

An inclusive playground, disability-friendly business tips, and athletes with disabilities participating in a half and full marathon, all this and more in this issue of Accessibility for All.

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Recent News

Community Survey

The University of Florida is recruiting adults 18 years and older who live in Alachua County to participate in a study that investigates what residents think about health and health care.

The information collected will be used by Alachua County leaders to build a healthier community. This survey was available from January – May 2016 on paper and online. If you completed it already, your answers have been recorded and you should not complete it again. If interested in completing this anonymous 10-15 minute survey or to get more information about the study, visit

[https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?
SID=SV_6JPQF0C6osE8juR](https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6JPQF0C6osE8juR)

Orange County Unveils

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Upcoming Events

Sunshine Splash

Saturday, April 8, 2017

9:00am-4:00pm Eastern Time

Orlando, FL

LOF Adaptive Skiers is holding its second annual Adaptive Water Ski Event on April 8-9 at Lake Ivanhoe Park in Orlando. The event is free

[Playground at Young Pine Park Grand Opening](#)

Orange County celebrates the grand opening of Young Pine Park, an inclusive park that was designed with the needs of children with disability in mind. The park has signs in braille, accessible ramps and swings, and a designated quiet area for children who get overwhelmed by noise.

[Athletes with Disabilities Provide Inspiration to Miami Marathon and Half Marathon Racers](#)

The Miami Marathon and Half Marathon was created 15 years ago by an athlete with a disability. This story describes the history of the races and highlights six athletes with disabilities participating in the races this year, among them are veterans with disabilities.

[Kids' Books Recognized for Disability Storylines](#)

Three children's books about people with disabilities will receive the American Library Association's Schneider Family Book Award alongside the books receiving the Caldecott and Newbery medals this year.

and with all types of disability!

[Sensory Sunday at Orlando Science Center](#)

**Sunday, April 30, 2017
9:00am-11:00am Eastern Time
Orlando, FL**

The Orlando Science Center is providing a sensory friendly experience on select Sunday mornings in order to be more accessible to persons with disability. On April 30, they will be providing a sensory friendly Sunday with exhibits at quieter volume settings, more light, and less crowds. There will also be a movie with softer volume and more ambient light.

For more upcoming events, search through the [Agency for Persons with Disabilities \(APD\) Event Calendar!](#)



Webinars & Applications

[Understanding IEP's Workshop](#)
March 11th

[Parenting a Child with a Disability](#)

Mindy Scheier is the founder of the Runway of Dreams Foundation, a non-profit organization that aims to make mainstream clothing options for people with disabilities. She discusses her experience raising her son, Oliver, who was diagnosed with a rare form of muscle dystrophy known as Rigid Spine at the age of three.

[The New Dating App that Aims to Include People with Disabilities](#)

Online dating is the norm in this new age of technology. More and more people are looking for a relationship online using dating apps. On dating apps like Tinder and Bumble, it is often difficult and awkward to disclose information about disabilities you may have. With this in mind, this new dating app, called Glimmer, has been developed with the mission of being more inclusive and allowing for users to be more transparent about their disabilities, if they so choose.

[Understanding IEPs- How to Get Your Child Free Help From The Public School System](#)

If your child is struggling in school and needs help, but you don't know where to turn, this free seminar will teach you about how to get help from the public school. A FREE Workshop for FDST Members! FDST will be helping to cover the costs and sponsoring the IEP consultation fees for an advocate to accompany you on your next IEP.

As your Advocate, we can attend IEP meetings with you, help you get services and develop a better IEP. Please RSVP and reserve your spot! Send your request to: Cheryl Moscal, Director of Community

Outreach www.theiepadvocate.com

Phone: [407-342-9836](tel:407-342-9836) Ext. [107#](tel:407-749-9333) Fax: [407-749-9333](tel:407-749-9333)

For more information, follow the link and go to "Events Calendar"

[ADA National Network Learning Session: Emergency Communications Approaches During and After an Emergency](#)

Thursday, March 9, 2017

People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing can experience communication issues during an emergency. This webinar will help the learner identify potential gaps in accessibility for Deaf and Hard of Hearing community members

[Present at Baker Act Cases](#)

The Supreme Court of Florida has ordered that Lee County judges need to be physically present at Baker Act cases. Judges had been conducting Baker Act hearings over video to save time and money. Telecommuting for these hearings has had negative effects on persons with mental health disabilities at these cases. Some of the clients have issues distinguishing what is real and what is not real, and find hearings held in this fashion disturbing. In order for persons with mental health disabilities to have due process under the law, the judges have been ordered to stop telecommuting for Baker Act hearings.

Tips, Briefs, & Guides

[Air Travel Tips for People with Disabilities](#)

With customs and airport security, traveling internationally can be a challenge for persons with disabilities. This guide gives helpful tips for persons with disabilities travelling to foreign

requirements for professionals providing accessibility during emergency response.

[Disability and Employment: Research, Policy, and Practice](#)

Friday, April 28, 2017

Registration Deadline: Monday, April 24, 2017

In the United States, people with disabilities experience persistently low employment rates. This webinar addresses two current research projects that focus on the effectiveness of employment promotion initiatives and efficient ways of measuring employment outcomes.



About the DHP

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[Disability-friendly Businesses: Tips and Resources](#)

Having a business that is accessible to persons with disabilities is both good for the consumers and for business. This guide gives helpful tips to businesses on how to be accessible and culturally competent.

[How a New Savings Account for People with Disabilities Works](#)

Up until now, people receiving government benefits have not had the opportunity to save money without losing their benefits. ABLE is a savings account that allows people with disabilities the ability to save money for the first time, giving them the opportunity to plan for the future and have financial security. This article explains how the savings account will work.

[A Parent's Guide on Puberty for Girls with Disabilities](#)

The changes associated with puberty can be difficult for girls with disabilities to navigate. The Vanderbilt Kennedy Center offers this comprehensive guide for parents to help girls with disabilities with issues associated with

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