Recent News

Deaf and Unemployed: Taking Matters Into Their Own Hands

Facing chronic unemployment, the Deaf community is taking matters into their own hands by starting their own businesses around the country. Gallaudet University, a university in Washington D.C. for the education of Deaf and Hard-of-hearing students, has its own version of Shark Tank called Bison Tank. Here, Deaf students can pitch their innovative ideas to classmates for feedback with the hope that they will develop their products and start their own businesses to combat unemployment in their community.

No, My Disability Doesn't Make Me 'Undatable'

Melissa Blake discusses her experiences with dating and having a disability. She has experienced misconceptions from her able-bodied peers, including assumptions about what role someone without a disability would have in a relationship with someone with a disability.

Kids With Disabilities Can Be At Risk Of Bullying By Adults

Kids with disabilities are over three times more likely to experience bullying from their classmates, but parents of kids with disabilities are beginning to speak up about a
**Why No One Talks About The High Unemployment Rate Among Women With Disabilities**

While women without disabilities and people with disabilities both experience discrimination by employers, women with disabilities are at an even higher disadvantage when it comes to hiring. Women with disabilities experience an unemployment rate of 9.4% compared to the 4% experienced by women without disabilities.

**Barbie To Roll Out Dolls With Disabilities**

Mattel, the maker of Barbie dolls, is coming out with Barbies that include more inclusive representation of people with disabilities. Among the new dolls that will be introduced are Barbies who use wheelchairs and Barbies who use a prosthetic leg.

**Annie Segarra On Being A Millennial With A Disability And Accessibility In Miami**

Annie Segarra discusses her experiences as a young adult with a disability. She has experienced medical providers dismissing her and accusations of “faking” her disability, which she documents on her YouTube channel.

**Emojis With Disabilities A Step For Inclusion**

Apple is rolling out 59 new emojis representing people with disabilities later this year. Among them are people using wheelchairs, prosthesis, and hearing aids.
For Walmart Greeters Being Laid Off

With Walmart's announcement that they will phase out the greeter job position from their stores, disability rights experts are calling for more than sendoff parades and pity. Ending ableism in the workplace will provide real progress toward ending the high unemployment rate for people with disabilities. This article offers tips for those experiencing the layoff and for business seeking to be more inclusive in their hiring practices.

3 Small Ways Businesses Can Create Changes For Women With Disabilities

This article describes three problems faced by women with disabilities in the workplace and offers businesses solutions to those problems, including actively challenging the implicit bias that negatively impacts women with disabilities.

Personal Finance Guide For People With Disabilities

This guide provides people with disabilities tips to create a budget and save money. It also has links to additional personal finance resources for people with disabilities.

Living Well With A Disability

This guide provides advice for people who are new to living with their disability. It provides adjustment strategies including building a strong social support network. It also describes how to be a better advocate for yourself.

Sincerely,

Florida Disability and Health Program

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Developing Partnerships For Successful Inclusive Campus Housing
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
2:00pm-3:00pm EST
"The University of Missouri-St. Louis Succeed Program is in its 6th year as a post-secondary program with inclusive housing. This webinar will introduce the inclusive living component of the Succeed Program and how it was developed. An inclusive residential program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities comes with unique support needs and requires partnerships across the University."

National Help America See Scholarship For A Blind Student
Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 26, 2019
"This scholarship is open nationally to high school seniors who are considered legally blind and have low vision or are visually impaired, requiring the use of visual aid(s), other than the use of eyeglasses, in their daily life. The purpose of this scholarship is to help students with visual challenges reach their full potential. This will further allow the students to build confidence and self-esteem as they prepare to begin their college or vocational school education. The recipient of this scholarship will be..."
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