

Updated Resource Guides, Cash Prize Contests, and YouTube Stars! This and more in this issue of Accessibility for All.

Accessibility for All

by the Disability and Health Program

News from DHP

Updated Website Resources!

The Disability and Health Program (DHP) is pleased to announce the following updates to our website: The DHP's DVD on health and wellness, healthy diets and weights, and physical activity and fitness is now available on YouTube. Each of these three modules lasts about 20 minutes and can be found under "videos" on the DHP website ([click here](#)).

The electronic version of the "Disability and Health: A Guide for Floridians" is additionally newly available on the webpage, also available by [clicking here](#).



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Upcoming Events

Project Enable Community Coalition Project Meeting
January 22, 2015; 3:00 PM at the Arc in Gainesville, FL
What: Project Enable is a new organization dedicated to provide support and respite for your I/DD loved ones who are on the Med Waiver Waitlist. They want to provide reliable respite support, free of charge.

Assistive Technology Industry Association Conference
January 27-31, 2015 at

Other News

Abilities Work Has Launched!

Where there's a will, there's a way...and now that the Abilities Work Web Portal and Help desk has opened, employers will be able to link to job seekers who have disabilities. Click [here](#) to access the Web Portal and Help Desk.

New Online Master of

Science Degree Available

The University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences has announced their inaugural semester this Spring of a new fully online Master of Science degree in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health. They are continuing to enroll for their Fall 2015 cohort and will accept applications through April 2015. For more information visit their website [here](#), or email [Sandra Dwinell](#), Admissions Advisor.

the Caribe Royal All-Suite Hotel and Convention Center in Orlando, FL
What: The largest international conference showcasing excellence in assistive technology (AT), with more than 100 AT manufacturers, service providers, educational institutions and non profits represented in the Exhibit Hall.

Request for Transportation Voucher Pilot Project Proposals

The Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc. have joined together to fund two pilot projects of up to \$150,000 each for the development of voucher pilot programs to serve Florida's residents with developmental disabilities. Click [here](#) for details of the request for proposals.



Webinars

The Commit to Inclusion Campaign and the Guidelines to Disability Inclusion in Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Obesity Programs and Policies
January 13, 2015; 2:00 pm EST

This webinar will cover the newly introduced Guidelines to Disability Inclusion in Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Obesity Programs and Policies and the Commit to Inclusion campaign that promotes the Guidelines. Click [here](#) to register.

New Website for the Florida Department of Education

The Florida Department of Education has recently launched a redesigned website with improved functionality. To access the site, visit <http://www.fl DOE.org/>. For the homepage of the bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS), go to <http://www.fl DOE.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu>.

Writing Contest for Fifth

How Much Alcohol Can a Woman Drink During

Graders

To create awareness among the children of Florida, the Florida Department of Education has announced an essay contest to be held in conjunction with Florida Missing Children's Day (Monday, September 14, 2015).

The statewide essay winner will read his or her essay during the ceremony in Tallahassee and will receive a trophy, a \$100 cash award, and a Universal Studios Very Important Person package. The essay contest theme is

"This is how I stay safe all day." Please visit www.fmcdf.org/contests/ for essay contest guidelines.

Essays must be submitted by February 16, 2015.

Florida Youth Leadership Forum Applications Open

Online applications for the 2015 Florida Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) are now available. All Florida high school students with disabilities under the age of 19 are encouraged to apply. YLF is a four-day leadership and social training event sponsored by The Able Trust. All room, board, activity, and travel costs will be covered by The Able Trust. For more information about YLF and to apply online, visit <http://www.floridaylf.org> or send an email to info@abletrust.org.

New Cultural and Linguistic Competency Resources Available

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) has recently posted three new resources on cultural competency, regional health equity councils, and websites for limited English proficiency (LEP) that can be found by [clicking here](#).

Pregnancy and Not Harm Her Baby? Why the Answer is None.
January 14, 2pm EST
This webinar features Dr. Sandra Kelly, Professor & Experimental Program Director, Department of Psychology, University of Southern Carolina, discussing the evidence showing that alcohol during developmental is harmful to the developing fetus with particular emphasis on the brain. Register now by [clicking here](#).

Helping People with Disabilities Get the Healthcare Coverage They Need
January 15, 2015; 2:00 pm EST
The American Association on Health and Disability is hosting a webinar featuring a representative from the White House Office of Public Engagement on healthcare coverage and enrollment for people with disabilities. To register, [click here](#).

Employment First Florida Grassroots Group
January 20, 2015; 3:00 pm EST
The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council and the Institute for Community Inclusion are forming a grassroots group. The group will discuss Employment

Practical Guide to Tele- Intervention

The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) is currently exploring the use of telehealth (the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support long distance health care) as a mechanism for delivering services to children and families who would otherwise go without needed services. Through a learning community comprised of invited professionals, a resource guide to Tele-intervention was created. To read more, [click here](#).

Tuesdays with Liz: Disability Policy for All

Tuesdays with Liz is a brief video spot featuring AUCD policy staffer, Liz Weintraub, discussing current policy issues. This more accessible policy brief is intended to highlight major issues discussed in [AUCD Disability Policy News In Brief](#) in a way that is more fun and easy to understand. This [first edition of the new year focuses on the 114th Congress](#); for more information please view [the introductory video](#).

DaSilva Gets Gold NEW MOBILITY names filmmaker 2014's Person of the Year

Jason DaSilva was diagnosed with primary progressive multiple sclerosis when he was 25 years old. His response was to spend the next several years filming his life's struggles and joys, film pieces that culminated in an acclaimed documentary entitled *When I Walk*. Starting with his diagnosis in 2006, the film follows DaSilva's journey for a cure through places like India, France, and the U.S., and audiences watch him try herbal remedies,

First and policies and state agency services that aim to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Teachers, family members, people with disabilities, self-advocates, transition specialists, community rehabilitation providers and others are invited to participate in these monthly meetings. To register for the event, [click here](#).

Positive Supports and Cross Systems Crisis Intervention Planning

January 21, 2015; 3:00 pm EST

This webinar will address positive behavior supports for people with I/DD, and approaches to cross system crisis intervention planning.

[Click here](#) to register.

What's Due? What's New? - IRS Tax Season 2015

January 21, 2015; 5:00 pm EST

The Florida Center for Inclusive Communities will provide an overview of the upcoming 2015 federal income tax filing season, including filing options and deadlines, as well as will explain other tax items of interest to persons with disabilities and two new provisions of the Affordable Care Act. [Click here](#) for more

undergo brain surgery, fall in love, and start a family.

To read more, [click here](#).

information.

**Who's Leading the
Leading Health
Indicators- Access to
Health Services
January 22, 2015;
12:00 pm EST**

Access to and utilization of quality health care can greatly affect a person's health. To learn how one organization is improving access to health services in its community and resources available to help address this issue in your community, register by [clicking here](#).

**AAIDD Webinar: Sexual
Boundary Violations
by Individuals with
Intellectual Disability:
A Statewide Screening
Program**

**February 4, 2015; 2:00
pm EST**

Through a Preliminary Risk Screening (PRS) process, indicators of risk and methods of managing/attenuating factors associated with sexual risk have been assessed through an educational, non-pathologizing framework. [Click here](#) to register.

Get Involved

Call for Public Comments

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT is accepting public comments on a draft version of the [Federal Health IT Strategic Plan 2015-2020](#). This plan represents a coordinated and focused effort among 35+ federal departments and agencies to advance the collection, sharing, and use of electronic health information to improve health care, individual and community health, and research. The deadline for public comments is 5:00 pm EST on February 6, 2015.

[Click here](#) to submit your comments.

Best,

Florida Disability and Health Program

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