

Apprenticeship training modules, possible airline changes, hiring on the rise, and more in this issue of Accessibility for All.

# Accessibility for All

## by the Disability and Health Program

### Welcome Bryan!

We would like to introduce our New Program Manager! Bryan started last week at DOH, and we are excited to have him on board.

Bryan has worked for the past three years as the Program Manager for the Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) and Ticket to Work (TTW) program with CareerSource Gulf Coast. His main goals were to assist PWDs with obtaining full-time employment, promoting systems change in the workforce, and promoting financial literacy among the PWD clients. Prior to CareerSource, he worked for the FL DOH as a Program Manager in youth alcohol prevention and a Regional Coordinator for Communities Putting Prevention to Work.

He is a proud Dad of one human child (11-year old boy) and four furry children (2 huskies, 1 Lab, 1 Border Collie). He is a Tuscaloosa, AL native. He has his B.A. in Public Relations from The University of Alabama. He has been living in NW Florida for 12 years, and he loves living by the beach.

As you can see, he is a great fit for the DHP. We are eager to move forward with him on the team!

### Confused Over Drug Coverage?

Finding answers about drug coverage can be at times difficult. If you ever find yourself in this position, consider using Kaiser Health News tips on how to determine



### Upcoming Events

#### Clearwater Baseball League Registration

January 20, 2016,  
6:00pm-8:00pm,  
Clearwater, FL

What: This baseball program is designed for children and adults with special needs. The Spring season games are held on Saturday's from February to May. There are various registration dates, so see if there is still time to register! To learn more, [click here.](#)

whether a particular drug is covered by your health plan.

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

## Addressing Mental Health in Disasters

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), volunteers who provide a variety of emergency response services, to address the mental health needs of their communities. They respond to natural disasters and acts of terrorism through the use of Psychological First Aid (PFA). To learn more about MRC and PFA, [click here](#).

## Bill to Expand Scholarship Program!

For the upcoming legislative session, a school choice bill is set to increase 37% of the amount of scholarship money for parents of children with special learning needs. This scholarship money is allocated for private school tuition, curriculum and materials, and therapeutic services. To learn more, [click here](#).

## Racial and Ethnic Disparities

A study conducted using data from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey and National Health Interview Survey found that Latino and Black adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities have significantly worse health compared to their white peers with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The study includes policy around health disparities. To learn more, [click here](#).

## Possible Airline Changes

The U.S. Department of Transportation are taking steps to ensure fliers with disabilities have more accessible bathrooms on single-aisle airplanes, have better access to in-flight entertainment, and create a

### CARD 23rd Annual Conference - Learn and Lead Across the Autism Spectrum

January 29-31, 2016, Various Times, Orlando, FL

What: This statewide conference, hosted by the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD), provides information on state-of-the-art practices in areas that promote education, early intervention, and quality community based life-styles for individuals with deaf-blindness, autism, and related disabilities. To learn more about the conference, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#).



## Webinars and Educational Tools

**Creating Walkable Communities: A Health in All Policies Approach**  
Tuesday, January 19,

more consistent definition for service animals. To learn more, [click here](#).

## Hiring On The Rise

The Labor Department indicated that the nation's economy added 292,000. New data showed that the unemployment rate for individuals with disabilities in the U.S. dropped from 12.1% in November 2015 to 10.3% in December 2015. To learn more, [click here](#).

## Briefs, Guides, and Tip Sheets

### Apprenticeship Workshop Training Modules

Apprenticeship is a job that allows for learning job skills, while earning an income and ultimately attaining a widely recognized certificate of proficiency and completion. The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability, with the support of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, has created two apprenticeship training modules that focus on preparing and placing youth and young adults with disabilities in an apprenticeship. To learn more, [click here](#).

### Accessible Fitness

The National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD) and Beneficial Designs, Inc. partnered to create a guide for wheelchair users on using fitness equipment. This 52-page guide illustrates how to incorporate physical activity into your life through pictures and detailed explanations. Before using this program, please contact your physician if you have

2016, 1:00-2:00pm  
This webinar focuses on the importance of increasing physical activity through walking and creating safe and walkable communities for people of all ages and abilities. The webinar highlights how state and local communities using an interdisciplinary approach to design walkable communities for all. To register, [click here](#).

### Trends in Web Accessibility

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 1:00-2:00pm

This webinar, hosted by Cornell University, examines the issue of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the web. It focuses on the regulations effecting web access for people with disabilities. To register, [click here](#).



### Awards, Scholarships, and Applications

any concerns. To access the PDF, [click here.](#)

## Guide: Responding to Suspected Abuse

The Disability and Abuse Project of Spectrum Institute has a Guide for Responding to Suspected Abuse of People with Developmental Disabilities. For the English version of this PDF, [click here.](#) For the Spanish version of this PDF, [click here.](#)

## Healthy Weight and Obesity Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published a Healthy Weight and Obesity Prevention in Schools for children with disabilities. The brief includes considerations for school initiatives and the various obesity related risk factors in children with special needs.

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

**Best,**

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<http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/people-with-disabilities/disability-and-health-program/index.html>

<http://fodh.php.ufl.edu>

### 2016 Autism Campus Inclusion (ACI) Leadership Academy

Deadline: Sunday, February 21, 2016

The Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN) is accepting applications for the ACI summer leadership training program. This program equips Autistic students with the skills to create system change on their college campus. Travel and lodging are fully covered by ASAN! To learn more, [click here.](#)

### 2016 Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability

Deadline: February 1, 2016

The Mobility International USA (MIUSA) Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability (WILD) brings together 20 women leaders with disabilities from 20 different countries to strengthen leadership skills and build international networks. This 3-week program consists of seminars, discussion, workshops, and team-building activities. To learn more, [click here.](#)



## About the DHP

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