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Stimulus checks, accessibility tech, and disability stress, all this and more in this issue of Accessibility for All.

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- Disability and Health Program -

Recent News

[Stimulus Checks Cause Some To Lose Disability Benefits](#)

"Stimulus payments aren't supposed to count against eligibility for social insurance programs like disability benefits, but some people might have lost benefits because of too much money in their bank accounts. The Social Security Administration has suspended disability benefits for some Supplemental Security Income recipients because the stimulus payments pushed their bank accounts above the program's archaic \$2,000 limit, according to legal aid attorneys."

[Apple previews powerful software updates designed for people with disabilities](#)

"Apple announced powerful software features designed for people with mobility, vision, hearing, and cognitive disabilities. These next-generation technologies showcase Apple's belief that accessibility is a human right and advance the company's long history of delivering industry-leading features that make Apple products customizable for all users."

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Upcoming Events and Opportunities

[2021 Deaf in Government Virtual Conference and Expo](#)

June 3, 2021

***Registration required**

"DIG Conference & Expo seeks to provide available resources, services, and demonstration of current technologies of

Colleges Prep Students With Intellectual, Developmental Disabilities For Jobs

"It is graduation season, and the University of Northern Colorado just graduated the first class in its inclusive higher education program. This is designed for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

The Mental Toll of Disability Is Inflating — We Have to Do Something

"There are 1 billion disabled people worldwide, and 1 in 4 American adults live with a disability. Yet even in countries where access is a legal right, our needs are an afterthought. In the U.K., nearly half of all people living in poverty are disabled, and they are 28.6 percent less likely to be employed than nondisabled people. In the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, 6 in 10 COVID-19 deaths in the U.K. were disabled lives.

Globally, disabled people are disproportionately impacted by natural hazards due to inaccessible disaster relief. It's no wonder, then, that 32.9 percent of disabled adults in the United States reported experiencing frequent mental distress. And that was in 2018 — before being in the midst of a pandemic devaluing disabled lives. Clearly, something needs to shift."

New virtual reality gaming system transforms exercise therapy for children with physical disability

"A newly developed telehealth program using virtual reality gaming is demonstrating promise for improving health among children with physical disabilities. The "tele-exergaming" program, developed by researchers in the UAB/Lakeshore Foundation Research Collaborative,

accessibility, career advancement, networking, and job opportunities, to build a bridge to collaborate with available resources, companies for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing employees from all levels of government. Other attendees may include those who work with Deaf and Hard of Hearing employees; such as, human resource managers, Equal Employment Opportunity specialists, agency representatives, supervisors, and hearing colleagues. The audience ranges from new professionals to professionals in all government-related fields (from IT professionals to financial analysts) with more than ten years of experience. The world is always changing and as we adjust, we want you to join us by celebrating "The Power Of You"."

APHA Disability Section First Annual Twitter Conference

July 26th, 2021

"What to expect in a Twitter Conference? A compilation of short video-recorded oral presentations and shared images of poster presentations." Presenters will be available during the conference to answer questions live on Twitter!

is the result of a first-of-its-kind pilot study using this technology in rehabilitation."

WHO World Report on Hearing 2021

"WHO estimates that by 2050 nearly 2.5 billion people will be living with some degree of hearing loss, at least 700 million of whom will require rehabilitation services. Failure to act will be costly in terms of the health and well-being of those affected, and the financial losses arising from their exclusion from communication, education and employment."

The Changing Face of Science

"Academic science is much more diverse than it was a generation ago, even if it still has a ways to go. That's according to a new report on women, minorities and people with disabilities from the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics at the National Science Foundation. Numerous equity and inclusion advocates within the sciences said they welcomed the NSF's report, which helps shed light on historically excluded groups within the sciences, particularly on one understudied group: scientists with disabilities."

We Need To Rethink The Penalties And Rewards Of Identifying As "Disabled"

"The CDC estimates that 61 million American adults have some kind of disability. That's 24%, or 1 in 4 who have some kind of significant physical, cognitive, or mental impairment. Such a high population should enable disabled Americans to wield real influence on disability policy and practices, as well as cultural attitudes about disability. But not everyone who has disabilities readily identifies themselves as disabled, or



Webinars & Applications

[APHA Disability Section: Mentor Webinar](#)

Thursday, June 3rd, 2021

1:00pm-2:30pm EST

***Registration required**

"Webinar Description:

This webinar will cover topics surrounding ways in which mentors can support their mentees who are students or early career professionals with disabilities and ways to ensure they are providing appropriate supports and accommodations.

Who Should Attend:

-Anyone who may be mentoring a student or early career professional or

-Any student or early career professional that identifies as having or disability or needs additional supports or accommodations.

Please Note:

-There is no cost for this webinar.

-CEUs are not offered for this webinar.

-This webinar will be held on the Zoom Platform. You can test your connection with Zoom before joining the meeting here.

-For disability

thinks of themselves as part of the population generally understood to be disabled."

DCPG Partner Spotlight

PetSmart Charities Scholarship Recipient Devon Mims

Congratulations to our DCPG partner Devon Mims for receiving the inaugural Steve Marton Veterinary Student Scholarship from PetSmart Charities! We're so proud and excited to see your continued work uplifting people in marginalized communities.

UF Department of Health Education and Behavior PhD Student of the Year Tyler G. James

Congratulations to our DCPG partner Tyler G. James for being awarded PhD Student of the Year 2020-2021! We're thrilled to see your incredible work for people with disabilities being acknowledged!

Tips, Briefs, & Guides

Information About the Alternative Media Center

"The Alternative Media Center (AMC) provides a variety of accessible products to help people who use assistive technology such as screen reading software, refreshable Braille displays and screen magnifying software. These products include tax forms, instructions and publications that can be downloaded or viewed online as Section 508 compliant PDF, HTML, eBraille, text and large print. Please note that every product is not available in all

accommodations, email jtuell@aucd.org.

-This webinar will be archived."

The Jan La Belle Scholarship

**Deadline: Wednesday,
June 30th, 2021**

"The Jan La Belle Scholarship Program was established in 2009 to provide a financial resource to individuals with disabilities who desire to pursue their personal and career goals through attendance at a post-secondary institution. One or more Jan La Belle Scholarship winners are selected annually for a total possible non-renewable award. Award amounts are based on several factors, including available funds and number of eligible applicants. Applicant must be an individual with a disability. Applicant must be a Florida resident. Applicant must be an individual 16 to 24 years of age who is entering as a first-time student at any institution of higher learning, whether academic or vocational. "

formats. For example, tax forms are not available as HTML. The AMC operates a facility to produce interpoint Braille and large print pages. The AMC also has Braille transcriptionists who use translation software to deliver customized translation services."

iStock Tips for Visualizing Authentic Representation of People with Disabilities

"iStock celebrates the three-year anniversary of The Disability Collection, launched in partnership with Verizon Media and the National Disability Leadership Alliance (NDLA) to depict authentic, diverse representations of people with disabilities in media, marketing and advertising. According to iStock Visual GPS research, nearly 8 in 10 people globally expect that the businesses they engage with are consistently committed to inclusivity and diversity in their visual communications. The data also reveals that 6 out of 10 people prefer to buy from businesses that are founded by or represent people like themselves. For businesses of all sizes seeking to build confidence with their audience(s), iStock has unveiled a series of tips to keep in mind when selecting inclusive visuals this Global Accessibility Awareness Day and beyond."

Graduate School Success for Students with Disabilities

"The National Center for Education Statistics reports that graduate students with disabilities make up just eight percent of the student body. Disabilities -- defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act as a physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities -- don't have to act as a barrier for prospective graduate students aspiring to further education. This guide offers information on how to best understand your rights in college, receive academic accommodations and tips to succeed in graduate school. There is also specific information for grad students with visual and hearing disabilities, and an



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expert interview discussing how to excel in graduate school as a student with a disability."

Sincerely,

Florida Disability and Health Program

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