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Disability-friendly zip-line, transitioning to independent living, a Guide to Federal Student Aid, and more in this issue of Accessibility for All.

# Accessibility for All

## by the Disability and Health Program

### Recent News

#### Adaptive Stylish Clothing

Runway of Dreams, a non-profit organization that works to create fashionable, adaptive clothing, has partnered with Tommy Hilfiger to create an adaptive clothing line for children with special needs. These clothing items include modifications, such as magnets and velcro, to allow for easy on and off for children with special needs. To read more, [click here](#). To view the clothing line, [click here](#).

#### ED accommodations for children with autism

Nemour's Children's Hospital in Orlando, FL has implemented a program known as REACH, Respecting Each Awesome Child Here, in its Emergency Department (ED). This program identifies children who have an autism spectrum disorder or other behavioral and developmental conditions and accommodates their special needs until they leave. To learn more, [click here](#).

#### Disability-friendly Zip Line!

Who is ready to "fly" over a marsh of over 100 alligators? GatorLand is a 110-acre theme park and wildlife preserve in Orlando, Florida. They have

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### Upcoming Events

**2016 Information and Technology Symposium for Accessibility**  
**March 15, 2016,**  
**8:00am-5:00pm,**  
**Jacksonville, FL**

This symposium, held by The City of Jacksonville, will focus on WCAG 2.0, Training and Expertise for Accessibility, and Assertive Technology workshops. Discussions will include topics applicable to designers, developers, quality assurance specialists, project manager, and

designed a zip line suitable for people with mobility challenges known as Gator Gauntlet. To learn more, [click here](#). To visit Gatorland's website, [click here](#).

## Non-Profit Helps Persons With Disabilities Scuba Dive

Imagine Diving connects persons with disabilities to the recreational, and even therapeutical, benefits of scuba diving. They are based in Illinois and are fundraising to dive in the Florida Keys or the Caribbean. Imagine Diving encourages family members to become certified in scuba diving to participate in this undersea adventure! To learn more, [click here](#).

## Disability Community Opening Soon!

The Villages at Noah's Landing, located in Lakeland, FL, is on schedule to open its doors to its first residents by late April or early May. This \$17.5 million project is unique to Polk County and a rarity throughout the nation. This residential community is a supportive environment for people with developmental or intellectual disabilities. To learn more, [click here](#).

## Gas Pump Access Act to Go National

The Gas Pump Access Act requires gas stations that offer self-service to place a decal on each gas pump with the station's phone number. This allows disabled drivers that need help to call for assistance. This legislation recently became Florida law. Now, U.S. Representative David Jolly wants to take this Act to a national scale! To learn more, [click here](#).

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### Annual Palm Sunday Easter Picnic

March 20, 2016,  
11:00am-2:00pm

The North Area Persons with Disabilities Program and Special Gatherings are hosting their Annual Palm Sunday Easter Picnic. The event will include hot dogs and drinks. Guests are asked to bring salads, chips, and desserts. There will be a golden egg hunt, water balloon toss, and kite flying. Reserve by March 16th! To learn more, [click here](#).

### Special Olympics: Summer Games & Healthy Athletes Screening

The Special Olympics is hosting various screening events throughout the state, which include dental, vision, audiological, podiatric, and fitness screenings. These events all take place from 9:30am-2:30pm. To find more Special Olympics events, [click here](#).

**\*Near the bottom of the newsletter, we listed upcoming screening events!\***

## Transitioning to Independent Living

The Omaha Public Schools' Transition program helps young adults with disabilities transition between high school and adulthood. The program focuses on helping young adults live more independently. This includes finding a job, doing laundry, cooking and cleaning for themselves. To learn more, [click here](#).



## Webinars & Applications

### NCBDDD Partner

#### Briefing

**Recording Now Available!**

The National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention hosted their partner briefing on February 22. A recording has been made available of this briefing. It covers the Budget Briefing on NCBDD FY17 and a Zika Briefing. To learn more, [click here](#).

### Lighthouse Guild

#### Scholarship Program

**Deadline: March 31, 2016**

This program funds twenty (20) one-time only scholarships for high school seniors who will be college freshman in the upcoming school year. The scholarship can total up to \$10,000. It helps legally blind young adults successfully transition from high school into college. There is also one scholarship of \$10,000 awarded to one student applying to, or currently

## Tips, Briefs, & Guides

### Brief: Healthy Weight and Obesity Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC) released a brief regarding Healthy Weight and Obesity Prevention. It highlights key considerations for addressing obesity and disability in the community. To learn more, [click here](#).

### Guide: Bipolar Disorder in Children and Teens

The National Institute of Mental Health created a guide to help parents and guardians better understand their child's Bipolar Disorder. This guide covers the diagnosis, treatment, and effects of the condition and ways to support your child. To learn more, [click here](#).

### Tips On Arranging Accessible Business Meetings

The U.S. Department of Justice has drafted a thorough list of ways to be in compliance with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA). They offer tips on how to arrange an accessible meeting space, how to provide auxiliary aids and services, and temporary modifications to

barriers currently in place. To learn more, [click here.](#)

## **Guide: Federal Student Aid**

The Department of Education has released a guide detailing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Process. The federal government provides more than \$150 billion in financial aid for college or career schools. To learn more, [click here.](#)

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### **Date: 3/12/2016**

- Location: Lakewood High School, St. Petersburg
- Screenings: Dental & Podiatric
  
- Location: Apopka High School, Apopka
- Screenings: Dental & Podiatric

### **Date: 3/19/2016**

- Location: Jesuit High School (HS), Tampa
- Screenings: Dental & Audiological
  
- Location: Golden Gate HS, Naples
- Screenings: Fitness & Dental

### **Date: 3/26/2016**

- Location: Leon HS, Tallahassee
- Screenings: Audiological & Fitness

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

### **Job Application: Community Outreach Manager!**

**Location: Jacksonville, FL**

Special Olympics Florida is hiring an Outreach Manager in their Healthy Community Department. The Community Outreach Manager is responsible for organizing a directory, networking and recruiting healthcare professionals, and attending health related and community events. Some of the requirements include 3 years of community outreach experience and a Master's degree. To learn more about the qualifications and responsibilities, [click here.](#)



## **About the DHP**

The Disability and Health Program (DHP) is funded through a grant from the

**Date: 4/2/2016**

- Location: John I Leonard HS, Greenacres
- Screenings: Vision & Dental
  
- Location: Navarre HS, Navarre
- Screenings: Dental
  
- Location: Miami Dade College - Kendall, Miami
- Screenings: Podiatric

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.

**Sincerely,**

**Florida Disability and Health Program**

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