Inclusive education for all, fun in the sun, making traveling easier, celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month and more in this issue of Accessibility for All.

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Recent News

Working Towards Independence

In honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities will be highlighting workplace achievements. This includes Sean Canning who works at Home Depot as a loader and store associate. He helps customers place bulky items in their vehicles. His colleagues describe him as a great worker with a great attitude. He even received an award for recognizing a safety hazard in the building!

App to Report Disabled Parking Violators

Parking Mobility, a non-profit organization, trains volunteers to use a smartphone application to take a picture of cars illegally parked in disabled parking spaces and send a report to the police. It was initiated in Austin, Texas, and violations have dropped by 60 percent! Hillsborough and Pinellas County are considering the implementation of this program.

Fun in the Sun

The Sabrina Cohen Foundation and the Memorial Rehabilitation Institute in Hollywood organized The Adaptive Beach Day, which offered persons with disabilities an opportunity to participate in beach-related activities. The event is intended to make the beach accessible for persons with disabilities to enjoy a
Access The Vote Campaign

Disability Rights Florida is encouraging persons with disabilities (PWD) to vote via the Access The Vote campaign. The campaign focuses on engaging more PWDs in the voting process by sharing educational, access material with the public. This campaign is helping ensure PWDs have a voice in the upcoming election.

UN Experts: Inclusive Education Vital for All

According to new guidelines, United Nations human rights experts have emphasized the importance of education for all to ensure the development of fair, inclusive, and peaceful societies. The guidelines state that inclusive education must foster full and effective participation, accessibility, achievement, and attendance from all students.

Opinion: Importance of Accessibility

In an Orlando Sentinel Opinion piece, Rogue Gallart, the president of the Central Florida Disability Chamber of Commerce, highlights the importance of advocating for accessibility for persons with disability. She advocates for the importance of dispelling stereotypes and moving forward in an inclusive, harmonious manner.

Tips, Briefs, & Guides

Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle

A food desert is an area that lacks accessible and affordable healthful foods, such as whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. This blog offers tips on how to...
Success in School

The Huffington Post offers 14 tips for parents of children with disabilities who want their children to succeed. These tips include being transparent with your child's team and reinforcing your child's ability to cope.

The Right to Know

Breast Cancer Awareness month is in October, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers tips on breast cancer screening and facts about breast cancer. You can also hear the stories about how breast screening played a role in the lives of 4 women with disabilities!

Accessible Websites

Mashable offers simple and practical tips to making websites accessible and inclusive for persons with disabilities. These include offering an accessibility guide and describing links!

Sincerely,

Florida Disability and Health Program

Disclaimer: These links are provided for informational purposes, not to solicit donations to an organization nor to promote one organization or resource over another.

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Pilot Program: Free Tracking Devices

The University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, and the University of South Florida will offer free, tracking devices to persons with autism spectrum disorder that are at risk for wandering. This state funded program will disburse 80 personal devices. To learn more, contact Ana Vilfort Garces at 352-273-0581 or at ana501@ufl.edu

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