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by the Disability and Health Program

News from DHP

The DHP needs your feedback on our needs assessment survey

The Disability and Health Program (DHP) is interested in learning about the needs of the consumers with disabilities you serve. As such, we have created a survey to gather information necessary to tailor our activities for Year 3 and to inform our Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG) surrounding the needs of Floridians with disabilities. We would greatly appreciate your feedback based on the knowledge you have about your consumers.

The survey should take about 30 minutes.

We know that you are very busy and would appreciate it greatly if you answered as many questions in short answer form to help us produce a list of proposed recommendations to relay back to all who participated. Your thoughts and opinions are very important to us!

We ask that you complete the following survey no later than **June 6th**, your responses will be confidential and the information you provide will be integral in guiding our efforts as we move forward.



Webinars

[Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive!](#)

May 27, 2014

4 - 5 PM EST

Hosted by AUCD's Early Intervention/Early Childhood (EIEC) Special Interest Group

[Removing Access Barriers for Autistic College Students - Peer Mentor Model](#)

May 27, 2014

2 - 3 PM EST

[Environmental Factors for Individuals with](#)

The link to our web survey needs assessment is: https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eo1wefdawDlt4eV

If you have any questions please contact Claudia at: ctamayo@php.ufl.edu or by phone: 352-273-5279

Disability Community Planning Group Meeting Great Success

The Disability and Health Program (DHP) hosted first face-to-face meeting of the Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG) on May 7th in Gainesville, FL. The meeting was a chance for members of the DCPG to get together and review the past accomplishments of the Florida Office on Disability and Health, 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, and 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, planned and facilitated the meeting. The speakers of the event were Kelli Bloom, BS, M.Ed, Director of Employment Services and Assistive Technology; FAAST Northeast Regional Coordinator and Rena Brewer RN, MA, Director of the Southeast TeleHealth Resource Center.

In Other News

Announcing a new HCBS

[Disabilities](#)

May 28, 2014

2 - 3 PM EST

[Disability and Health in Florida: Results from the 2014 Disability Data Report](#)

June 4, 2014

2 - 3 PM EST

[The Most Common Medical Problem in Specialized Care for People with IDD](#)

June 25, 2014

2 - 3 PM EST



Upcoming Events

[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

Advocacy website

HCBsadvocacy.org is a new website created by the National DD Network partners for the aging and disability communities to post information and resources about the new HCBS settings rule. The site is intended to be a go-to place for advocacy and information about how each state is implementing the new rule. If you have new or resources to share, please send them to hcbsadvocacy@gmail.com.

16th Annual Family Cafe set for June 6-8, 2014

The "Sweet Sixteen" 16th Annual Family Cafe is set for June 6-8, 2014 at the Hilton Orlando in Orlando, FL. This three day event provides a venue for people with disabilities and their families to learn about available services, connect with policy makers and network with each other. It features dozens of breakout sessions, a full Exhibit Hall, a series of Keynotes and multiple opportunities to interact with other families informally. For more information, please click [here](#).

Self-Advocates Meeting on June 25, 2014 in Lake Buena Vista, FL

On Wednesday, June 25, 2014 the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council and the Institute for Community Inclusion are meeting in-person with self-advocates to talk about employment for people with developmental disabilities. Click [here](#) to access the flyer for more detailed information. Please forward to self-advocates, families, and others who may be interested in participating. For more information contact John Kramer



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, the DHP is housed under the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention in Tallahassee, FL with partnership from the University of Florida.

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American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Annual Conference

The AAIDD Annual Meeting, provides researchers, clinicians, practitioners, educators, policymakers, local, state and federal agencies, and advocates with cutting edge research, effective practices, and valuable information on important policy initiatives. APD, FDDC, and FCIC are all cosponsors. The meeting takes place on June 23-26, 2014 in Orlando, FL. For more information, please click [here](#).

New Data and Tools from CDC on Physical Activity for Adults with Disabilities

The CDC National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities offered a package of products and tools to help doctors and other health professionals in promoting physical activity among their adult patients with disabilities. This resource is in light of new data showing that most adults with disabilities are able to participate in physical activity yet nearly half of them get no aerobic physical activity. Check out the new tools [here](#).

Increase inclusion with new directory

A new resource from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) helps businesses and federal contractors fulfill their hiring requirements under the historic regulatory updates to Section 503 and VEVRAA, which went into effect in March. Developed by the Office

of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), the Disability and Veterans Community Resource Directory centralizes information about national, state, and local organizations and can help business source qualified workers with disabilities, including veterans. Click [here](#) to read more.

Medicaid Managed Medical Assistance Information from FDDC

May 1st was the first day of the Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) program in Regions 2, 3, and 4. This is for people who receive Medicaid and are enrolled in a Managed Care Plan. Individuals with developmental disabilities are NOT required to enroll in a MMA plan but can do so if they desire. For those individuals who choose to enroll in the MMA, the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) wants to make sure that services continue and are not interrupted during the move to MMA.

Listed below are information and resources to help in the move to MMA:

- Click [here](#) for the latest information and updates. To view webinars about the MMA program, click on "News and Events" and "Event and Training Materials"
- Click [here](#) for more information about Transportation services.
- Click [here](#) for Fact Sheets from ArcFlorida with information for persons with developmental disabilities who do not want to sign up for managed care.
- AHCA has shared these tips about filling prescriptions as people move to a MMA health plan:

- One month before the MMA program starts, ask your pharmacy for a list of your prescriptions filled in the last four months.
- If you need to change pharmacies, take your prescription bottles and a list of your last four months of prescriptions to your new pharmacy.
- You can continue to receive the same medications for up to 60 days after you are in your new MMA plan. This will give you time to see your doctor, if you need to update your prescriptions or to have your new plan approve your medications.

If you have questions or concerns as the program rolls out, please use the secure online complaint website [here](#) (select the blue "Report a Complaint" button). If you need help completing this form or wish to talk to someone about your issue, please contact your local Area Office. For a list of phone numbers for the Area Offices, click [here](#).

Federal legislative updates

For information on the current status of federal legislative issues important to people with disabilities, see the fact sheets [here](#), under the heading of 2014 Fact Sheets, developed for the Disability Policy Seminar that took place April 7-9, 2014. That website also contains other information from the 2014 Disability Policy Seminar.

JustWalkers.com Mobility Scholarship Program

[JustWalkers.com](#) understands how limited

mobility can be a major challenge in an academic setting. That is why they are proud to offer the \$1,000 JustWalkers.com Mobility Scholarship — open to all college students with limited mobility who use a wheelchair, power scooter, crutches, rollator, or other mobility device on a regular basis.

To enter, students write a 600 word maximum essay on the following prompt: Describe a time when you faced a major obstacle. What did you do and what did the experience teach you? The selection process is straightforward. Essays will be read by a committee and the winner will be selected based on merit and creative storytelling. The winning essay will be published on the JustWalkers.com website on July 31 along with the winner's name and photo. Funds will be sent directly to the winner's college/university to be used toward their tuition. The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2014. For more information, please click [here](#).

This and many other scholarships can be found at Florida Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center's scholarship page, <http://www.fscirc.com/a-z-resource/scholarships>, so take a look and see if you qualify for some funding to further your secondary education.

Best,

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