapist to be easier to grip for children with special needs. To learn more, [click here.](#)

Area 10 Family Care Council Monthly Meeting April 15, 2016, 9:30am-12:00pm, Fort Lauderdale, FL

By partnering with Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), Family Care Councils (FCCs) aims to educate, advocate, and empower persons with developmental disabilities and their families. FCCs are groups of volunteers who advocate for people with developmental disabilities and their families. To find which FCC serves your region, [click here.](#) To learn more about FCC-10, [click](#)

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Past Issues

Translate

The Pet Project, located in Wilton Manors, FL, helps keep dogs with their people in times of financial hardship. Specifically, the organization assists people with disabilities and senior citizens. The organization offers assistance with pet food and pet supplies. The Pet Project also provides annual vaccines for pets and helps provide reduced-cost veterinary care. To learn more, [click here.](#)

Assistive Technology

Schools use assistive technology to increase the productivity of students with learning and attention issues. A few examples include audio recorders, reading guides, and writing supports. To learn about 8 common assistive technology examples, [click here.](#)

Awards Event: Employers with Disability-Friendly Practices

2016 Spring Fling Capabilities Expo April 16, 2016, 9:00am-4:00pm

Port St. Lucie, FL
This expo aims to provide pertinent information needed in the transition process for people with disabilities through all phases in life. The event is free. However, lunch is not included. Entertainment will be from 1pm to 4pm. There will also be a Spring Fling Capabilities Expo held on April 23, 2016 in Vero Beach and on April 30, 2016 in Okeechobee County. To learn more, [click here.](#)

Special Olympics: Summer Games & Healthy Athletes Screening

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The 2016 South Florida Business Leadership Network is hosting their Connections Platinum Awards Breakfast. This event is part of an annual workshop series that informs employers on the hiring, retaining, and accommodating practices with persons with disabilities. There will be an awards event honoring employers with disability-friendly practices. The event will take place on April 8 at Florida Atlantic University's Live Oak Pavilion. To learn more, [click here](#).

Tips, Briefs, & Guides

Announcement: Free Exercise Program!

Do you live in Gainesville or Alachua County? Do you want to be a part of a fun, inclusive exercise program?

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council and the Gainesville Health and Fitness are seeking participants for a FREE exercise program for adults with developmental disabilities. They are recruiting adults ages 22-59 on the DD HCBS Waiver waiting list. All program activities will be held at Gainesville Health and Fitness Center (Main Center). Free transportation to and from the center can be provided.

For more information contact Holly Hohmesiter at Hollyh@fddc.org. Or, contact Noah Hastay at fit.for.all2015@gmail.com or (352) 377 4955.

Applying for Federal Jobs

audiological, podiatric, and fitness screenings. These events all take place from 9:30am-2:30pm. To find more Special Olympics events, [click here](#).

Near the bottom of the newsletter, we listed upcoming screening events!



Webinars & Applications

Long-Term Services and Supports Open Door Forum
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
2:00pm-3:00pm

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will host an Open Door Forum on Long-term Services and Supports. This forum provides an opportunity for dialogue between the stakeholder community and CMS. This forum is intended for stakeholders who interact with CMS or work with consumers who rely on CMS services. To learn more, [click here](#).

Hemophilia Federation of America

Deadline: April 30, 2016
Each year, the Hemophilia Federation of America (HFA) awards 4 scholarships of \$2,000 to \$4,000 in three distinct categories: Educational Scholarship, Parent/Sibling/Child

The US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) offers "Tips for Applicants with Disabilities on Getting Federal Jobs." The EEOC explains how to use Schedule A to obtain a job with the federal government. Frequently asked questions are also included in this guide. To learn more, [click here](#).

Communication: PWDs in the Workplace

The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) created tips for effective ways of communicating with and about people with disabilities (PWDs) in the workplace. The ODEP also lists examples of appropriate and inappropriate phrases to describe PWDs. To learn more, [click here](#).

School Resources

The University of South Florida (USF) has various resources for PWDs. These resources include tips and strategies to help students ace exams. This includes writing essays and taking math exams. To learn more, [click here](#). USF also created Accessibility Tips for Instructors. To learn more, [click here](#).

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Date: 4/8/2016

Educational Scholarship, and Medical/Healthcare Services Education Scholarship. Note: This scholarship requires applicants to submit a statement of financial need. To learn more about these categories and eligibility requirements, [click here](#).

Job Application: Community Outreach Manager!

Location: Jacksonville, FL
Special Olympics Florida is hiring an Outreach Manager in their Healthy Community Department. The Community Outreach Manager is responsible for organizing a directory, networking and recruiting healthcare professionals, and attending health related and community events. Some of the requirements include 3 years of community outreach experience and a Master's degree. To learn more about the qualifications and responsibilities, [click here](#).



About the DHP

The Disability and Health Program (DHP) is funded

- Location: Sunland Center Agency, Marianna
- Screenings: Dental

Date: 4/9/2016

- Location: Eastside High School (HS),
Gainesville
- Screenings: Dental & Fitness

- Location: Atlantic Coast HS, Jacksonville
- Screenings: Vision & Dental

Date: 4/30/2016

- Location: The Grand Oaks Resort, Weirsdale
- Screenings: Audiological

Date: 5/15/2016 - 5/16/2016

- ESPN Wide World of Sports
- Location: Kissimmee, FL
- Screenings: Podiatric, Dental, Fitness,
Audiological, Vision

Sincerely,

Florida Disability and Health Program

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<http://fodh.phhp.ufl.edu>

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