Wishing Susan Redmon a happy retirement, Disability Employment Month, Guidebooks and more in this issue of Accessibility for All.

Accessibility for All
by the Disability and Health Program

Thank You Susan!
A special message from Program Manager for the Disability and Health Program in Florida, Susan Redmon:

"I began as the Program manager for the Disability and Health Program (DHP) at the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) in September of 2012. I am retiring and my last day is October 15th. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved or associated with the DHP during that time. My colleagues at the FDOH and our contracted partners at the University of Florida have been very supportive and collaborative, as many of the Disability Community Planning Group and readers of Accessibility for All have been. I look forward to opportunities to

Upcoming Events

Florida Rehabilitation Council
Public Forum
October 13, 5-6 pm, Fort Myers Beach, FL
What: The Florida Rehabilitation Council and Vocational Rehabilitation would like to invite you and other interested parties to the next public forum. This is an opportunity to share your success story or concerns with Council Members. For more information, call FRC staff at 850-245-3397 or 1-800-451-4327.

FSSP Training Workshop -Florida Deaf-Blind Association
October 17, 9am-5pm, Jacksonville, FL
What: Florida Support Service Providers (FSSP) is holding a training workshop to teach sighted participants how to guide safely and effectively, how to relay visual information, and more. Each participant will wear
continue as an active advocate for persons with disabilities, spend more time with my family, and start/continue/finish all those projects that there never seem to be enough hours in the day to work on. Thanks for all that each of you do to promote a more inclusive world for all individuals, especially those with disabilities."

Susan, on behalf of UF branch of the DHP, thank you for all that you have done and all that you will continue to do. You are an incredible individual and we are lucky to have worked with you.

October is Disability Employment Month

Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet have declared October as Disability Employment Awareness Month. Throughout October, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) and its partner agencies will be promoting the valuable skills individuals with disabilities contribute to the workforce.

New CDC Websites for Schools

Last month, the CDC launched two new websites for schools. Healthy Schools Website focuses on the nutrition environment, physical activity, obesity prevention, engaging parents in health and learning and more. The Healthy Youth Website focuses on HIV, STD, and pregnancy prevention, safe and supportive school environments, trends in school health policies and more.

blindfolds or vision stimulator glasses and earplugs to experience how the deaf-blind function in various activities. Contact Darlene Laibl-Crow (386-546-5706, dlaiblcrowe@att.net) for more information, or click here.

Making Sense of the Madness
October 20, 9am-4pm, Sarasota, FL
What: Jeff Noble, founder and CEO of Noble Initiatives, an organization that provides hope and education to people caring for someone living with a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD), will cover information on what a FASD is, understanding brain dysfunction, primary and secondary disabilities and more. To save your seat, call 941-371-8820x1025 or email michelle.moreno@thefloridacenter.org

Effective Strategies for Communicating with People Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and Others with Access and Functional Needs
October 27, 8am-5pm, Tallahassee, FL
October 28, 8am-5pm, Gainesville, FL
Emergency managers, law enforcement personnel, emergency medical services personnel, and other health care workers are encouraged to attend. This training will teach the importance of effective communication, how to avoid legal and safety missteps, ways to provide effective communication and more. Register through SERT TRAC.

Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD) Conference
Registration now open!
Click here to register for the AUCD conference, or to learn more.
Collaboration Expands Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities

The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) signed a new memorandum of agreement (MOA) on September 11, 2015. Under the agreement, the two agencies will continue to work together to expand and promote competitive, integrated employment as the first employment option for individuals with significant disabilities. To read more about ACL and this collaboration, click here.

Deaf-Blind Floridians Registry Database

The Florida Deaf-Blind Association has created a new registry for Florida residents who are both blind or legally blind and deaf or hard of hearing. The goal of the registry is to present stakeholders with data to create effective laws and resources benefiting Floridians with combined vision and hearing loss. Click here for more.

2014 BRFSS Data Available

The CDC has announced the release of the 2014 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Data. The BRFSS is a unique, state-based surveillance system

Webinars and Educational Tools

Autism Spectrum Disorder: An Overview for Educators

The IRIS Center has released a free online module, which provides information on the early warning signs of ASD, the difference between a medical diagnosis and an educational determination of ASD, the strengths and needs of children with ASD, key team members, how family members might be affected, and strategies teachers can use when working with children with ASD. It includes video examples, practice vignettes, and recorded interviews. Click here.

Disability Awareness through English and Language Arts: Resources for Middle and High School

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council has announced a new curriculum available for download. The curriculum has been created for educators and families, and through the resource students can develop respect and acceptance for individual differences. The course includes rigorous English and Language Arts activities that focus on disability awareness. To access the publication, click here.
active in all 50 states, and collects information on health risk behaviors, clinical preventative health practices, care access, and more. To access the files, click here.

Test Your Knowledge!

As we approach the start of open enrollment, here's a short quiz from the Commonwealth Fund to test your knowledge of health insurance in America and how the Affordable Care Act has affected premiums and uninsured rates. If you're interested in having a little fun and testing yourself, click here.

Tools and Resources for Adult Life

The Employment Task Force of the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council has introduced a new publication, created to help individuals with I/DD and their families connect to tools and identified available resources. The guide explores a range of opportunities in critical areas of employment, education, community resources, transportation and self-advocacy. This publication is available in English or Spanish.

Employment First Collaborative Training Toolkit (EFCT)

The EFCT provides a guide for all employment service professionals- from executive directors and managers to front-
line direct support staff, including funders of vocational services - to assess current capacity and training needs and to identify options for addressing them. It is not a performance evaluation tool, but an assessment of training and professional development. For more detailed information click here. To access the toolkit click here.

Bike Smart, Wear a Helmet!

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute for bicycle helmet related information (www.helmets.org) and they have posted a preview of Helmets for 2016 there.

Briefs, Guides, and Tip Sheets

Guide: How Airlines Should Serve Individuals with Disabilities

The Department of Transportation has issued guidance clarifying disability service rules for airlines. The guidance offers suggestions about how to better serve passengers with autism and other developmental disabilities. Read more at Disability Scoop.

Guidebook for Teachers:
Inclusive Physical Education

This guidebook for educators is a collaborative project of the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD) and the Disability and Health Program of Alabama that seeks to provide educators with a "playbook" to help create environments that foster a lifetime of healthy habits and sports participation for all students, regardless of ability level.

Tip Sheets: FCIC

The Florida Center for Inclusive Communities has worked together with the University of South Florida to create two new tip sheets. Click the following to access Education for Lifelong Health: How do I talk to my doctor? and Improving Communication with Patients who have Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Awards, Scholarships, and Applications

Community Outreach Collaboratives

If you are looking for local partners to help with outreach to the disability community, the NDNRC has funded eleven Community Outreach Collaboratives (COCs) for the second year of enrollment. The COCs will
increase collaborations in the community, dissemination and outreach efforts and enrollment of people with disabilities in the ACA. To find a COC, click here.

Call for Proposals: Benefits Enrollment Centers

The National Council on Aging’s Center for benefits Access has 8 grants available for a 16-month period to selected organizations for the implementation of Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs). BECs provide person-centered enrollment assistance to low income Medicare beneficiaries on five core programs, as well as other benefits that may be available in their communities. The grant awards will be up to $100,000. If you are interested submitting an application, please submit it by Friday, November 13, 2015, at 5 p.m. ET. You may also submit an optional notice of intent, which is due by Thursday, October 15, 2015, 5 p.m. ET. View the RFP. View grant details.

Awardees Announced for 2015 Alzheimer's Disease Initiative

Congratulations to the Alzheimer's Community Cares, Inc. (FL) on being announced as a winner of the 2015 Alzheimer’s Disease Initiative: Specialized Supportive Services funding project! ACL will distribute up to $10,382,537 among the 11 winning organizations.
Best,
Florida Disability and Health Program

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