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Department on Disability Services Announcements

Back to School Night presented by the Secondary Transition Community of Practice

Come learn about community services available from various agencies and organizations across the region, including:

- Jobs, internships, and employment opportunities
- Special education programming and services
- Post-secondary transition supports and community resources
- Wellness programs for youth with disabilities and their families
- Ways to get involved in Secondary Transition!

RSVP and direct any questions to brooke.clayborne@dc.gov

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Date: Thursday, September 20th

Address:

DC Department on Disability Services
250 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

HSCSN Announcements

Everyone is welcome to attend HSCSN events. HSCSN provides transportation to meetings, child care, and meals to HSCSN members. To learn of all events offered by HSCSN please visit <https://www.hschealth.org/about/calendar>

The following two announcements are HSCSN events specifically mentioned by SF CoP attendees:

PALS Meeting

Parent Advocate Leaders Group is a network for parents and caregivers of children with special health care needs. During meetings, you'll learn about resources that can help your child and share stories with other parents and caregivers. You'll also participate in trainings conducted by HSCSN's community partners that teach you about family rights, access to services for children with special health care needs, and how to use the health and educational systems.

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Dates: Every third Saturday

- Saturday, September 15, 2018
- Saturday, October 20, 2018
- Saturday, November 17, 2018
- Saturday, December 15, 2018

Address:

River Terrace Education Campus
405 Anacostia Avenue, NE
Washington DC 20019

Community Services Advisory Council (CSAC)

The Community Services Advisory Council provides recommendations about member benefits and works to foster, promote and improve relationships and services for youth and young adults with special health care needs, their families and communities, and other stakeholders.

Members include:

- HSCSN members and their families or caregivers
- Primary, specialty and mental health care network providers
- Individuals with expertise in adolescent health, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment program, HIV/AIDS, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), mental and behavioral health, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatric dentistry and substance abuse
- Community members representing advocacy groups and associations

District agencies and other community representatives actively committed to improving the health of children and young adults with special health care needs

Transportation is provided for HSCSN members. Dinner and child care services are provided.

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Dates:

- Thursday, September 20, 2018
- Thursday, December 20, 2018

Address:

Community of Hope
4 Atlantic Street SW
Washington DC 20032

DD Council Announcements

Deaf Celebration Day

In recognition of September being Deaf Awareness Month, please join us by celebrating our 3rd Annual Deaf Celebration Day in partnership with the DC Relay, Gallaudet University, the National Association of the Deaf, DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities, Anthem, the DC Developmental Disabilities Council, the DC Department on Disability Services, the National Association of the Deaf, Deaf-Reach, and Age Friendly DC.

- Enjoy the celebration with ASL performers and Deaf talent
- Meet with local Deaf-Focused organizations and find out about resources and programs offered in our community
- Learn about the rights of residents who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind, or Hard of Hearing

This event is open to everyone; bring your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and family members! For reasonable accommodation requests contact julia.wolhandler@dc.gov or call 202-727-2890 as soon as possible.

Register now: <https://deafcelebrationday.eventbrite.com>

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2018

Address:

Gallaudet University Chapel Hall
800 Florida Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

DC Advocacy Partners Class of 2018 Graduation

Please join us for the graduation ceremony and reception for the sixth class of DC Advocacy Partners. DC Advocacy Partners is a leadership development program for self-advocates and family members of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

RSVP and request accommodations to Alexis Perlmutter at aperlmutter2@gmail.com or 720-979-4044

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Reception to follow)

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Address:

Old City Council Chambers
One Judiciary Square Building
441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

11th Annual Mayor's Disability and Diversity Expo

In recognition of October being National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the DC Office of Disability Rights is celebrating by offering two free events in order to advance the conversation on equal opportunities and inclusive environments for people with disabilities.

This year's 11th Annual Mayor's Disability and Diversity Expo is complete with break-out informational sessions, over 30 exhibitors, and free giveaways! The District of Columbia is home to over 116,000 people with disabilities and this year more than 500 consumers, caregivers, advocates and students are invited to attend.

Four ambassadors, all of whom are individuals with disabilities who have successfully accessed a DC Government program are part of this year's Expo. Learn more about the 2018 Ambassadors here; <https://odr.dc.gov/event/2018-mayors-disability-awareness-expo>.

Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/11th-annual-mayors-disability-and-diversity-expo-registration-49053158317>

Time: Tuesday, October 23rd

Date: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with a 1-hour program beginning promptly at 10:00 AM.)

Disability Mentoring Day, Washington DC Events

Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) is a large-scale national effort coordinated by American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) to promote career development for students and job-seekers with disabilities through hands-on career exploration and ongoing mentoring relationships.

While DMD has been and continues to be officially launched the **third Wednesday of each October during National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)**, the foundation of the program has expanded from a one-day event to a year-round initiative across the country.

DMD was founded in 1999 through a White House initiative with less than three-dozen students participating to increase the awareness of NDEAM. Since that event, DMD has spring boarded from a one day event for a small group of students to an extensive national mentoring program for young professionals with disabilities across the United States, territories, and abroad.

The growth of DMD is made possible by the unwavering work of DMD Coordinators across the country who volunteer their time to host and manage the logistical requirements for local and regional programs. These events produce life changing results for mentees, such as full time employment and internship opportunities. AAPD continues to increase the reach of DMD through growing its network of DMD coordinators. If you or anyone you know may be interested or want additional information on becoming a DMD coordinator, please email us at DMD@aapd.com.

To view a list of DMD events in Washington, DC please visit:

<https://www.aapd.com/disability-mentoring-day/events>

Self-Advocacy Startup Toolkit

Learn how to create your own self-advocacy group or improve the one you have! This workshop will be led by local disability advocates affiliated with the Self-Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center (SARTAC).

RSVP and request accommodations to Judith Karsevar at 202-657-3327.

Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Date: Friday, September 21, 2018

Address:

RCM of Washington
64 New York Avenue, NE
Suite 100
Washington, DC 20002

Next Chapter Book Club

The Next Chapter Book Club is book clubs designed to be inclusive of people with and without disabilities, reading together, making friends, and being a part of their community.

Anyone age 16 and over can participate, no matter their reading or ability level. Trained volunteers facilitate each club meeting. They include students, parents, retirees, and other community members.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Sudie Johnson with the DC Developmental Disabilities Council at sudie.johnson@dc.gov or call 202-481-3879.

Advocates for Justice and Education Announcement

DC 5th Annual Parent and Family Engagement Summit

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is pleased to announce the fifth Annual DC Parent and Family Engagement Summit.

Information provided at the Summit will engage, inform, and empower parents and families to effectively support the highest level of quality education for all the children in the District of Columbia. The Summit will also allow parents to provide feedback to OSSE on the state education plan.

Parents and family members are encouraged to join OSSE for this event. For more information or questions, please contact Valrie Brown at Valrie.Brown@dc.gov or at (202) 299-2093.

Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dc-fifth-annual-parent-and-family-engagement-summit-tickets-48259229655>

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Address:

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mount Vernon Place, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Disability Rights DC at University Legal Services Announcement

DRDC Public Input Survey for Fiscal Year 2019

Disability Rights DC at University Legal Services (DRDC) is a private, non-profit organization that protects the rights of persons who have disabilities in the District of Columbia. DRDC is authorized to do its work by federal laws that also require that it identifies priorities each year that will determine which cases accepted, what kind of training and education it provides, and what systemic issues to address.

Every year DRDC asks persons who have disabilities, their family members and other interested individuals to tell it what kinds of issues and problems they think DRDC should work to improve.

DRDC is asking for people to complete a survey on the most important issues affecting the rights and services of individuals with disabilities in the District of Columbia.

If you would like to see a copy of DRDC's current goals, priorities, and objectives, call 202-547-0198 to request a copy. Copies are also available here: www.uls-dc.org

If you would like to complete a survey for fiscal year 2019 priorities, please call 202-547-0198 or email jbrown@uls-dc.org. Completed surveys must be returned by September 30, 2018.

Other Community Announcements:

Brighter Day Songwriting Workshop, Concert, & Conversation: An Event for Equality

Presented by The Women's and Gender Studies Program & Humanities Department of Montgomery College in collaboration with Songwriters Against Sexual Assault. This event is free and open to the public.

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Date: Thursday, October 19th

Address:

Montgomery College
Catherine F. Scott Commons Building
Room 211
7600 Takoma Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Project Action! Meeting

Project ACTION! is a regional coalition of self-advocates and self-advocacy groups from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. ACTION! stands for Advocacy, Change, Training, Information, Organizing and Networking.

Self-advocates meet to learn about their rights, update each other on important issues and events, practice speaking up and sharing their opinions, learn how to lead meetings, set priorities, provide and receive training and celebrate their achievements.

Meetings are open to the public and no RSVP is required.

For more information about Project ACTION! email Phyllis Holton or call her at 202-448-1458 (direct).

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Date: Saturday, October 13, 2018

Address:

Kennedy Institute of Catholic Charities
801 Buchanan Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017