News from DHP

Disability Community Planning Group Meeting in Gainesville, FL

The Disability and Health Program (DHP) is planning its May 7th face-to-face meeting of the Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG) in Gainesville, FL. The purpose of the meeting is for members of the DCPG to come together to review the past accomplishments of the Florida Office on Disability and Health, known as the FODH which was funded by the previous grant cycle at the University of Florida, and of the DHP, funded by the current grant cycle and housed in the Florida Department of Health, to discuss current projects that are underway, and to identify how to continue to build on the FODH and the DHP successes. Lindsey Redding of the WellFlorida Council, the state designated local health council for North Central Florida, is assisting in the planning and facilitation of the meeting. If you have question please contact Susan Redmon at Susan.Redmon@flhealth.gov or 850-245-4444, ext. 2961.

In Other News

Summer Camps in Florida

Summer will be here before you know it and

Webinars

Florida Employment First Grassroots Group Meeting
April 17, 2014
3-4:30 PM EST
Hosted by FDDC

Using Video to Enhance Early Intervention Services
April 22, 2014
4-5 PM EST
Hosted by AUCD

The State of Health and Wellness for Individuals with IDD
April 23, 2014
2-3 PM EST
Hosted by The Arc

2014 CAAI Webinar: Autism Spectrum Disorder and Transition
April 30, 2014
if you or someone you know is interested in summer camp, here are some options. Please note, the Disability and Health Program is not promoting these camps but only sharing information for camps. Before you make a commitment for you or your child to attend a camp program, check the accommodations, availability and types of staff (including their training and credentials for providing medical services), and other features so you are certain that specific needs will be met.

- Camp Challenge, run by Easter Seals Florida, is located between Mt. Dora and Sanford, FL, is taking applications for their 2014 summer overnight camp and will be posting the application for their 2014 summer day camp soon. The overnight camp is for children and adults with disabilities or special needs ages 6 to 106 years. The day camp is for children ages 6-12 years. The website has information about camp activities and the cost of each type of camp. There is a financial aid form available for the overnight camp for those who may qualify. For more information, go to their website here. You can call at (352) 383-4711 or email them at camp@fleasterseals.com.

- Camp Boggy Creek is a year-round facility in Eustis, FL for children 7 through 16 years, with chronic or life-threatening illnesses and their families who can come to camp at no charge to them. For more information about the camp activities, how to apply, the week long summer sessions and the family retreat weekends, go to their website here. Their toll-free phone number is 1-
866-462-6449 and their local phone number is 352-483-4200.

- Quest’s Camp Thunderbird has 6 and 12 day overnight summer sessions for children, teens, and adults with special needs located in Apopka, FL. Their camps appear to feature an inclusion program where children with and without special needs can experience camp together. For information about the camps and the ages for each session, cost, and how to apply, go to their website here. They do include a financial aid form for those who qualify. Their toll-free number is 1-888-807-8378 and their local number is 407-218-4300.

- Florida Diabetes Camp is for children and teens with diabetes and conducts camp sessions in a few areas of Florida during the summer. Locations include the Keys, Deland, Tampa, Lake Worth, Starke, Brandon, and Quincy, FL. Their weekend camps offer camping opportunities that can include families, friends, and siblings. For more information on the types of camps, the locations, and the cost go to their website here. Their local phone number is 352-334-1321.

Florida Department of Education wants to hear from you!

The Florida Department of Education is conducting a survey for parents of students who have an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), receive Exceptional Student Education (ESE) services and are currently attending a
Florida Public School. The responses will help guide efforts to improve services and results for children and families. The survey is open until May 31, 2014 and can be found online here.

**CDC releases new Autism data**

The new data from the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network shows that the number of children identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) continues to rise and the picture of ASD in communities has changed. The new data can be used to promote early identification, plan for training and service needs, guide research, and inform policy to help children with ASD and their families. Learn the 10 things you need to know about CDC's latest report here.

**Alcohol Awareness Month activities happening in April**

- The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is promoting the public health message that fecal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs) are completely preventable if women do not drink alcohol while pregnant in a short two minute video here.
- The Frontier Regional FASD Training Center is hosting a self-paced online course for medical and allied health professionals on FASDs. The course is free and offers 3 CEHs for nurses. For more information and to register, click here.
- The Frontier Regional FASD Training Center is also hosting a self-paced
online course for social workers. The course is free and offers 4 Social Work continuing education contact hours. For more information and to register, click here.

**Fact Sheet from The Arc of Florida**

Families of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) have started receiving letters from the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) regarding two Medicaid Managed Care programs that may impact their services. They are the Managed Medical Assistance and Statewide Medicaid Managed Care programs. Some of the letters were sent in error. Other families receiving them may get placed into programs they didn't request or authorize. The Arc of Florida researched the situation and developed a fact sheet to help guide families receiving services from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) through the process. Click here to access the fact sheet.

**The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council seeks new members for the Health Care and Prevention Task Force**

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) is currently seeking Resource Members for its Health Care and Prevention Task Force. This is a group made up of individuals with developmental disabilities, parents, health care professionals, and other advocates. The focus of the Health Care and Prevention Task Force is advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities designed to increase access and capacity to a more coordinated health care system for
individuals with developmental disabilities. Resource members attend all meetings and calls of the Task Force, participate in discussions, and vote on decisions. Anyone who is interested in applying to serve on this task force should contact Holly Hohmeister at 850-488-4180 or hollyh@fddc.org. Applications should be submitted by April 30, 2014.

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council releases a Housing Resource Guide

Affordable housing and community-based services are the keys to independence for people with disabilities. The primary barrier to independent living for many people with disabilities is the ability to afford housing costs in the community. The Resource Guide identifies and explains the housing resources available in each of Florida's communities so that people with developmental disabilities will be better able to access the housing they desire. Click here to access the guide. Additionally, the Housing In Florida, A Personal Assessment Guide is also available on the FDDC website. Click here to access the assessment guide.

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