

Accessibility for All

by the Disability and Health Program

News from DHP

UF sends policy brief about the health status and healthcare access needs of PWD to Florida legislators

In preparation for the upcoming Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day, The University of Florida disseminated a policy brief on the Health Status and Healthcare Access for Persons with Disabilities in Florida to state legislators and their legislative aids. The brief focuses on the health disparities of people with disabilities including health status, healthcare access, health behaviors, chronic illness, and caregivers. The brief is accompanied by a short, confidential survey addressing the knowledge and awareness that state legislators have about people with disabilities and their health-related policy needs. The brief can be found [here](#).

In Other News

Are you interested in becoming a member of the FDDC?

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council is seeking applications to become a member of the council. The current openings



Webinars

[The State of Health and Wellness for Individuals with IDD](#)

April 23, 2014

2-3 PM EST

Hosted by The Arc



Upcoming Events

include an individual with developmental disabilities or an individual who represents a local, non-governmental agency that provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities. If you are interested, please complete the Additional Information Sheet [here](#). Also, please complete the Questionnaire for Gubernatorial Appointment [here](#). Please mail the application to the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, 124 Marriot Drive, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32301 or fax it to 850-922-6702 or email it to debrad@fddc.org

The NDNRC releases new fact sheet: "Rehabilitation and Habilitation Services and Devices"

The fact sheet can help navigators and other enrollment specialists answer questions that people with disabilities might have about what rehabilitation and habilitation services and supports are covered by different health plans. The fact sheet and executive summary can be found [here](#).

2014 Legislative Session began on March 1, 2014

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council released the "Capitol Update" which will provide information on the Waitlist, House and Senate bills and other disability-related information. The most recent issue can be found be [here](#).

The 2014 Healthy Lunchtime Challenge & Kids' State Dinner

Kids between the ages of 8-12 are invited to submit an original lunch recipe inspired by

[Camp TBi](#)

June 6-8, 2014
Life Enrichment Center
Fruitland Park, FL

[2014 Florida Fights FASD Conference](#)

June 18, 2014
9 AM - 4 PM
Tampa, FL

[The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities \(AAIDD\) Annual Conference](#)

June 23-26, 2014
Orlando, FL at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel



About the DHP

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[MyPlate](#). The winner will attend the Kids' "State Dinner" hosted by the First Lady at the White House in Washington, D.C. Entries are due April 5, 2014. Learn more and enter the challenge [here](#).

Education Directory for Children of Military Families with Special Needs

The Department of Defense has developed the Education Directory for Children with Special Needs, which provides military families with children with special needs the information they need to make informed assignment decisions and easier transitions. The directory consists of two components:

- The Early Intervention Directory focusing on early intervention services for children birth through 3 years old.
- The School-Age Directory focusing on education services for children with special needs, 3 through 21 years old.

The Early Intervention Directory summarizes national and state level early intervention trends and includes descriptions of local early intervention service providers. The School-Age Directory summarizes national and state level trends for special education and includes descriptions of individual school districts. Both components provides tools and resources to help with the transition to a new location. Check out the directory [here](#).

HUD announces funding to prevent homelessness for PWD

The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is providing \$120 million in rental assistance to prevent PWD from

becoming homeless or having to live in institutions. The funding will go to state housing agencies in order to develop long-term rental assistance programs for low-income PWD. The deadline for housing agencies to apply is May 5, 2014. Learn more about the grant opportunity [here](#).

PIP has 3 new locations in Florida

Partners in Policymaking (PIP) is expanding to three locations at Nova Southeastern University campuses in Jacksonville, Tampa, and Fort Lauderdale-Davie. PIP is a leadership and advocacy training program that teaches self advocates and family members how to be community leaders and obtain the best services. Please apply [here](#).

NASUAD announces Call for Sessions for 30th Annual HCBS Conference

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) announced the Call for Sessions for the 30th Annual National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference on September 15-18, 2014 in Arlington, VA. Proposals are due on March 31, 2014. Find more information [here](#).

Best,

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