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Accessible emergency preparedness videos, adaptive clothing, and disability representation in the media, all this and more in this issue of Accessibility for All.

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- Disability and Health Program -

Recent News

[Resources for People with Disabilities, Access and Functional Needs](#)

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has several short videos, with captioning and American Sign Language interpreting, related to emergency preparedness and disaster relief that can be useful information, especially with Hurricane Irma recently passing through the state of Florida.

[New Research Shows that Role-playing Disability Promotes Distress, Discomfort and Disinterest](#)

Disability simulations have been used to attempt to change attitudes and help individuals understand what it is like living with a disability for many years, but new research about these simulations show that they may have unintended negative effects on attitudes, such as underestimating the ability of people with disabilities after being presented with only the brief challenge of living with a disability through simulations.

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Upcoming Events

[Special Needs Kids' Day Out](#)
Saturday, October 7, 2017
8:00am-9:00am Eastern Time
Crestview, FL

U.S. Gold Gymnastics is offering a free hour of gymnastics to special needs kids' the first Saturday of the month throughout the school year at both of their gym locations. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Target Unveils Clothing For Kids With Special Needs

Target has released t-shirts and leggings with flat seams and no tags or bothersome embellishments that are sensory-friendly and adaptive for children with disabilities.

Self-identifying as Disabled and Developing Pride in Disability Aid in Overall Well-Being

New research shows that developing pride in disability can be a protective factor against stigma for people with disabilities and is related to good self-esteem.

A Sci-Fi Magazine Created Entirely By Writers and Editors With Disabilities Is Coming

"Disabled People Destroy Science Fiction" is a part of the "Destroy" magazine series, a series meant to improve representation in science fiction. The issue is written by people with disabilities, about people with disabilities, and is meant to improve representation of people with disabilities in the genre.

Wrestling With The Mental Distress of Disability

Erin Kelly, a journalist with Cerebral Palsy, tells the story of her own personal experience living with a disability and is candid about her struggle with mental health as it relates to her disability.

College Connecting Conference

Saturday, November 4, 2017
9:00am-4:00pm Eastern Time

Boca Raton, FL

Conference will go over competencies and skills that are necessary to be successful in college. Dr. Stephen Shore will present his research about the best practices for matching the needs of individuals with autism.

For more upcoming events, search through the [Agency for Persons with Disabilities \(APD\) Event Calendar!](#)



Webinars & Applications

[Policing and People with Disabilities: A Call for Procedural Justice](#)

Thursday, September 28, 2017

1:00pm-3:00pm EDT

The National Center of Criminal Justice and Disability is hosting a webinar about how the criminal justice system can mitigate the effects of discrimination on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

[Accessible Hospitals and Medical Care Facilities: A](#)

[Report: Disability Remains Underrepresented In Movies](#)

While 1 in 5 Americans report having a disability, new research about the top 100 movies out in 2016 found that only 2.7 percent of the speaking roles in those movies represented a person with a disability.

Tips, Briefs, & Guides

[Healthy Living Tip: Low-Impact Exercise for Beginners](#)

Staying active is an important part of health and wellness, and can improve quality-of-life for people with disabilities. This article provides a YouTube video that walks the watcher through a low-impact exercise that can help people with disabilities stay active.

[Transition of Students with Disabilities To Post secondary Education: A Guide For High School Educators](#)

This comprehensive guide for high school educators give information about the transition from high school to post secondary education for students with disabilities, including information about the admission process, documentation, and receiving services. This guide provides useful information for anyone assisting a student with a disability as they transition into post secondary education, including the student themselves.

[Refresher](#)

Thursday, October 5, 2017

Registration Deadline:

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Webinar will go over the ADA accessibility standards for hospital and care facilities, including strategies that can help meet the needs of older adults living in those facilities and satisfies those guidelines. Webinar is from 2:30pm-4:00pm EDT.

[American Council of the Blind Scholarship](#)

Application Deadline:

Thursday, February 15, 2018

These scholarships are for full-time students who are legally blind. For most scholarships, a 3.3 GPA is required.

Applicants must be legally blind in both eyes.



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,

[Disability Inclusion: How HR Leaders Can Build More Inclusive Workplaces](#)

This guide provides information about making the workplace inclusive for all individuals in the workplace, including being a leader yourself and recruiting employees with diversity and inclusion in mind.

[5 Important Ways to Talk About Disability During a Job Search](#)

This article goes over tips for people with disabilities to aid them when they are looking for a job, including what to say during an interview and knowing your rights.

Sincerely,

Florida Disability and Health Program

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