



The 12th Annual Family Café

Dear Family Café Attendees,

Welcome to Orlando and The 12th Annual Family Café!

The Annual Family Café is a three-day statewide event designed to meet the need for information and networking among people with disabilities and/or special health care needs and their families here in Florida. The Family Café Planning Committee, which is comprised of self-advocates, family members, fellow non-profits and state agency partners, plays a central role in planning The Annual Family Café. It is our mission to provide you and your family with an opportunity for collaboration, advocacy, friendship and empowerment in a family-centered environment.

The Annual Family Café falls on Father's Day this year, so we have decided to host another day inclusive outdoor recreation at the event. This is our third time partnering with our friends at the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association to make a "Sportsability Sampler" part of our Sunday morning, and we are looking forward to having them back. In addition to activities in Veracruz C adjacent to the Exhibit Hall on Friday and Saturday, as well as a number of recreation-themed sessions, Sunday morning will feature catch and release fishing, disc golf and a live demonstration of water survival techniques beginning at 8:30. Afterward, join us in the Coronado Ballroom for a screening of Forks Over Knives, a new film that examines the relationship between diet and health. Please join us for a fun and healthy Father's Day morning!

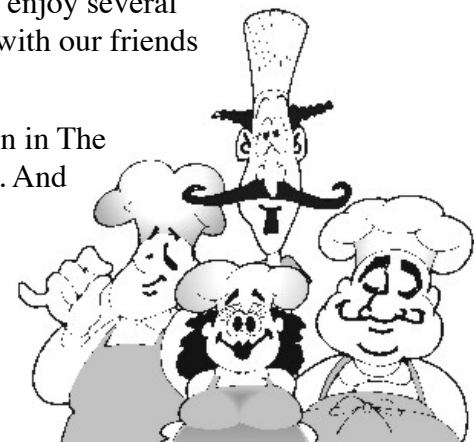
We are also very pleased to once again have Representative Bill Galvano join us to host The Annual Summit on Disabilities, which will be held on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. We have invited a number of interesting panelists to participate, including candidates for statewide office. As we all know, this is an election year, so why not get engaged in the process and let the candidates know that individuals with disabilities and their families are voters, too!

Another highlight of this year's Family Café will be a unique keynote on Saturday. Instead of meeting in the ballroom, please come down to the Exhibit Hall at 10:30 Saturday morning for a wheelchair basketball demonstration with the Orlando Magic Wheels! This wheelchair affiliate of the NBA's Orlando Magic will be joined by our friends from the Freedom All-stars "Team Courage." Be ready to make some noise!

As always, the event offers a wide range of breakout sessions on a number of subjects. This year we have created eight unique "tracks," organized by subject. They include Smart Money, Mental Health, Employment, Disaster Preparedness, Advocacy, Youth, Recreation, and our newest addition, Birth through Age Five. Of course, you will also be able to browse dozens of booths in our Exhibit Hall, and enjoy several family-friendly entertainment activities, including a Saturday night engagement with our friends from The Dueling Pianos.

There's a lot going on this weekend, and we sincerely hope that your participation in The 12th Annual Family Café leaves you feeling informed, educated and empowered. And as always, please let us know if there is anything we can do to serve you better!

Yours,
The Family Café Planning Committee



Charlie Crist, June 18, 2010
Governor

Jim DeBeaugrine,
Director

Dear Conference Attendee:

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Welcome to the Family Café 12th Annual Conference and Governor's Summit on Disabilities in Orlando. On behalf of Governor Charlie Crist and the Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities, I want to encourage you to make the most of this educational opportunity.

As you may know, Florida's Agency for Persons with Disabilities is committed to helping people with developmental disabilities live, learn, and work in their communities. The agency serves about 51,000 people each year with spina bifida, autism, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, and Prader-Willi syndrome.

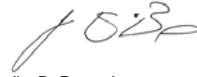
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The Family Café offers persons with disabilities and their families a forum to learn about what is available in Florida to meet their specific needs. In these tight financial times, all of us have to work together to come up with needed resources. You should consider the options that will be presented at this conference.

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This weekend you will have the chance to speak with others who are willing to share their experiences and solutions. There will be providers and exhibitors that will have valuable information, so take full advantage of the opportunities that are here. Again, I hope you enjoy the conference!

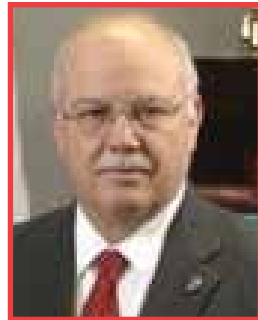
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March 26, 2010

Dear Family Café Participants:

Welcome to the 12th Annual Family Café Conference featuring the Summit on Disabilities. The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) is proud to be a contributor to this event. Florida Medicaid, a division of the Agency, looks forward to participating in this conference which features such a unique opportunity for consumers and families to experience a vast array of educational activities and programs.

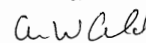
The Agency has specialized programs to assist eligible persons with disabilities who choose to live and work in the community. The Developmental Disabilities and Consumer Directed Care programs are offering workshop style presentations to provide you with the latest information available regarding home and community-based Medicaid services for persons with disabilities in need of assistance to live in the community. We hope that participants and families will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more from the experts about Medicaid and available services.

Families needing initial Medicaid information should attend the "A Primer on Medicaid Waivers" and the "Medicaid Eligibility and Medicaid Services" presentations to learn about available health care options. The informative presentations scheduled for this event will provide you with an opportunity to learn about available statewide resources, share information with others, exchange ideas, and interact with Medicaid staff and service providers.

Please be sure to visit our consumer Web site, www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov. This Web site is nationally recognized and the only one of its kind to connect a health encyclopedia and symptom navigator to information about a particular health care facility. The site features a medical, multimedia encyclopedia that offers over 3,900 articles and 3,000 illustrations of important medical information and an interactive symptom navigator. The Facility Locator tool on www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov provides the ability to find and locate information on facilities in your area, such as intermediate care facilities for persons with disabilities, home health agencies and more.

Once again, welcome and my best wishes to each of you.

Sincerely,



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June 18, 2010

Dear Conference Attendees:

Welcome to the 12th Annual Family Café Conference and Governor's Summit on Disabilities. As you look through the conference brochure, you will note a variety of sessions and exhibits on topics related to education, employment, and transition. Over the next several days you have a unique opportunity to expand your knowledge of resources and build a network of support as you interact with representatives of state agencies, private providers, and other family members.

Years of research has confirmed the positive effects of family involvement on the educational outcomes of children. We consider our support of Family Café as just one of the many ways we can assist parents become more informed and effectively involved in their children's education. We hope that you will find the information provided valuable.

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Dear Conference Attendees:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 12th Annual Family Café, whether it is your first time attending this exciting conference or your 12th! The world is changing quickly, and the services that are available to persons with disabilities are changing just as fast. Over these next few days, you will experience an unprecedented array of information that can greatly assist in improving the quality of life for you and all Floridian's with disabilities.

The Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is committed to helping individuals with disabilities become part of America's workforce. We have taken steps to make sure our customers are presented with Individualized Plans for Employment (IPEs) that meet their needs so they can successfully reach their career goals. VR works with adults with disabilities, but may begin working with individuals while they are still in high school. VR also supports 17 locally-operated Centers for Independent Living. These Centers are an excellent source of information and provide direct services to individuals with disabilities that help them gain or keep independence in the community.

Division representatives will be presenting throughout the conference and will be available to answer questions. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn about services aimed at positioning our customers for a competitive advantage in Florida's rebounding job market.

Sincerely,

Bill Palmer
Director

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State Surgeon General

June 18, 2010

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Health, welcome to the 12th Annual Family Café Conference, a chance for individuals with disabilities and their families to interact with those offering care and services. I am honored to participate in this event with you.

My hope is that this conference will help answer your questions, offer fresh perspectives, and connect you with the appropriate resources, while providing a support network for you and your loved ones.

I am honored to join healthcare professionals, community leaders, and concerned citizens statewide who are committed to making healthcare more accessible for everyone. For information about the Florida Department of Health, feel free to contact us, review our website at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us>, or visit one of our local county health departments located in all 67 counties.

I look forward to sharing this time with you.

Sincerely,

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State Surgeon General



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Secretary

Dear Family Café Participants:

Welcome to the 12th Annual Family Café Conference. The Department of Children and Families is honored to have the opportunity to reach out to you, assist in offering the resources and tools you need, and to advocate for you and your family.

This year's event promises to be an exciting time. You will be provided with new information to empower you and your family in becoming stronger advocates. You will also be able to share your personal stories and successes and be encouraged by other families facing similar challenges.

Please take advantage of the many opportunities to collaborate with state agency representatives, explore the programs and services that are available, and broaden your system of support.

Once again, welcome. While you are here, please take the time to share with us ways we can better serve you and your family.

Sincerely,

George H. Sheldon
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June 8, 2010

Dear Family Café Participants,

Welcome to the 12th Annual Family Café! The Florida Division of Emergency Management is proud to join Governor Charlie Crist and our partner state agencies in sponsorship of this important family event.

What truly makes The Family Café special is that individuals with disabilities and their families are given an excellent venue to learn, and develop vital relationships with their peers and partner service providers. This is the same type of collaboration that has helped Florida to become a leader in the agency management field.

The Division of Emergency Management is aware of the unique challenges that face individuals with disabilities and their families when it comes to disaster preparedness, and we encourage you to attend one of the multiple workshops that we will be hosting this weekend. Come learn about how you can prepare, as well as how the state intends to meet the needs of the disability community before and after disasters.

I sincerely hope the 12th Annual Family Café will provide you with some new information, new ideas, and new resources to take back home. I also encourage you to reach out to a least four new friends while here in Orlando. As I remind attendees each year, we find that our strength in dealing with life's uncertainties and challenges comes from the ability to surround ourselves with a good solid team.

On behalf of the Division and the State Emergency Response Team, I welcome you and your loved ones to the 12th Annual Family Café.

Respectfully,

David Halstead
Director

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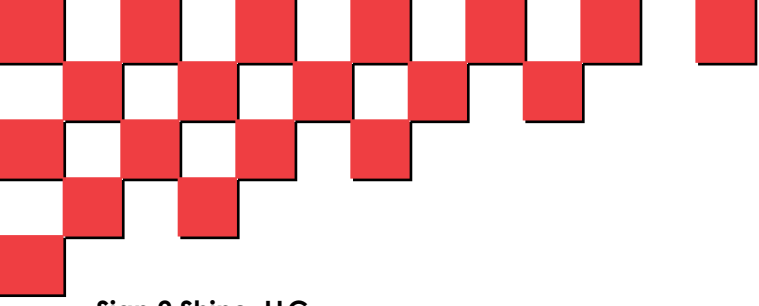
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The Family Café CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

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courtesy of Colonial Medical Supplies.

Some of the sessions at this year's event have been organized into "tracks" based on subject. This key will help you to identify the "tracked" sessions.

Advocacy



Youth



Employment



Disaster Preparedness



Recreation



Mental Health



Smart Money



Birth Through Age Five



Friday, June 18, 2010

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A New Star: Logging the Journey: Communication and Organization
Acapulco



Keeping your Medicaid or Medicare While Working – Safe Option for SSA Beneficiaries Part 1
Baja



Special People, Special Planning: Creating a Safe Legal Haven for Families with Special Needs
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Coronado P

No, Stop, Don't Do That! A Journey through Positive Behavior Support (PBS) and Beyond Differences and Diagnosis

Coronado Q

Family Forum

Durango 1

Dyslexia: A Student's Success Story

Durango 2

ADHD & Autism Are Not Hopeless! Hemispheric Integration Therapy

Fiesta 10



APD's Five Year Employment Vision

Fiesta 3

IEP Jeopardy en Espanol

Fiesta 8



Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions

Yucatan 1



Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities Through Recycling and Free Items

Yucatan 2



Experiencing College Success for the Gifted LD Student

Yucatan 3

2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Primeros Cinco errores que conllevan a envenenamientos: Historias reales del Centro de Control de Envenenamiento

Acapulco

Structuring Homes to Improve Behavior

Baja



Partners in Transition: Family Engagement Workshop

Cancun



Creating a Self-Directed Active Leisure Plan

Coronado A

Parenting Special Needs: Sharing Life Lessons

Coronado B



The Roles of Self Advocates as Legislative Advocates

Coronado C

IEP Jeopardy Part I

Coronado D





Challenges of Raising a Bipolar Child

Coronado E

Physical and Nutritional Management: Who Needs It?

Coronado F



Sobreviviendo Accidentes Con Sobre-ropa (SACS) [Recreation]

Coronado G



Statewide Family and Youth Network

Coronado M

Pro Se Guardian Advocacy: An Affordable, Empowering, Alternative to Traditional Guardianship

Coronado N

Delegate Roundtable: Autism

Coronado P

RTI – Removing the Roadblocks to Quality Education

Coronado Q

Man Laws for Moms: Understanding Dads and Why We Do What We Do

Coronado R



Keeping your Medicaid or Medicare While Working – Safe Option for SSA Beneficiaries Part 2

Coronado S



The Authentic Leader

Coronado T

Update on Florida's Alternative Assessment

Durango 1

The College of New Jersey Career and Community Studies Program

Durango 2



Overview: Children's Mental Health System of Care

Fiesta 1

Medicaid Eligibility and Medicaid Services

Fiesta 10



Florida Vocational Rehabilitation: Supported Employment Today

Fiesta 3



Conversations with Families

Fiesta 8

Entrepreneur for Special Kids

Yucatan 1



ABC's of Family Disaster Preparedness

Yucatan 2



Project 10: Addressing Transition Needs of Youth with Disabilities across the State of Florida

Yucatan 3

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

A Primer on Medicaid Waivers

Acapulco

Problem Solving Difficult Routines

Baja



The Legal and Financial Aspects of Raising a Special Needs Child

Cancun



Intro and Info on Adaptive / Inclusive Sports

Coronado A

Social Security: We're Listening, We're Learning, We're Responding

Coronado B



Succeeding Despite a Disability

Coronado C

IEP Jeopardy Part II

Coronado D



“Don’t Be Denied” - Get Help From the Advocacy Center

Coronado E



TATS Talks with Families About Pre-K

Coronado F

Guardian Advocacy: Who, What, Why and How

Coronado G



CAN – The Change Agent Network, Part 1

Coronado M



The New VR School to Work Transition Program

Coronado N

The Future of Services to Individuals with Disabilities – A Vision

Coronado Q



Wils Van Bergen: My World

Coronado R

The Florida DD Council Presents, “Lighting the Way to Guardianship and other Decision Making Alternatives”

Coronado S

What Are Florida’s Parents Telling Us About Public Schools’ Efforts To Facilitate Their Involvement In Their Children’s Education?

Durango 1



The 411 on Personal Assistance Services: Toolkit to Help Youth With Disabilities

Durango 2

Parent Survival Skills: Raising a Child with a Disability

Fiesta 1

An Introduction to Trauma Informed Care

Fiesta 10



Self-Employment and the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Fiesta 3

Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Functional Medicine Approach

Fiesta 8

Top 5 Mistakes that Lead to Poisoning: True Stories from Poison Control Center

Yucatan 2



Disability History with the FYC

Yucatan 3

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The 12th Annual Summit on Disabilities, Coronado Ballroom

Saturday, June 19, 2010

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Registration Open, Central and North Registration

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Veracruz Exhibit Hall

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Scooter rental available, Central and North Registration

9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Dental Screening, Veracruz Exhibit Hall

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

How Do I Know If This Is A Good IEP?

Acapulco





The Benefits of Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Baja



The FDIC Money Smart Program

Cancun



Eas-i-Chi

Coronado A



A Successful journey from the NICU to EELP: A Parent's Perspective

Coronado C



The Florida DD Council Presents, "The Self-Advocacy Grassroots Movement In Florida"

Coronado E

Building a School Community Where All Are Welcomed

Coronado P

A Primer on Medicaid Waivers

Coronado R



Families Engaging in Successful Transition

Coronado T

Meet Bambi Lockman, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Department of Education

Durango 1



Living and Coping with Bipolar Disorder

Fiesta 1

Consumer Directed Care Plus Program (CDC+)

Fiesta 10

TD Transportation: A National Model

Fiesta 3



The Florida Family Care Council and Legislative Advocacy

Fiesta 8

Quality Improvement Initiatives: Provider Consultations

Yucatan 1



ABC's of Family Disaster Preparedness

Yucatan 2



Social Security Disability Benefits and SSI: Understanding the Impact of Work on Benefits

Yucatan 3

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Keynote Address, Veracruz Exhibit Hall

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FRIENDS Chorus, Foyer

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Family Adjustment Measure, Fiesta 6

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Arts & Crafts, Fiesta 5

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions



Social Security Disability Programs, Work Incentives and the Ticket to Work: What You Need to Know to Keep It Working For You

Acapulco

Essential Steps to Inclusion for Students

Baja



So Who's Going To Pay for All the Quality of Life Family Provides into the Future?

Cancun



Recreation Assistive Technology

Coronado A

Medication Usage and Safety Roundtable Talk

Coronado B

Son unos Derechos Maravillosos

Coronado C

Spinal Cord Injury 101

Coronado D

Dads: Getting in the Game

Coronado E

The PediaSuit Protocol: Advantages and How It Changed My Child's Life

Coronado F



The LONG Winding Road to Change

Coronado T

The Silent Epidemic: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Coronado S



Leading with a Limp – Leadership Development for Adults with Disabilities

Coronado R

Person-Centered Planning: Filling in the Blanks while Following MAPS and PATHs

Coronado Q



Light Up Your Life with Self-Determination

Coronado P

You Can't Even Tell Who They Are! The Danger of Judging the Success of Inclusion on How Well Students with Disabilities Blend In

Coronado N



Benefits and Tax Planning for Special Needs Families

Coronado M

Parents and School Districts Working Together for Students

Durango 1



Recognizing Effective Treatments for Behavioral and Mental Health Concerns

Fiesta 1



STEP into Employment

Fiesta 3

Home Schooling for Person Centered Education

Fiesta 10



Conversations with Families—Spanish

Fiesta 8

Navigating through IEPs

Yucatan 1



Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities Through Recycling and Free Items

Yucatan 2



Successfully Interacting Socially

Yucatan 3



Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions - Live Demonstration

Quiet Pool



It's Playtime! Inclusive Playgroups for Infants and Toddlers

Main Pool/Sandbox

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

FRIENDS Chorus, Foyer

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

It's Those Wonderful Rights - Part I

Acapulco

Your Life, Your Way and Maximizing Medicaid Wavier Services

Baja

An Hour of Your Time – A Lifetime of Information

Cancun





Being a Self-Advocate – Your Right to Recreation

Coronado A

Living Independently: Finding Enrichment

Coronado B



Calling All Advocates! Partners in Policymaking Wants You!

Coronado C

How to Start a Social Skills Group in Your Community

Coronado D



Sailing Through Transition

Coronado E

“Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin):” An Encouragement Session for Women

Coronado F

I Wonder Why She Said That: True Colors Around the IEP Table

Coronado G



Awareness and Action in Your Community and School!

Coronado M

Disability Life: An Example of What’s Possible

Coronado N

Delegate Roundtable: Cerebral Palsy

Coronado P

The Parent-Teacher Connection: What’s That?

Coronado Q



A Life Of An Underestimated Individual: Ways To Have Yourself Heard

Coronado R



CAN – The Change Agent Network, Part 2

Coronado S



Navegando en un mar de sentimientos y emociones

Coronado T

Part 1 of 2: Identifying Children Affected by Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)

Durango 1



Family-to-Family Education Program

Fiesta 1

iBudget Florida—the Waive(r) of the Future

Fiesta 10



Soft Skills: The Competitive Edge

Fiesta 3



Communication – Organization

Fiesta 8



A True College Experience for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities:

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Monterrey 1

2 Parts Mental and 1 Part Physical

Monterrey 2

Accessing the General Curriculum

Yucatan 1



ABC’s of Family Disaster Preparedness

Yucatan 2



Working: From Internships to Employment

Yucatan 3

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

It's Those Wonderful Rights - Part II

Acapulco

Improving Health with Dietary Excellence and Optimal Habits

Baja



Pathway to Advance Economic Self-Sufficiency for Persons with Disabilities

Cancun



Think Outside the Sandbox: Inclusive Play Environments for All Abilities

Coronado A



Partners in Policymaking Graduate Network

Coronado C



Traveling the Seas of Families, Feelings and Emotions

Coronado D



Project SEARCH: A Business Led high School Transition Model

Coronado E

Understanding Hope and Keeping Your Faith Strong!

Coronado F

Disability Awareness and Etiquette

Coronado M

Delegate Roundtable: Down Syndrome

Coronado P

Pasando por Encima de la Pared: La Comunicacion Positiva dentro de la Reunion de IEP IFSP

Coronado Q

Intensive Therapy Using the TheraSuit Method

Coronado T

Part 2 of 2: Preventing and Treating Behavioral and Emotional Challenges Commonly Experienced by Children Affected by Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)

Durango 1

Autism: Believe in the Future, HOW?

Fiesta 1

Restraint & Seclusion: What You Need to Know to Protect Your Child

Fiesta 10



Support for Moving from Benefits to Work Through PASS and Other SSA Work Incentives

Fiesta 3

John M. McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities

Fiesta 8

Choosing a Place to Belong

Monterrey 1

Family's Role in Response to Instruction/Intervention (RtI)

Monterrey 2



Baseball for Persons of All Abilities: Everyone Can Participate

Veracruz C

Getting Over the Wall: Communicating in the IEP

Yucatan 1

Five Simple Truths About Autism Spectrum Disorders

Yucatan 2

Communication: What Are You Really Trying to Say?

Yucatan 3

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Music by the Lake

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Family Entertainment featuring Dueling Pianos, Coronado Ballroom



Sunday, June 20, 2010

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

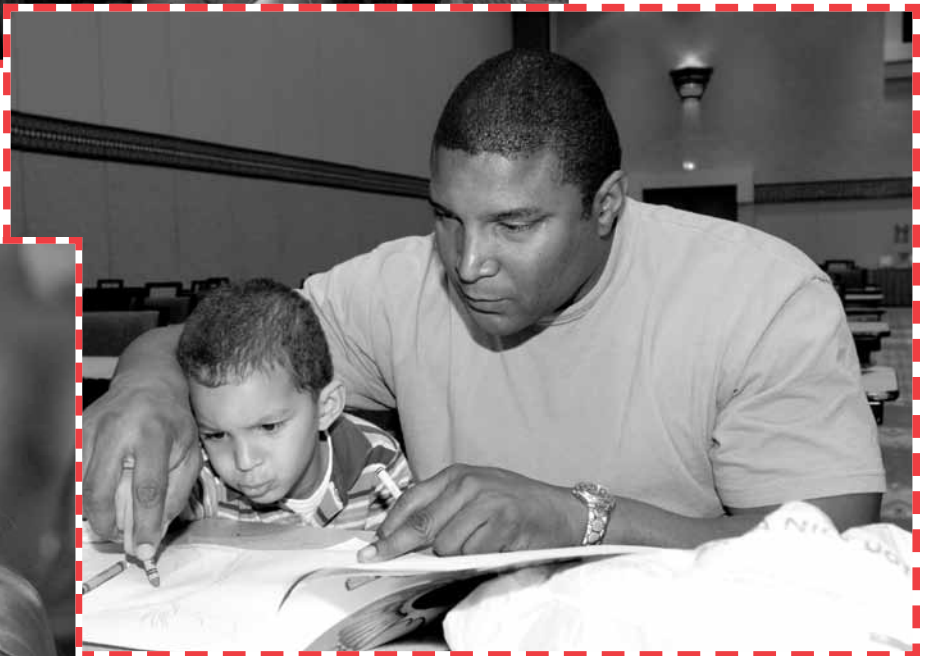
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Veracruz Exhibit Hall

Outdoor Activities: Catch and Release Fishing, Adaptive Water Skiing Demonstration, Disc Golf, Water Safety

Keynote Address, Coronado Ballroom

Closing and Door Prizes, Coronado Ballroom





The Family Café

Friday, June 18, 2010

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Coronado Ballroom



Sharon Spano

Sharon Spano, CSP, is President of Spano & Company, Inc., a human and organizational development firm based in Orlando, Florida. As a Certified Speaking Professional and business consultant with achievement in training and development, Sharon has partnered with organizations throughout North America to maximize efficiency and improve bottom-line results. In her most important role as "Michael's mom," she has also served as an advocate for persons with disabilities and has co-authored cutting edge curriculum to include *Developmental Screening and Family-Centered Care: A Self-Instructional Module for Health Care Providers and Families, Physicians and Children with Special Needs*. She is also the author of *Isabel's God*, an autobiographical journey of rearing a child with a rare metabolic disorder. *Isabel's God* has been hailed as a must-read for anyone in the health and human services delivery system.

Following her son Michael's death in 2008, Sharon continues her fight to eliminate the many barriers that impede the quality of life for persons with disabilities. In keeping with Michael's quest for independence and choice, Sharon has recently formed an alliance with Sunrise Communities, Inc. and is fully committed to innovative community supports and nation-wide expansion of services. Join Sharon Spano on an exhilarating ride as she explores how to move beyond the lacerations of life to triumphant joy. "Every human being is perfectly designed for a specific purpose," she writes. "There are no mistakes. Our responsibility as advocates is to secure communities that fully embrace God's handiwork through people with disabilities—for it is through their resilient spirit that we come to more fully realize our own humanity. It is through their eyes that we mirror our own capacity for courage, strength, and the richness of unconditional love."

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- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Open, Veracruz Exhibit Hall**
- 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Scooter Rental Available, Central and North Registration**
- 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **H1N1 Immunizations, Fiesta 5**
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Registration Open, Central and North Registration**
- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Family Adjustment Measure, Fiesta 6**
- 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Dental Screening, Veracruz Exhibit Hall**
- 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **The 12th Annual Summit on Disabilities, Coronado Ballroom**



H1N1 Immunizations

Friday, June 18

12:30 - 3:30

Fiesta 5

Orange County Health Department will be providing H1N1 vaccinations for adults and children and will also offer seasonal Influenza to children 6 months to 18 years of age. All services are free of charge.

Family Adjustment Measure

Friday, June 18

1:00 - 3:00

Fiesta 6

Dr. Andrew P. Daire, Associate Professor in the University of Central Florida (UCF) Counselor Education Program and the Executive Director of the UCF Marriage & Family Research Institute, is developing an adjustment assessment measure specifically for parents of children with special needs, the Family Adjustment Measure. The purpose of this assessment tool will be to help professionals more accurately identify and meet the needs of parents of children with special needs. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, The Family Café has arranged for Dr. Daire to be present on Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 and Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 in Fiesta Room 6. You can also access this research project online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/famproject>.

Friday 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions



A New Star: Logging the Journey: Communication and Organization

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Acapulco

A New Star training is a series of interactive trainings created by parents of children with special needs, to help other families understand and participate fully in Florida's early intervention system. This module teaches methods of effectively communicating with programs and professionals and shows record keeping systems for organizing early intervention information and records. Families who participate will be able to better communicate their wants and needs within the Early Steps Intervention System. This session will help attendees to organize effective, clear communication through the use of a comprehensive record keeping system.

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Keeping your Medicaid or Medicare While Working – Safe Option for SSA Beneficiaries Part 1

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Baja

Many Social Security Beneficiaries are faced with the challenge of balancing their day-to-day living expenses with the limited income received from the Social Security Administration. The Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program (TTW Program) provides an opportunity for SSA Beneficiaries to receive services that can help them to work and earn income above the amount received from the Social Security Administration, and yet maintain critical benefits like Medicaid and Medicare.

Part 1 of this two-part presentation will provide participants with information that will help them understand the benefits and work incentives available under the Ticket to Work Program. Presenters will also share information regarding the role of the various partners in the TTW Program and how they work together to help SSA beneficiaries achieve self-sufficiency. Participants will learn how to navigate the system and access services and other resources available through the TTW Program.



A diverse team of subject-matter experts will be available to respond to your questions/concerns and to help you become more informed concerning the TTW Program and how to make it work for you or your family member.

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Special People, Special Planning: Creating a Safe Legal Haven for Families with Special Needs

Friday, June 18
1:30 - 2:30
Cancun

Based on the book, *Special People, Special Planning*, this workshop, presented by co-author Peggy Hoyt, is about creating a financial and legal blueprint to address the special person's unique personal and social needs. Families of people with special needs face planning challenges that accompany long life expectancies – a future without full independence – and the need to maintain an outstanding quality of life. You will gain an overview of the three main federal disability programs and learn how to create a customized, comprehensive plan for your special person.

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Medication Awareness and Then Some

Friday, June 18
1:30 - 2:30
Coronado B

There is no doubt that we are a drug oriented society. We consume billions of pills every year. All drugs (OTCs included) have potential side effects. We need to focus on medication awareness and the responsibilities that go along with taking and giving medications safely.

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Advocating for Yourself: Self Advocacy & You

Friday, June 18
1:30 - 2:30
Coronado C

This presentation will provide an introduction to self-advocacy with an emphasis on the importance of advocating for yourself. Tips about how to effectively advocate for yourself will be discussed in detail. The content will include topics such as how to advocate for yourself in the education system, in the community, and for employment.

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Neurofeedback: Training The Brain to Optimize its Potential

Friday, June 18
1:30 - 2:30
Coronado D

This presentation will include demonstrations of NeuroOptimal neurofeedback. If the brain does not work well, neither do you. Neurofeedback is biofeedback for the brain. NeuroOptimal is a system developed from the belief that our brains have the inherent ability to improve themselves, if given the information and opportunity to do so. NeuroOptimal provides both that information and the opportunity to maximize the potential of each and every brain. We will discuss how this works and how it can improve life of the life of someone you love.

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A Conversation Just for Dads

Friday, June 18
1:30 - 2:30
Coronado E

A chance for dads to talk with other dads about the challenges of being a dad of a child with disabilities.

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New Horizon Fund

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Coronado F

The Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology's NEW HORIZON FUND. The Assistive Technology Loan Program and the Home Based Business Loan Program will be discussed during this presentation. Both programs will be individually explained in detail during the first segment of the presentation. The second segment will be an informal question and answer sessions that will address topics including, but not limited to, the application process and qualifying equipment and services for both programs. Informational literature and application materials will be available.

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Florida Developmental Disabilities Council: 2010 Legislative Update

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Coronado G

This presentation begins with a report on the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council's 2010 Legislative Platform and the legislative outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families from the 2010 Legislative Session. The presentation will include the Council's preparation for the 2011 Legislative session and Advocacy techniques for consumers and families who want to learn about the legislative process and educate their legislators about the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

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Getting Intense: Treating Cerebral Palsy to Maximize Your Child's Full Potential

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Coronado M

Parents of children with Cerebral Palsy often say "We were told that our child would never walk/talk/roll" etc. Intensive PT, brought to the United States by Euro-Peds in 1999, is emerging as an effective treatment to maximize the full potential of children and young adults with gross motor delays. McGinnis will define "Intensive PT" using video examples & research, and will specify what makes intensive therapy a good complement to traditional therapy. Applications to European-inspired "suit therapy" and the Universal Exercise Unite (UEU) are also discussed.

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Not Served, But Serving

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Coronado N

Chautauqua was founded five years ago in Panama City, Florida. It is a model transition charter school for students with disabilities age 18-22. An Americorps VISTA staffed adult volunteer program was also created for individuals who age out of public education at the age of 22. Each day participants use public transportation to serve numerous organizations and schools in the community. Service in turn provides them with the opportunity to apply knowledge, master curriculum standards and develop life/job skills. The community literally becomes a classroom without walls.

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Separating/Divorcing? How to Use a Special Needs Trust and Protect Your Child

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Coronado P

When parents separate, divorce or never marry, the logistics of caring for a child with disabilities become even more complicated. Using a special needs trust as a safe haven for the child's assets will allow the child to qualify for benefits and prevent one parent from making unilateral decisions by utilizing an independent trustee or trustee panel or arbiter.

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No, Stop, Don't Do That! A Journey through Positive Behavior Support (PBS) and Beyond Differences and Diagnosis

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Coronado Q

Do you know young children that have challenging Behavior? Who are they, and how do we help children, teachers and parents lessen frustration? This interactive session will explore typical disorders of children in nearly every care setting. Discover how you can make the difference EVERYDAY through the empowerment of Positive Behavior Support (PBS). The goal of this workshop is to leave prepared for social/emotional challenges in the classroom, and gain basic knowledge concerning children with special needs. In accordance with the Program For Inclusive Early Care and Education (P.I.E.C.E.), participants will explore the curriculum of Beyond Differences and Diagnosis, A Celebration of Inclusion for All Children in order to feel empowered when faced with children who have special needs.

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Family Forum

Friday, June 18
1:30 - 2:30
Durango 1

Parents and youth speak out on how the comprehensive prevention program helps strengthen families that have children with behavioral health needs. Designed by parents and youth, the program offers something for everyone: Parents with a Purpose support groups to help parents advocate and not feel alone; Youth FAIR after school and summer services with emphasis on social and emotional development for youth; and Youth MOVE leadership development for transitioning young adults. Together families share their stories of success.

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Dyslexia: A Student's Success Story

Friday, June 18
1:30 - 2:30
Durango 2

Kiala and her mom, Darla Hatton, share their inspiring story. Kaila will impart how having a disability presents difficulties and successes providing for self-discovery and ultimately empowerment. Having dyslexia can impact education and can effect self-esteem, family dynamics, and other areas of life. Hear stories of their triumph and challenges. From the "real world" trenches they will provide practical suggestions that helped Kaila, including appropriate instruction, assistive technologies, self-awareness, advocacy, and effective networking. Come along as they reveal their epiphany of learning how to be defined by their strengths – not their weaknesses. Resources and credible information will also be provided.

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ADHD & Autism Are Not Hopeless! Hemispheric Integration Therapy

Friday, June 18
1:30 - 2:30
Fiesta 10

Dr. Nelson Mane will speak on the latest advancement of Hemispheric Integration Therapy with regard to ADHD and Autism Spectrum Disorders. If you are not familiar with the concepts of Epigenetics, Neuroplasticity, Temporal Coherence, Motor Cognitive Binding, or Hemisphericity, then you need to attend. If you have tried treatments such as A.B.A., D.A.N. Protocols, H.B.O.T., Visual or Auditory Therapy, or Sensory Integration Therapy and did not get the results you wanted, we still may be able to help. In fact, if you have experienced improvement with one of these therapies, we may be able to enhance those results. If you would like your child to get more out of tutoring, we may be able to help. Come find out why. Have the doctor answer all your questions!

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APD's Five Year Employment Vision

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Fiesta 3

Employment is one of the most meaningful activities individuals with or without disabilities can do as a member of the community. Work challenges the mind, produces earned income, and creates a sense of community. Today, finding meaningful work for individuals with disabilities is harder than ever before. APD has launched a new 5-year initiative to empower individuals with disabilities the choice of meaningful and dignified employment.

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IEP Jeopardy en Español

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Fiesta 8

Tomaré "Qué hay de bueno sobre la ley IDEA" por \$200.00

Traiga su gorra de pensar y únase con nosotros para esta presentación interactiva y divertida sobre el proceso del Plan/Programa de Educación Individualizado (PEI) o (IEP). Exploren las categorías tales como: La Evaluación y Elegibilidad, la Reunión de IEP, Miren todos estos papeles, Las Metas y los Servicios y Descubriendo Soluciones.

¿Tiene usted preguntas sobre los Niveles Presente de Educación? ¿Cómo escribir Metas en la Reunión de IEP? ¿Cómo medir el progreso?

¡Únase con su presentador para revelar las contestaciones de IEP Jeopardy!

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Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Yucatan 1

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Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities Through Recycling and Free Items

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Yucatan 2

We will cover how to build, through the use of hands-on materials, an evacuation disaster kit and how to plan for disasters year round. We will teach you how to think outside the box, to use recycling and the use of free items you already have in your house that can be used in your disaster evacuation kit. In this session you will learn how to reuse items you have that are lost, forgotten and abandoned within your house. You will also learn how to use items you can get for free to add to your disaster evacuation kit and then finally learn how to plan for a disaster in the event you have to evacuate or if you have to shelter in place. This session will leave you thinking about all the free items you use and acquire daily that can be used.

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Experiencing College Success for the Gifted LD Student

Friday, June 18

1:30 - 2:30

Yucatan 3

“Gifted” and “Learning Disabled” are not mutually exclusive terms. Many gifted learning disabled students possess roadblocks to learning which, if not addressed, render these students unable to successfully progress through a college program. Academic failure has often been the result of instruction and support not tailored to the needs of these college-bound students. Not only is academic failure a concern but a downward spiral in self-esteem can also be linked to the academic failure.

Discussions of the gifted learning disabled in terms of characteristics, needs (academic and social/emotional), and accommodations for college success are included in the presentation. Excerpts from case studies of gifted learning disabled college students are presented. These students are now successful at a college which specializes in instruction for gifted learning disabled students. Comparison of the roadblocks that occurred at previous colleges (no names of previous colleges are mentioned) and the ways in which the student needs have been met through academic mentors, small class sizes, individual support, curricula accommodations, and involvement in an active student life program are but a few of the factors presented. Insight into a positive learning environment for the college bound, gifted learning disabled student and how the needs of these students continue to be addressed allowing them to optimize the learning opportunities and gain the success to acquire the college degree they desire is part of this session.

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2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**



3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Primeroes Cinco errores que conllevan a envenenamientos: Histoias reales del Centro de Control de Envenenamiento

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Acapulco

Este programa de power point enseñado en Ingles y en Espanol describira historias reales y medidas de prevencion para evitar que estos errores le pasen a usted. Descubra tipos de venenos afuera de la casa (aranas, serpientes, plantas) y como saber identificarlos. Aprenda faciles pasos de primeros auxilios que debe tomar despues de cualquier tipo de envenenamiento.

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Structuring Homes to Improve Behavior

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Baja

This session will guide participants through the development of a "family plan" to structure their home environment to maximize positive interaction and minimize difficult behavior. Topics include clarifying a family vision and expectations, organizing space and time (e.g., creating family schedules and routines), and establishing consistent consequences to promote positive behavior. The presenter will provide examples and engage participants in discussions regarding each of these topics.

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Partners in Transition: Family Engagement Workshop

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Cancun

All youth rely on their families, as well as their schools, community organizations, and government agencies, as they transition to adulthood. The actions undertaken by families in particular to support youth in achieving their dreams are immensely important. How do families find out about the myriad decisions that will need to be made? How and when and where do they get involved? How can they be more involved? Join us for an open conversation on these and more topics related to Family Engagement. Input will be used to assist policymakers through the Partners In Transition project.

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Creating a Self-Directed Active Leisure Plan

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Coronado A

What have you always dreamed of trying? Water-skiing, fishing, kayaking, or maybe bowling? The sky is the limit. Each of us is different and enjoys different activities. FDOA will help you to create a self-assessment and plan for how to achieve your dream.

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Parenting Special Needs: Sharing Life Lessons

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Coronado B

This presentation is designed to inform and educate by sharing information and "practical tips" . . . done through lessons learned from "real life" with a special needs child: real life situations backed up with positive solutions. Learn the key to acceptance and the "ABC's" of what being an advocate really means. Learn where to go to find resources and how to contact them. Chantai Snellgrove, Founder of Parenting Special Needs Magazine, shares her experiences of how she approaches challenges and figures out a better way. She provides helpful tips and solutions to the challenges of parenting a special needs child.

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The Roles of Self-Advocates as Legislative Advocates

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Coronado C

It is important for self-advocates to take time to educate their legislators. This presentation will provide an overview of the role of self-advocates as legislative advocates and how to do this effectively. There will be an overview of the legislative process that will include how legislation is passed, how to communicate with the legislature, legislators and legislative staff, and how a bill becomes a law. Participants will discover how to play an effective role in the legislative process and what we can do as self-advocates to get legislation passed.

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IEP Jeopardy Part I

Friday, June 18

3:00 - 4:00

Coronado D

Enjoy yourself and learn in Part I of this fun and interactive presentation in which your host takes you through the fast-paced game of IEP Jeopardy. Categories include: So What's the Big IDEA, Evaluation and Eligibility, The IEP Meeting, Paperwork, Goals, and Finding Solutions.

Work together in teams to find the 'question' in Double Jeopardy. Will your team win it all in Final Jeopardy?

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Challenges of Raising a Bipolar Child

Friday, June 18

3:00 - 4:00

Coronado E

Bipolar disorder is a disorder of the brain marked by extreme changes in mood, energy, thinking and behavior. Learning that one's child has bipolar disorder can be traumatic. Diagnosis usually follows months or years of the child's mood instability, school difficulties, and damaged relationships with family and friends. However, diagnosis can and should be a turning point for everyone concerned. Once the illness is identified, energies can be directed towards treatment, education and developing coping strategies.

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Physical and Nutritional Management: Who Needs It?

Friday, June 18

3:00 - 4:00

Coronado F

Do you or someone you know have difficulty with maintaining head control? Difficulty swallowing or handling certain consistencies of food? Do you or someone you know rely on a wheelchair for mobility? If you answered yes to any of these questions then this session is for you. This session will provide individuals with developmental disabilities a basic understanding of physical and nutritional management needs throughout their lifetime. Information related to specific diagnoses will also be presented. Maintaining safe and healthy living through the utilization of specific physical/nutritional management will also be discussed. This session will provide an opportunity for questions and answers and will incorporate interactive role-playing.

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Sobreviviendo Accidentes Con Sobre-ropa (SACS)

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Coronado G

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Statewide Family and Youth Network

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Coronado M

Members of The Statewide Family and Youth Leadership team will give a parent-friendly overview of the National Transformations of Mental Health Services, particularly for Children. Information on the National Bill of Rights for Children's Mental Health, The SFYN infrastructure, and Florida's Integration of Transformation will be shared. Additionally the team will provide information on Florida's Cabinet Strategies and Goals with a focus on two which are entitled Ensuring Stable and Nurturing Families and Promoting Healthy Children, each with specific strategies that promote parent skills, knowledge and resources and young children being physically, socially, emotionally and mentally healthy.

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Pro Se Guardian Advocacy: An Affordable, Empowering, Alternative to Traditional Guardianship

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Coronado N

Pro se Guardian Advocacy is an exciting new guardianship options for parents of young adults with developmental disabilities. Florida Statue 393.12 has been revised to allow parents to apply for guardian advocacy without an attorney, make it an affordable option during these tough economic times. More importantly, guardian advocacy allows parents of DD children who have turned 18 to continue making some legal and medical decisions for their children without taking away all of their civil rights like a traditional guardianship would. Guardian advocacy is a less expensive, more empowering alternative to traditional guardianship.



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Delegate Roundtable: Autism

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Coronado P

One of the best ways for people that are new to a situation to become educated about their options is to speak with someone that has "been there" and "done that." This year at the Annual Conference, The Family Café Delegates will be hosting roundtable conversations where parents can network with other parents to share experiences and strategies that have worked for them. If you are new to parenting a child with a disability, or if you have a particular challenge your family is facing, this session may provide the support and guidance you need.

This roundtable session will be dedicated to Autism. Sessions on cerebral palsy and Down Syndrome will also be held on Saturday.

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RTI – Removing the Roadblocks to Quality Education

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Coronado Q

This presentation will demystify responses to intervention and equip parents to use RTI as a tool to achieve good educational outcomes for their children. RTI can be an effective tool to help identify skills deficits and to design educational programming to appropriate educate children in all educational settings. The presentation will also explain how RTI should be applied in the eligibility process and give parents the tools they need to make sure that RTI is used correctly by schools. The presenter is an educational advocate and the mother of children with disabilities.

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Man Laws for Moms: Understanding Dads and Why We Do What We Do

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Coronado R

This session for moms will explore some of the reasons why dads do the things that they do related to family involvement. The session will look at strategies that moms can use to help encourage dads to be more involved with a child with special needs and the additional responsibilities that often surround raising the child.





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Keeping your Medicaid or Medicare While Working – Safe Option for SSA Beneficiaries Part 2

Friday, June 18
 3:00 - 4:00
 Coronado S

Many Social Security Beneficiaries are faced with the challenge of balancing their day to day living expenses with the limited income received from the Social Security Administration. The Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program (TTW Program) provides an opportunity for SSA Beneficiaries to receive services that can help them to work and earn income above the amount received from the Social Security Administration and yet, maintain critical benefits like Medicaid and Medicare.

Part 2 of the presentation will focus on the 2008 amendments to the TTW Program regulations and how those changes have impacted SSA beneficiaries and other program partners. There will be a discussion of the 'New Partnership Plus Opportunity' between the Employment Networks and the State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency.

A diverse team of subject-matter experts will be available to respond to your questions/concerns and to help you become more informed concerning the TTW Program and how to make it work for you or your family member.

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The Authentic Leader

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 3:00 - 4:00
 Coronado T

Systems change is happening across the state at every level and has been driven by the hard work of tireless leaders, change agents, and advocates. They run organizations, programs, and are even employed by the system that they are charged with changing! As organizations and leaders are forced into a more "businesslike" approach to their work, the real people they represent are often lost in the mire. This session explores the authenticity of leaders and advocates as the voice of the populations they serve and assists participants in building their capacity to balance what they do, how they do it, and who they do it for.

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Update on Florida's Alternative Assessment

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3:00 - 4:00

Durango 1

This session will provide information about the Florida Alternate Assessment (FAA) and the Sunshine State Standards (SSS) Access Points. The FAA is designed for students whose participation in the general statewide assessment (FCAT) is not appropriate even with accommodations. Aligned to the SSS in Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science, the FAA measures student academic performance on the SSS Access Points at three levels of complexity: participatory, supported, and independent. Access Points are extensions of the general standards and capture the essence of the SSS with reduced levels of complexity. It is expected that only students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who are eligible under IDEA will participate in the Florida Alternate Assessment.

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The College of New Jersey Career and Community Studies Program

Friday, June 18

3:00 - 4:00

Durango 2

More and more college campuses are creating a variety of opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities to participate as college students, on a college campus. Matt Murray, a rising junior from the Career and Community Studies Program at The College of New Jersey, will provide information, and share experiences and insight on why college is a realistic and viable option for young adults with disabilities to be successful. For more information regarding the Career and Community Studies program please visit www.tcnj.edu/~ccs and for additional college programs for students with disabilities you may visit www.thinkcollege.net.

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Overview: Children's Mental Health System of Care

Friday, June 18

3:00 - 4:00

Fiesta 1

This session will provide an overview of the children's mental health system of care. Information will be provided on how to access publicly funded mental health services from multiple sources, the array of services and supports available, and resources for parents and caregivers to obtain information and support.

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Medicaid Eligibility and Medicaid Services

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Fiesta 10

This presentation provides an overview of Florida Medicaid eligibility and services. Participants will learn how Medicaid eligibility is determined and how to access services. The presentation focuses on people enrolled in one of the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid waiver programs and their families and care providers. We will explain Medicaid and Medicaid waiver services and the process for choosing the best services for each person's needs.

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Florida Vocational Rehabilitation: Supported Employment Today

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Fiesta 3

Come meet Pam Hinterlong, DVR program administrator as we discuss Supported Employment and other DVR programs for individuals with disabilities. Ms. Hinterlong will explain all about Supported Employment, new DVR initiatives, and how you can get involved. Audience participation will be encouraged, with time for comments and questions and answers.

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Conversations with Families

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Fiesta 8

In 2006 the Family Leadership committee of the Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT) embarked on the activity entitled "Conversations with Families." Conversations have been held in cities throughout Florida and in 2010 at the Family Café in Orlando.

The conversation meeting provides a direct, person-to-person opportunity for families to "converse" with members of the FICCIT and to permit FICCIT members, in turn, to speak directly to families currently served by local Early Steps. Topics of discussions present a chronological reflection of a family's experiences in Early Steps: Evaluation and assessment, Family Services Plans, Services Coordination, Rights, Services received and Transition.

Family members can learn about serving as family representative on the FICCIT.

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Entrepreneur for Special Kids

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Yucatan 1

Calling all parents of children with special needs. Stop whining and start doing. Being a good advocate for your child is a must, and now you can learn how you can be a mentor to children with special needs. Lisa Fultz, a mother of a child with Down Syndrome, is the Founder and President of Special Kids Dance & Performing Arts, a non-profit organization. We will share with you how to become an entrepreneur and how you can put your talent to good use to help kids with special needs! Whatever your profession, help us build a better future for our kids!

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ABC's of Family Disaster Preparedness

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Yucatan 2

There is a saying that all disasters are local. While this is true, preparing for disasters is personal. This session will help you learn to prepare your family for disasters and increase the chances of being a survivor. Nobody wants to think a disaster will happen to them personally. But, it really is not a question of if something will happen, but when something will happen.

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Project 10: Addressing Transition Needs of Youth with Disabilities Across the State of Florida

Friday, June 18
3:00 - 4:00
Yucatan 3

These presentations will introduce Project 10: Transition Education Network to families across the state of Florida. Project 10 is funded through the Florida Department of Education's Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services. Session attendees will have the opportunity to: (1) Learn about the resources available for youth who are planning their transition out of high school and their families; (2) examine some of the materials currently available through the project and its website; (3) Learn more about their role in the transition process; and (4) Ask transition-relevant questions of the project 10 Staff.

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4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer

FRIDAY

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

A Primer on Medicaid Waivers

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Acapulco

This is an overview of all Florida Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waivers. We will provide information on the purpose of waiver programs and their relationship to regular Medicaid services and general eligibility information. Emphasis will be placed on the services available on the Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services Waivers.

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Problem Solving Difficult Routines

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Baja

This sessions will involve teaching participants a problem-solving process for restructuring challenging family routines (e.g., getting ready for the day, transitions, meals, or bedtimes). Participants will learn how to establish goals, determine possible causes of difficult behavior during the routine, develop strategies to prevent problems, encourage more positive interactions and make the routine more successful. The presenter will provide examples, encouraging participants to apply the process to their own family routines.

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The Legal and Financial Aspects of Raising a Special Needs Child

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Cancun

As a parent, especially one of a child or adult with Special Needs, one of the most important things you can do is ensure that a proper legal and financial plan has been established to provide for your loved one when you are no longer able to care for them. We cover topics such as: building the plan to provide for our child's lifetime; the role of SSI and Medicaid; Estate Plans and Public Assistance; Special Needs Trusts/Role of Trustees; Special Financial Considerations; How to AFFORDABLY Fund your Child's Financial Future; Intro to Guardianship.

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Intro and Info on Adaptive / Inclusive Sports

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Coronado A

People with disabilities can participate and enjoy recreation with their family and friends. Each person has different interests and activities that motivate and inspire them. This session will provide information on how and where to participate in a variety of active leisure options, including horseback riding. You won't want to miss the excitement of the many options available to you.

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Social Security: We're Listening, We're Learning, We're Responding

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Coronado B

We've changed our programs and how we do business to more effectively provide opportunities for people with disabilities who want to work. The presenter, a firm believer in these programs, full of enthusiasm, will introduce you to the Social Security Disability programs, the Work Incentive provisions and the Ticket to Work Program. Social Security is committed to understanding your needs. Social Security is working to eliminate barriers you face and create solutions to overcome those barriers. Social Security work incentives are designed to accommodate your needs and circumstances so you can get to work. Social Security lets you stay in control of your benefit choices. Social Security's work incentives provide a safety net that lets you explore work options while keeping your benefits (healthcare and cash) until you are better able to support yourself without them. You can easily get back on cash benefits if necessary. You'll leave with a clear understanding of the subject. Mr. Torano has celebrated this year his 30 years of experience working for the Social Security Administration. After the session, the floor will be open for questions. If you have personal questions he will be available to talk with you at the end of the session.

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Succeeding Despite a Disability

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Coronado C

You can succeed no matter what obstacles have been placed in your way. This is about real life experiences. It is about learning to overcome when society tries to limit what you can do or put you down. Have you ever been told you can't over and over again by schools, therapists or experts? Well you can. We will share stories and experiences that will motivate you to just go out and do.

Thomas Moon is an independent adult with a disability. As a person with a disability, Thomas knows what it is like to overcome obstacles and still keep a positive attitude.

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IEP Jeopardy Part II

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Coronado D

Enjoy yourself and learn in Part II of this fun and interactive presentation in which your host takes you through the fast-paced game of IEP Jeopardy. Categories include: So What's the Big IDEA, Evaluation and Eligibility, The IEP Meeting, Paperwork, Goals, and Finding Solutions.

Work together in teams to find the 'question' in Double Jeopardy. Will your team win it all in Final Jeopardy?

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"Don't Be Denied" – Get Help From the Advocacy Center

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Coronado E

Have you been denied free and appropriate public educational services; discriminated against when trying to obtain employment or housing; abused or neglected by caregivers; denied appropriate medical, habilitation, or psychiatric treatment; denied the right to make your own choices and be a participating member of the community; or denied the assistive technology services or devices you need to be more independent? Join us and learn self-advocacy skills, steps you can take to secure your rights, receive information on understanding your rights, and find out how to obtain an Advocate Specialist or AC Attorney to correct rights violations.

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TATS Talks with Families About Pre-K

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Coronado F

This presentation introduces three new resources for families of children with disabilities who are in Pre-K programs in Florida from the TATS project. TATS Talks with families, providing information to families coming into the Pre-K system about various aspects of Pre-K programming, and discusses the development of IEP's. Topics include: what is Pre-K, Rights and procedural safeguards, accommodations and modifications, Pre-K options, what to look for in a quality Pre-K, working with teachers, families on IEP teams, all about the IEP, getting ready for the IEP team meeting and helpful resources and links.

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Guardian Advocacy: Who, What, Why and How

Friday, June 18

4:30 - 5:30

Coronado G

Parents can petition to be the guardian advocate of a young person when they reach the age of 18, if they are unable to assume all of the rights that come with adulthood because of their disability. Circuit Judge Lawrence R. Kirkwood explains the reasons and the law, and presents a guide to walk parents through the confusing process of seeking guardian advocacy without the need of an attorney.

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CAN – The Change Agent Network, Part 1

Friday, June 18

4:30 - 5:30

Coronado M

Do you want to become a part of the movement to improve services and opportunities for individuals with disabilities and their families across the state? Join others in an interactive discussion to explore possibilities, identify options, and begin to make change through innovative, grassroots advocacy. This session will introduce participants to seasoned advocates who have taken their work to a higher level to make a difference in the lives of consumers, families, and their children and youth. Learn more about how to turn your ideas into CHANGE; how to make the difference that shifts the system to be more responsive to the needs of the people it serves. This session, sponsored by the Family Café Change Agent Network – CAN, is open to all participants interested in making a real difference for the more than 3.5 million people with disabilities living in Florida.

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The New VR School to Work Transition Program

Friday, June 18

4:30 - 5:30

Coronado N

The presentation provides an overview on changes made to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation School to Work Transition Program and how this will improve services for transition-age youth. The presentation focuses on expansion of targeted outreach; development and enhancement of transition resources; and process improvements for students, families and professionals. VR has placed a renewed emphasis on earlier referral and assessment, development of work skills and behaviors while in school, effective collaboration, and improved access to technology and resources. Enhancements provide students with disabilities a greater chance of success in transition from school to work through training, education, or direct placement.

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The Future of Services to Individuals with Disabilities – A Vision

Friday, June 18

4:30 - 5:30

Coronado Q

This workshop will be structured to allow participants' input regarding their vision of how future services to the disabled community could be structured. The workshop will begin with a brief PowerPoint overview of what has transpired in recent history, both from a budget and policy perspective, making certain assumptions about the future based on historical experience. After viewing a model of what the future might look like, the audience will be asked to react to the model, modify as needed and incorporate other visions. The goal is to issue a brief paper with the title "The Future of Services to the Disabled – A Vision," that captures the workshop discussion for future leaders to consider.

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Wils Van Bergen: My World

Friday, June 18

4:30 - 5:30

Coronado R

This presentation will focus on the life and achievements of Wils Van Bergen, Self Advocate. Come share a presentation like no other as Wils talks about school, home, family and the community. Hear first-hand how Wils handles challenges every day while educating all those he has come into contact with.

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The Florida DD Council Presents, "Lighting the Way to Guardianship and other Decision Making Alternatives"

Friday, June 18

4:30 - 5:30

Coronado S

The Office of the Public Guardian has continued its partnership with the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council for a second year to plan and implement three (3) two-day guardianship training workshops for individuals with disabilities, their families and attorneys throughout the state. Participants will learn the objectives of the "Lighting the Way" project and obtain a summary of topics to be covered during the workshops. At the conclusion of the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to register to attend one of the three (3) workshops.

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What Are Florida's Parents Telling Us About Public Schools' Efforts To Facilitate Their Involvement In Their Children's Education?

Friday, June 18

4:30 - 5:30

Durango 1

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), states are now required to collect information annually from parents of children receiving special education services. This information is used to determine the extent to which schools are supporting these parents' involvement in their child's education. In 2006, 2007, and 2008, the Florida Department of Education collected information from a large sampling of parents. This year the survey will be open online to all parents of children receiving special education services. Come to this session to learn about the development of the survey instruments (there are two), what we have learned from past surveys, why parents should participate in the survey, and what happens to the results of the survey. Also, parents will learn how they can participate in the survey this year to let FDOE know how their child's school is, or is not, facilitating their involvement in their child's education.

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The 411 on Personal Assistance Services: Toolkit to Help Youth With Disabilities

Friday, June 18

4:30 - 5:30

Durango 2

This session will provide young people with disabilities, including their friends and families, and youth service providers information on a new toolkit on personal assistance services. This toolkit can be used in the school, work, and community settings. This toolkit is designed with descriptions for what the benefits of a personal assistant is to a young person with a disability and worksheets to understand what their specific needs are and to create an independent living checklist. It also includes worksheets on the screening process, interviewing a PAS candidate, sample application form, sample questions to ask references for PAS, and a sample employee contract. All of this information is provided in an easy to use and youth friendly language.

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Parent Survival Skills: Raising a Child with a Disability

Friday, June 18

4:30 - 5:30

Fiesta 1

This session explores the family dynamics of having a child with a disability and looks at the impacts that can occur on the social and professional relationships in and around the family. The session stresses the need for internal communication in the family as well as developing strategies to cope with issues and stresses that may arise for the family members.

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An Introduction to Trauma Informed Care

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Fiesta 10

This presentation will introduce participants to the principles of Trauma Informed Care and its application to persons with disabilities and co-occurring behavioral and/or mental health issues. Information about the experience of trauma by persons with disabilities, the effects of trauma upon individuals, and elements of trauma informed care will be presented.

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Self-Employment and the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Fiesta 3

Come meet Pam Hinterlong and Ethel Brock with Florida Vocational Rehabilitation. You will learn all about the exciting opportunities available when considering Self Employment and how DVR can help.

Ms. Hinterlong and Ms. Brock will review the Self Employment program including the process to become a vendor of Self employment services. Audience participation will be encouraged with time for comments and questions and answers.

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Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Functional Medicine Approach

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Fiesta 8

This presentation will deal with using concepts of how functional medicine is applied to autism spectrum disorders. Although this is a presentaion on biomedical interventions, this is not your routine Defeat Autism Now! Protocol. If you have questions such as: why is my child on antifungal medication six months out of the year? Why are the vitamin doses so high? And, what are the proper steps and pitfalls of chelatin? All these questions and more will be answered.



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Top 5 mistakes that lead to poisoning: True Stories from Poison Control Center

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Yucatan 2

This PowerPoint program taught in English and Spanish will describe true stories and ways to keep these mistakes from happening. Discover types of poisons (spiders, snakes, plant) and how to identify them. Learn easy first steps to take after any type of poisoning.

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Disability History with the FYC

Friday, June 18
4:30 - 5:30
Yucatan 3

The Florida Youth Council is committed to leadership and support to their peers here in Florida. The FYC has made disability history special part of their mission since creating and passing disability history and awareness legislation in 2008. Come learn about the rich history and important contributions of persons with disabilities in our nation, as well as the importance of disability awareness! Skits, interactive discussion and the youth perspective will be all be incorporated to illustrate how history and awareness go hand in hand. Learning about our past helps us move forward and change minds for today and for our future!

All ages are welcome to join us.

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5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **The 12th Annual Summit on Disabilities, Coronado Ballroom**



The 12th Annual Family Café





The 12th Annual Summit on Disabilities

June 18, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Coronado Ballroom

As most Floridians are aware, 2010 is an election year, and there are a number of high-profile statewide races going on. One of Florida's US Senate seats is up for grabs, with several candidates, including Governor Crist, vying for the chance to represent the State of Florida in Washington, DC. With Governor Crist leaving the statehouse, that also means that there will be a new Governor elected this fall. There are also multiple candidates for that position, representing all parts of the political spectrum. Truly, this is the most active, unusual and dynamic election season here in Florida in recent memory.



With so much going on politically, The Family Café is committed to getting individuals with disabilities and their families engaged in the process. Too often those with disabilities are thought of by those in government as consumers of services primarily. Why not make the 2010 election season an occasion to remind all of the candidates that we are voters and constituents too?

The 12th Annual Summit on Disabilities will be our chance to do just that. Long-time Family Café supporter and disability advocate Representative Bill Galvano will be on hand to provide a State of the State on disabilities issues. He will share his perspective on the many disability-related issues that the Florida Legislature has confronted this year.

We have also invited all of the candidates for Florida Governor and US Senator to attend the Summit, so they can share their vision for Floridians with disabilities, and hear families' concerns first-hand. At this time, Senatorial candidates Marco Rubio and Maurice Ferre have confirmed their attendance. Of course, representatives from all of the State Agencies that serve persons with disabilities will also once again be in attendance.

This is your chance to engage in open conversation about your concerns with candidates, elected officials and agency representatives. Please join us, and take advantage of this opportunity to get engaged in the democratic process and advocate for yourself and your family.





Saturday, June 19, 2010

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Veracruz Exhibit Hall

The Orlando Magic Wheels wheelchair basketball team is a member of the NWBA (National Wheelchair Basketball Association) www.nwba.org which was founded in 1948 primarily for returning WWII veterans. The NWBA is comprised of teams from all around the US and Canada, with several like the Orlando Magic Wheels that receive their names and various levels of support from their namesake NBA team. The Orlando Magic Wheels are approximately 16 years old. We are currently in a rebuilding phase, and are trying to acquire funding, practice space, new members, etc. Members of the team come mostly from the Orlando area with wheelchair athletes coming from as far

away as Cocoa Beach, Apopka, Deland and other surrounding communities.

Aside from competing in the NWBA against in-state teams like the Miami Heat Wheels and the Tampa Bay Strong Dogs, the team also travels to neighboring states to play, and has home tournaments with teams coming from as far away as Texas. The Magic Wheels currently field two levels of teams, a Developmental Division team, and a Championship Division team – National Champions for the 2008/2010 season. In the future they hope to sponsor a Junior team, and a women's team once again. During the off season the team participates in Disability Awareness events at local schools and other venues. For this event, they will be demonstrating how to play wheelchair basketball, discussing some of the skills involved, and then playing an exhibition game. As a follow up, there will be a Q & A session, and interaction w/the wheelchair athletes.

Leading the cheers will be our friends from the Freedom All-stars "TEAM COURAGE." These 10 individuals with disabilities each have a partner for their performance. The volunteer cheer coach is Dawn. Enjoy their routine, which is taken from "High School Musical."

Additional halftime entertainment will be provided by Latin music sensation Gerry Capo. Gerry will also be with us throughout the weekend "to mingle with all of you, learn from you and help you to have a lot of fun." He will be debuting his most recent song as well, which you will be sure to enjoy!



- 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. **Registration Open, Central and North Registration**
- 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Open, Veracruz Exhibit Hall**
- 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Scooter Rental Available, Central and North Registration**
- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Dental Screening, Veracruz Exhibit Hall**
- 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Keynote Address, Veracruz Exhibit Hall**
- 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **FRIENDS Chorus, Foyer**
- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Family Adjustment Measure, Fiesta 6**
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Arts & Crafts, Fiesta 5**
- 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **FRIENDS Chorus, Foyer**
- 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**
- 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Music by the Lake**
- 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Family Entertainment featuring Dueling Pianos, Coronado Ballroom**

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

How Do I Know If This Is A Good IEP?

Saturday, June 19
9:00 - 10:00
Acapulco

How many IEPs are written each year? Millions? How many of these IEPs meet the standards described by IDEA 2004? Both parents and teachers want to know that the IEPs used to support their child's education are quality IEPs. But how can they do that? This presentation will help parents evaluate their child's IEP. Examples of what quality IEPs look like will be shared. Presenters will compare and contrast useful, effective IEPs to ones that need help. Participants will recognize what makes an IEP not just good, but great.

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The Benefits of Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Saturday, June 19
9:00 - 10:00
Baja

There is "MAGIC" in horses that provide strong medicine for individuals challenged with disabilities. The rhythmic motion of the horse has been proven to help improve strength, coordination and balance. Attention span, confidence and self-esteem also improve from riding a horse, but most importantly it provides individuals the feeling of freedom and independence. This presentation will provide you with the benefits & "miracles" that can happen when riding or driving a horse for children and adults with physical, mental or emotional challenges.

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The FDIC Money Smart Program

Saturday, June 19
9:00 - 10:00
Cancun

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation recognizes the importance of financial education for everyone, including people with little or no banking experience. It created the Money Smart Program to help individuals outside the financial mainstream enhance their money skills and create positive banking relationships. Financial education fosters financial stability for individuals, for families and for entire communities. The more people know about credit and banking services, the more likely they are to increase savings, buy homes and improve their financial knowledge. The Money Smart curriculum helps individuals build financial knowledge, develop financial confidence and use banking services effectively.

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Eas-i-Chi

Saturday, June 19
9:00 - 10:00
Coronado A

A primary challenge for all persons (and their caregivers) with neuro-motor deficits include increased instability. Sensory awareness deficits also contribute a large component to movement disorders and nervous system degradation. Eas-i-Chi is a unique, accessible approach to using the three key building blocks in Tai Chi: breathing, balance and bilateral coordination. The program offers an easy to learn form of recreational therapy that focuses on building core muscle strength, body symmetry and enhancing the integration of the body's three organic balance centers.

Results:

- makes the body structure more stable
- allows for better feel for where the body is (increased awareness of the body)
- maximizes limited movement options and improves/corrects gait pattern, and
- makes movement more predictable.

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A Successful Journey from the NICU to EELP: A Parent's Perspective

Saturday, June 19
9:00 - 10:00
Coronado C

This presentation gives a view of one family's journey from the Neonatal ICU, through the Early Steps program and transitioning into the EELP classroom. This shows the struggles and strengths found from being a parent of a special needs child and the transition the family makes along the way. The presentation is given from a parent's viewpoint but becoming an advocate for my child led me to now stand on the side of the parents as an Infant and Toddler Developmental Specialist. We will talk about what we find along the path and how parents can help each other and their child by understanding the system.

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The Florida DD Council Presents, "The Self-Advocacy Grassroots Movement In Florida"

Saturday, June 19
9:00 - 10:00
Coronado E

The Center on Human Policy at Syracuse University has continued its partnership with the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council for a fourth year to develop, train, and assist local self-advocacy groups throughout and obtain an overview of work done to date. At the conclusion of the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to network with self-advocates that are currently involved in this Council initiative.

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Building a School Community Where All Are Welcomed

Saturday, June 19

9:00 - 10:00

Coronado P

Inclusion embraces diversity. Establishment of an enabling and inclusive environment offers a best-practice model to assist learners to achieve their educational goals. This interactive presentation will empower participants to enact changes that facilitate the diversity of students across the spectrum of ableness, culture, ethnicity and linguistic and its relationship to cultural, linguistic backgrounds. Strategies will be presented that address respectful language within the realm of special educational and initiatives that engage parents as active partners in the education of their child. Relationship building between all is essential. Benefits to students of an inclusive school community include a respect for difference, improved self-esteem, and validation of collaborative practices. Participants will leave this session with numerous handouts, ideas and tools to support their quests in building a community where all are welcome.

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A Primer on Medicaid Waivers

Saturday, June 19

9:00 - 10:00

Coronado R

This is an overview of all Florida Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waivers. We will provide information on the purpose of waiver programs and their relationship to regular Medicaid services and general eligibility information. Emphasis will be placed on the services available on the Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services Waivers.

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Families Engaging in Successful Transition

Saturday, June 19

9:00 - 10:00

Coronado T

The diverse and complex needs of today's youth cannot be met by any one family, school district, government program, or private organization acting alone. The successful transition of all youth to adulthood and a productive, independent, self-sufficient life demands coordination and collaboration across systems and across agencies and demands that parents and families have the support that they need to help their son or daughter make the right choices at the right time based off the right information.

This workshop will describe how the Family Guideposts, developed by the National Collaboration on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth), can be used to help parents and families of LP's navigate the complicated field of transition. The Family Guideposts are a comprehensive framework that identifies the content of what all youth need to transition to adulthood and can be used as a tool to determine what resources are available to assist parents and families of young adults with disabilities to better equip their child to make the jump from school to work.



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**Meet Bambi Lockman, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services,
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Saturday, June 19
9:00 - 10:00
Durango 1

The Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services administers education programs for students with disabilities and for gifted students. Additionally, the bureau coordinates student services throughout the state and participates in multiple inter-agency efforts designed to strengthen the quality and variety of services available to students with special needs. During this session, Bambi Lockman will update participants on some of the latest initiatives and activities within the Bureau.

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Living and Coping with Bipolar Disorder

Saturday, June 19
9:00 - 10:00
Fiesta 1

In this workshop, we will discuss the impact child and adolescent Bipolar Disorder has on the family. Topics will include the stress of unpredictability, dealing with day-to-day behaviors and emotions, and special issues with teens. We will also discuss affects on marriage, siblings and the extended family.

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Consumer Directed Care Plus Program (CDC+)

Saturday, June 19
9:00 - 10:00
Fiesta 10

This presentation will provide an overview and updates for the Consumer Directed Care Plus program for individuals enrolled in the Developmental Disabilities and other home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver programs. Presentation content will include current activity of the program, including the expansion of enrollment and the new CDC+ handbook for the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver programs.

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TD Transportation: A National Model

Saturday, June 19

9:00 - 10:00

Fiesta 3

In 2009 the TD program successfully, safely, reliably and affordably moved 51 million Floridians who are transportation disadvantaged. These trips enabled your neighbor to go to work, see the doctor for non-emergency medical, go to school or simply have a life. Come learn why TD is a national model. Mobility is freedom.

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The Florida Family Care Council and Legislative Advocacy

Saturday, June 19

9:00 - 10:00

Fiesta 8

The Family Care Councils are a collection of local organization established by legislation to advocate for families of and people with developmental disabilities. We have periodic meetings where we educate ourselves for Persons with Disabilities on policy issues and set strategies about how to best advise the Agency for our folks. A major part of this advocacy has come to focus on working with our Florida Legislature to influence legislation affecting our people. Examples are the new priorities for folks coming off the wait list and identifying possible new sources of funding to support them. This presentation will discuss these efforts and way that everyone can get involved to make a difference.

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Quality Improvement Initiatives: Provider Consultations

Saturday, June 19

9:00 - 10:00

Yucatan 1

The Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and the Delmarva Foundation for Medical Care, Inc., work together to improve the quality of services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities through the Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waivers. The Agency for Health Care Administration entered into a new Quality Assurance contract with Delmarva as of January 2010. Innovative processes and procedures are part of the new Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver quality assurance program. These modifications include the addition of CDC+ participants and providers to the review process, a new person-centered review tool with stronger focus on individual needs and goals, improved performance measurement standards, a streamlined review process focusing on the participant's entire circle of supports and services, and major efforts to involve stakeholders in instrumental roles for quality assurance program development.

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ABC's of Family Disaster Preparedness

Saturday, June 19

9:00 - 10:00

Yucatan 2

There is a saying that all disasters are local. While this is true, preparing for disasters is personal. This session will help you learn to prepare your family for disasters and increase the chances of being a survivor. Nobody wants to think a disaster will happen to them personally. But, it really is not question of if something will happen, but when something will happen.

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Social Security Disability Benefits and SSI: Understanding the Impact of Work on Benefits

Saturday, June 19

9:00 - 10:00

Yucatan 3

This session will provide an overview of the Social Security work incentives and the Ticket to Work Program, with a focus on the impact of work benefits. It will address fears which include: (1) work will make an individual ineligible for benefits; and (2) work will cause the loss of Medicare, Medicaid and/or cash benefits for those on the disability rolls. The session will explore a variety of free resources which are available to assist you in deciding if work is an option. The goal of this session is to not only equip you with a "toolbox" of the resources available but also to provide you with the knowledge you need to make an informed CHOICE about work and how it will affect YOU.

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10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Keynote Address**, Veracruz Exhibit Hall
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **FRIENDS Chorus**, Foyer
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Family Adjustment Measure**, Fiesta 6
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Arts & Crafts**, Fiesta 5

Family Adjustment Measure

Saturday, June 19

1:00 - 3:00

Fiesta 6

Dr. Andrew P. Daire, Associate Professor in the University of Central Florida (UCF) Counselor Education Program and the Executive Director of the UCF Marriage & Family Research Institute, is developing an adjustment assessment measure specifically for parents of children with special needs, the Family Adjustment Measure. The purpose of this assessment tool will be to help professionals more accurately identify and meet the needs of parents of children with special needs. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, The Family Café has arranged for Dr. Daire to be present on Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 and Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 in Fiesta Room 6.

You can also access this research project online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/famproject>.



1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions



Social Security Disability Programs, Work Incentives and the Ticket to Work: What You Need to Know to Keep It Working For You

Saturday, June 19

1:00 - 2:00

Acapulco

Several million disabled persons receive monthly benefits from the Social Security Disability Programs. Many also utilize Medicare or Medicaid to aid them with their medical expenses. Often persons with disabilities worry that working or attempting to work may make them ineligible for these benefits forever. Social Security recognizes this fear and has responded with developing the Ticket to Work Program. The presenter, a firm believer in these programs, full of enthusiasm, will introduce you to the Social Security Disability Programs, the Work Incentive Provisions and the Ticket to Work Program. You'll leave with a clear understanding of the subject. This presentation was made based on how own experiences in explaining it to family and friends. Mr. Torano has almost 30 years of experience working for the Social Security Administration. After the session, the floor will be open for questions. If you have personal questions he will be available to talk with you at the end of the session.

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Essential Steps to Inclusion for Students

Saturday, June 19

1:00 - 2:00

Baja

Preparing students with autism for life when they leave school is a challenge. The research clearly states that when implemented correctly, inclusion results in better life outcomes for students with autism and their peers. This interactive presentation will include essential tools and tips for implementing successful inclusion, which takes into consideration the level of supports needed for all involved. We will focus on how to plan for students and staff support with specific case examples that involve students who have teachers that tailor learning around student strengths and interests.

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So Who's Going To Pay for All the Quality of Life Family Provides into the Future?

Saturday, June 19

1:00 - 2:00

Cancun

One of the greatest long term concerns families caring for a loved one with special needs have is how the care and quality of life assistance will work into the future.

With life expectancy for special needs populations continuing to lengthen, and planning for care beyond the parent's life is becoming more critical. Join Kevin Manning and Tom Nurse, experienced special needs financial planners, as they explain the process of developing a family plan for life's transitions, the coordination of public and private funded care, as well as purpose and function of special needs trust and financial strategies that can help both now and into the future.



This workshop can help both families and professional make some sense of the maze of programs, eligibility requirements and health care access concerns that can seem so overwhelming.

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Recreation Assistive Technology

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado A

Discover the latest in recreation assistive technology and adaptive sports. This will be a hands-on session where participants can experience the latest in tools and toys.

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Medication Usage and Safety Roundtable Talk

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado B

Larry Martinez, RPh., has been a hospital pharmacist for 25 years, and still continues to be involved in every aspect of hospital pharmacy, including medication dosing, IV compounding, cost reduction, home healthcare and medication counselling. He is a graduate of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy and has been dealing with his own lifetime of physical challenges giving him his own unique perspective on the medical system. This will be an open frank roundtable discussion on general medication usage, focusing on questions about medication and the challenges this brings.

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Son unos Derechos Maravillosos

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado C

Los caracteres de la película clásica navideña "It's a Wonderful Life", "Es una Vida Maravillosa" nos ayudan a presentar este taller divertido e interactivo sobre las Garantías de Procedimientos, escrito por la ley IDEA, la cual protege los derechos de los padres y los estudiantes con respeto a las provisiones de una Educación Pública Gratuita y Apropiaada (FAPE).

Con los derechos vienen las responsabilidades y tener el entendimiento de sus derechos y responsabilidades les ayudara a usted estar más informado, y ser un participante activo en el proceso de educación especial de su niño.

¡Ven y celebren estos Derechos Maravillosos!



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Spinal Cord Injury 101

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado D

There are resources in Florida that empower people with spinal cord injuries to live active, full lives. The FFAST Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center is a gateway to expanding awareness of those tools. This session will educate and inform attendees about spinal cord injury and the challenges presented to those affected by such an injury. It will also help increase one's knowledge of SCI related resources, provide information about peer mentoring, foster independence through self-knowledge, and help provide immediate access to current resource information as needed by consumers throughout their lifetime.

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Dads: Getting in the Game

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado E

This workshop helps fathers better understand the importance of their role with their children and family. The session attempts to get fathers to evaluate their current level of involvement with their children and begin considering how they can work to improve that relationship and level of involvement.

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The PediaSuit Protocol: Advantages and How It Changed My Child's Life

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado F

Children's physical development and movement is linked closely to other aspects of their daily learning. It is influenced by their growing confidence and enjoyment of physical play, by their increasing ability to control their own bodies through movement and by their physical well-being and strength.

As children develop physically, they become faster, stronger, more mobile and more secure of their balance, and they start to use these skills in a wider range of physical activities and also begin to become more aware of themselves as individuals. This developing sense of identity is linked closely to their own self image, self-esteem and confidence.



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The LONG Winding Road to Change

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado T

There was a time before the IEP when students with disabilities did not even go to school. There were not always Family Support Plans. At one time, Vocational Rehabilitation did not even exist! Florida and the country have seen many changes across the years in the disability arena. Education laws, changes in health care access, and workforce development have all shifted the landscape and made changes that will impact persons with disabilities for eternity. Come join us as we discuss this journey and develop our own visible timeline of the changes and shifts that have brought us to where we are today and the leaders, change agents, advocates, and “troublemakers” that made it happen!

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The Silent Epidemic: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado S

Statistics reveal that the vast majority of individuals with developmental disabilities will be the victims of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation at some point during their lives. This presentations will explore the factors behind the alarming prevalence of such crimes committed against this population, identify common characteristics of perpetrators, provide tips for detecting and reporting the signs and symptoms of potential maltreatment, and offer concrete safety and prevention strategies that parents, caregivers, and self-advocates can implement immediately. An overview of the Agency’s Zero Tolerance Initiative to End Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation against Floridians with Developmental Disabilities will also be provided.

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Leading with a Limp – Leadership Development for Adults with Disabilities

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado R

Who is a leader? What does a leader look like? Everyone has a preconceived idea as to who a leader is, what they look like, and how they should lead. This workshop discusses models of leadership as it relates to developing people living with disabilities into challenges, attitudes, and physical and intellectual barriers often encountered in leadership development.



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Person-Centered Planning: Filling in the Blanks while Following MAPS and PATHs

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado Q

As the mother of a child with multiple disabilities, a certified special educator, support coordinator, family specialist and community recreation provider, Shelly has developed relationships with children and young adults who have a wide variety of lifestyles, personalities, disabilities, medical conditions and other complexities. After discussing some well-known formats for person-centered planning, Shelly will share examples of individuals with varying lifestyles, disabilities, and personal circumstances. She will provide resources that professionals and family members can use to create "personality portfolios," develop action plans, and ensure self-determination and meaningful participation by individuals with developmental and/or multiple disabilities.

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Light Up Your Life with Self-Determination

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado P

Self-Determination is the right of every person to live, work, play, retire, and die in the community of their choice. Shortly after congress passed the ADA Act in 1990, I learned the crux of the Self-determination movement. I live life by these same five principles and want to teach others to live by this same philosophy

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You Can't Even Tell Who They Are! The Danger of Judging the Success of Inclusion on How Well Students with Disabilities Blend In

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado N

Today's classrooms are becoming more and more diverse as they begin to reflect the diversity of our society. Inclusive education is becoming realized as the preferred paradigm for education of children with disabilities, as teachers become more adept at providing accommodations and modifications, differentiating instruction and working collaboratively in general education classrooms. While we applaud their successes, we caution that inclusion is not just for those students with mild to moderate support needs. We will discuss strategies to include students with more substantial support needs and an instrument for self-assessing the state of inclusion in schools.



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Benefits and Tax Planning for Special Needs Families

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Coronado M

Parents of loved ones with special needs incur a myriad of expenses for their special needs child, or adult, including therapies, educational training, tutoring, personal care aides, transportation, home modifications, educational and medical supplies. Many of these expenses may be tax deductible, but are often overlooked by tax professionals who are unfamiliar with the type and categorization of expenses incurred by the special needs family. These unique tax benefits may entitle parents to additional refunds. Learn how to identify these often-missed tax deductions, and other tools available to save on your family's federal and state income tax. Includes a basic review of the tax implications of various types of Special Needs Trust.

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Parents and School Districts Working Together for Students

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Durango 1

This session will address communications and problem-solving skills that parents and school districts can use to work together for the educational benefit of students. In addition, the presentation will include data and information regarding Florida exceptional student education's (ESE) monitoring and dispute resolution.

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Recognizing Effective Treatments for Behavioral and Mental Health Concerns

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Fiesta 1

This presentation will provide participants with information intended to aid them to better identify effective treatments for co-occurring behavioral and/or mental health issues in persons with disabilities. Information will be provided with respect to different types of providers, their school(s) of practice, and the service delivery system(s) in which they are found. Information about important related concepts (e.g., evidence-based practices, empirically-based treatments, etc.) will be reviewed and illustrated with examples from the current practice and research literatures.



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STEP into Employment

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Fiesta 3

Since 2008, over 180 interns have participated in Summer STEPS, funded by the Children's Services Council of Broward County, a unique, full-time (30 hours per week for 8 weeks) paid employment program in over 50 different worksites for young adults with developmental disabilities where they learn important life, social, and job skills for living independently. To offer continuity to the Summer STEPS interns, the Foundation created the Open Door Café, an innovative community business model. Summer STEPS participants continue to improve on vital skills while running a profitable enterprise, strengthening their résumés, becoming an integral part of the community, and showing employers and customers what dedicated employees they are.

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Home Schooling for Person Centered Education

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Fiesta 10

Florida allows parents to home school their children. Parents have quite a bit of freedom to direct their children's education. Children across Florida are home schooled and are entering and succeeding in college and the work force. Home schooling offers parents a real opportunity to develop a person-centered education plan for their child. You are in charge of the education and educational opportunity available to your child. Parents have the opportunity to customize their child's curriculum to meet their specific needs. You have the opportunity to provide just what your child needs to integrate into the community upon their graduation.

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Conversations with Families – Spanish

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Fiesta 8

In 2006, the Family Leadership committee of the Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT) embarked on the activity entitled "Conversations with Families." Conversations have been held in cities throughout Florida and in 2010 at The Family Café in Orlando.

The conversation meeting provides a direct, person-to-person opportunity for families to "converse" with members of the FICCIT and to permit FICCIT members, in turn, to speak directly to families currently served by local Early Steps. Topics of discussions present a chronological reflection



of a family's experiences in Early Steps. Evaluation and assessment, Family Services Plans, Services Coordination, Rights, Services received and Transition.

Family members can learn about serving as family representative on the FICCIT.

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Navigating through IEPs

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Yucatan 1

This presentation will focus on navigating the IEP process for parents and care givers of students in the exceptional student education programs. Parents will learn the importance of drafting a present level of performance that focuses on the appropriated supports and services, measurable goals and objectives. Also covered will be accommodations to assist the student to access the curriculum and gain educational benefit, and a discussion of the importance of related services and assistive technology. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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Disaster Preparedness Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities Through Recycling and Free Items

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Yucatan 2

We will cover how to build, through the use of hands on materials, an evacuation disaster kit, and how to plan for disasters year round. We will teach you how to think outside the box, to use recycling and use of free items you already have in your house that can be used in your disaster evacuation kit. In this session you will learn how to reuse items you have that are lost, forgotten and abandoned within your house. You will also learn how to use items you can get for free to add to your disaster evacuation kit, and then finally learn how to plan for a disaster in the event you have to evacuate or if you have to shelter in place. This session will leave you thinking about all the free items you use and acquire daily that can be used.

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SATURDAY





Successfully Interacting Socially

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Yucatan 3

Interacting with your peers can be a challenging experience. Throw in a disability and the experience becomes so much more challenging. This session is all about how the Florida Youth Council members have dealt with the challenge of interacting socially.

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■ Cinthia Melgar
■ Sara Romine



Surviving Accidentally Clothed Submersions – Live Demonstration

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Quiet Pool

BayWatchers was founded to teach special populations to swim and swim and compete as champions in Special Olympics. Learn to swim in life's journeys.

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It's Playtime! Inclusive Playgroups for Infants and Toddlers

Saturday, June 19
1:00 - 2:00
Main Pool/Sandbox

Our three experienced Infant Toddler Developmental Specialists will conduct bilingual interactive playgroups for children birth to age 5. The playgroups typically last forty five minutes to one hour and focus on a developmentally appropriate curriculum for infants and toddlers. They include songs, motor activities, sensory play, crafts, story time and other developmentally appropriate activities for the children. Several different themed playgroups will be conducted during the event and parents are encouraged to participate.

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2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **FRIENDS Chorus**, Foyer



2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

It's Those Wonderful Rights – Part I

Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 3:30
Acapulco

Characters from the holiday classic movie "It's a Wonderful Life" assist in presenting Part I of this fun and interactive presentation about procedural safeguards. These provisions, in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA), protect parents' and students' rights with respect to the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

With rights come responsibilities, and understanding their rights and responsibilities will help parents to become informed and active participants in the special education process. Come celebrate those Wonderful Rights!

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Your Life, Your Way and Maximizing Medicaid Wavier Services

Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 3:30
Baja

This presentation will share important information for people who are on the Florida HCBS Medicaid Wavier. The content will provide a better understanding of the Med Wavier, with emphasis on managing individual budgets, your services, supports, and service providers. All participants will receive a "How To" manual that includes tips and specifics about: Self determination and Self-directed, Florida's DD/HCBS and FSL Waivers, Support coordinators and Support Plans, finding services providers, hiring services providers, managing services providers, maintaining quality, finding personal space and protecting yourself.

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An Hour of Your Time – A Lifetime of Information

Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 3:30
Cancun

Joe is a national recognized educator on this very specific type of planning. This presentation will examine topics such as; protection of government benefits, wills, different types of trusts, how HIPPA laws can effect direction of care, health care surrogates, living wills, durable power of attorney, how to fund a special needs trust, how to retire when you are supporting your loved one with special needs, guardianship. Accepting a financial fit - what not to do, and finally, you will be receiving a letter of intent on CD at the end of this presentation. This is truly a session nto to be missed. An hour of your time - a lifetime of information!

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SATURDAY





Being a Self-Advocate – Your Right to Recreation

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Coronado A

Interested in recreation? It is everyone's right to be able to enjoy recreation and active leisure! This session will teach you how to become a self-advocate for your rights to recreate. No need to sit around the house! People can and do enjoy participating in recreational activities regardless of their ability level. Come and learn about the options of accessible, inclusive recreation for people with disabilities. Participants will be made aware of issues, challenges and solutions for increased opportunities for inclusion in programs within their community. Highlighted will be the therapeutic value of recreation for all.

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Living Independently: Finding Enrichment

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Coronado B

From a college experience to living in student housing at colleges to a four week summer independent living experience, the options are out there for families. Come hear more from administrators and students involved in these transition programs.

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Calling All Advocates! Partners in Policymaking Wants You!

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Coronado C

Come learn about the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council's advocacy program, Partners in Policymaking. Partners is a leadership training program that helps individuals with developmental disabilities and family members become effective advocates and work with policymakers to improve the lives of person with disabilities. Based on a national model, the overall goal of Partners is to develop productive partnerships between the people who use and need services and those in a position to make policy regarding those services. Partners participants learn from nationally recognized speakers on a variety of topics, including how to navigate the state and federal legislative process. If you want to be a leader in your community or hone your advocacy skills, Partners may be for you!

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How to Start a Social Skills Group in Your Community

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Coronado D

Children with Disabilities are often left out of normal peer activities. Meet a mother who got tired of waiting on the sidelines and started her own social group. Nancy Basile, a mother of three special needs children, stated a Bowling Social in Charlotte County. This session will give you information on how to get started. You will learn how to connect with families, get community participation, start an e-mail listing, and advertise through schools, agencies, and providers.

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Sailing Through Transition

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Coronado E

This presentation, in addition to defining "Transition," explores the different transitions that occur between birth and age three. We will look at ways to make a smooth transition from Early Steps Program at age three, including development of a transitions plan on the IFSP.

This workshop, part of the New Star training series, was written by and for families. It is specifically geared for families in the Early Steps Program, but is beneficial for all families. Through parent to parent support, we help one another. This, and all New Star workshops, are presented by parents, for parents.

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"Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin):" An Encouragement Session for Women

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Coronado F

I hope that the title doesn't throw you. It's a classic Sly and Family Stone song that says, "Thank you for letting me be myself again," because as female caregivers, wives, mothers, homemakers, professionals, etc., etc., etc. . . . it can become easy to be transformed into someone unrecognizable. Do you see yourself as being all the woman that you were meant to be? It's time to take back your true self! Know your greatness, understand and appreciate how dynamic you truly are! Be you and be the BEST You that you can do! This session will inspire, inform and motivate your uniqueness. As I approach my fifty-second birthday in two months, I celebrate the freedom of being myself and not concerning myself with what others may feel or say regarding my life and the special needs that exist in the family. Their opinions are just that . . . opinions. What others may feel should be the "norm" for you, may not be the case at all. You do what is best for you in your heart, mind and spirit. You know, it's o.k., speak your mind and unleash your personality. Doubt, fear, stress, fatigue, anxiety, worry, etc. do not have any place to occupy in our lives. This interactive, fun-filled session is open to all the women of The Family Café. And by the way, some special surprises will be included. See ya!

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I Wonder Why She Said That: True Colors Around the IEP Table

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Coronado G

Have you ever wondered about the other people sitting around the IEP meeting table? Each person at the table brings his or her own personality style, and bringing those different communication styles together is not always easy!

Join this fun and interactive workshop which defines four basic personality styles. Leave the workshop with an understanding of how identifying the styles may help to make the IEP meeting less stressful for ALL!

Come on in – Guess which style you might be! Laugh and Learn!

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Awareness and Action in Your Community and School!

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Coronado M

Come hear how Awareness and Action Partners makes a positive impact in the lives of people with disabilities. Founder of AAA Partners, Sara Romine, is a successful college student who has been included since entering kindergarten. Sara will share the strategies she has used throughout the years to help her achieve her goals. She will also discuss the advocacy projects she has participated in at the local, state, national and international levels. Participants will be inspired to become aware of a need in their community or school and develop an action plan with their partners to make a positive difference!

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Disability Life: An Example of What's Possible

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Coronado N

When faced with living with a disability, an individual has the opportunity to make as little or as much of their life as boundaries permit. Evan Piper has defined the example of making the most out of this type of situation. Since becoming a paraplegic from a 2001 accident, Evan has managed to excel beyond the boundaries that could have limited him. Evan will share his story and at the same time share several inspiring ideas.

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Delegate Roundtable: Cerebral Palsy

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Coronado P

One of the best ways for people that are new to a situation to become educated about their options is to speak with someone that has "been there" and "done that." This year at the Annual Conference, The Family Café Delegates will be hosting roundtable conversations where parents can network with other parents to share experiences and strategies that have worked for them. If you are new to parenting a child with a disability, or if you have a particular challenge your family is facing, this session may provide the support and guidance you need.

This roundtable session will be dedicated to cerebral palsy. Sessions on Autism and Down Syndrome will also be held on Saturday.

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The Parent-Teacher Connection: What's That?

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Coronado Q

Parents of children with special needs have experienced a multitude of issues with their child long before their child has his or her first educational experience. Teachers generally have little or no concept of the emotional highs and lows, the fears, decisions, hurdles and other experiences that the special needs family must navigate from the very beginning of their child's life (or from the onset of an injury, accident or illness).

When an educator enters the child's life, it is important that the teacher understands that the child's needs and the parent's concerns are often inseparable. If the teacher "doesn't get it," the educational process is compromised, resulting in the loss of productive learning time as well as possible emotional and/or behavioral issues. However, if the parent and teacher can reach a mutual understanding that puts the child's needs first, the parent-teacher connection will have been established.

We will attempt to discuss the need for such a connection, and how to achieve it from both the parent/guardian perspective, and from the perspective of the teacher/therapist/professional working with your child.

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A Life Of An Underestimated Individual: Ways To Have Yourself Heard

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Coronado R

This session will be based on one person's experience as a severely disabled individual. You will hear what has worked and what didn't work, to help you develop a plan for yourself. Some of the topics covered will include how to benefit fully from services that are available and knowing what those services are (i.e. Supported Living, Supported Employment, In-Home, Adult Day Training, Companion, Respite, Personal Care Assistant, etc.). You will also hear about how to self-advocate and what rights you are entitled to.



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CAN – The Change Agent Network, Part 2

Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 3:30
Coronado S

Would you like to see more opportunities for individuals with disabilities and their families? When are we going to see changes in the way services are delivered? It is all about the message and how it is delivered. Come learn and share about how shaping and delivering the message can double the impact and promote the changes you want to see. This interactive session will feature simple tricks, tips, and resources for modeling your message and getting results. Why reinvent the wheel? Share and learn with other leaders and advocates and walk out with templates, ideas, and a message you can use to make change, drive policy, and transform the system. This session, sponsored by the Family Café Change Agent Network – CAN, is open to all participants interested in making a real difference for the more than 3.5 million people with disabilities living in Florida.

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Navegando en un mar de sentimientos y emociones

Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 3:30
Coronado T

Este es un taller interactivo que explora los diversos sentimientos y emociones que experimentan las familias de niños con discapacidad o con retraso en el desarrollo. Conversaremos sobre la dinámica e interacción familiar al igual que sobre estrategias para afrontar las situaciones difíciles. Este taller es parte de la serie de capacitación, New Star, para las familias en el Programa de Early Steps.

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Part 1 of 2: Identifying Children Affected by Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)

Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 3:30
Durango 1

Of all substances of abuse, alcohol causes the most serious long term effects in a fetus, resulting in permanent brain damage. Many Children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) go undiagnosed. Knowing the dangers of drinking when pregnant, the common symptoms of FAS and when to make a referral for evaluations is crucial if you work professionally with children or are a foster care parent. Making a referral for proper diagnosis can help a child flourish rather than suffer.



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Family-to-Family Education Program

Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 3:30
Fiesta 1

The Family to Family course consists of a series of classes for family members of adults with serious and persistent mental illness, as well as those whose behaviors suggest such a diagnosis. It is designed to help families face the challenges of brain disorders and find support, resources, and coping strategies. The course is provided free of charge. Family-to-Family is an experiential education course on mental illness that meets twelve weeks, two and a half hours per week. The course uses a combination of lectures, interactive exercises and group processes. The curriculum consists of Brain Biology, Schizophrenia, Major Depression, Mania and Schizo-affective Disorder, Mood Disorders, Basics about the Brain, Problem-solving Skills, Medication Review, Empathy and Understanding, Communication Skills, Self-Care, Recovery, Advocacy, Review and Evaluation.

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iBudget Florida – the Waive(r) of the Future

Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 3:30
Fiesta 10

iBudget – do you? The Florida Legislature has approved APD to begin implementing the iBudget Florida program. iBudget Florida was designed with input from a broad group of stakeholders including consumers, families, support coordinators, providers, and advocates. iBudget Florida will be a new waiver which has individual consumer budgets for services, greater choice and flexibility in service selection, less bureaucracy, a role for support coordinators refocused on consumers rather than paperwork, and tools and resources to help consumers and families control their budgets. Upon receiving federal approval, iBudget Florida will begin in a small part of the state this year. It will later expand to involve all APD waiver-enrolled consumers in Florida, replacing the tier waiver system. Come hear Director DeBeaugrine share the vision for iBudget Florida and learn more about this exciting new program.

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Soft Skills: The Competitive Edge

Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 3:30
Fiesta 3

This session will provide an overview of a new curriculum on teaching soft skills to youth, including youth with disabilities, and will focus around areas including: networking, enthusiasm, professionalism, communication skills, teamwork, problem solving, and critical thinking skills. Participants will be able

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to not only learn how they can maximize their program's teaching potential in these areas, but they will also be able to engage each other about ways in which their programs are teaching soft skills. Participants will also learn about best practices around ways in which to teach soft skills to youth, and will be provided with the US Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy's Fact Sheet on soft skills.

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Communication – Organization

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Fiesta 8

Una estrella nueva "que registra el viaje: Comunicacion y organizacion" Un nuevo entrenamiento de la estrella es una serie de entrenamientos intractivos creados por los padres de ninos con especial necesita, ayudar a otras familias a entender y participar completamente en el sistema temprano de la intervencion de la Florida. Este modulo ensena metodos con eficacia de comunicarse con programas y profesionales y demuestra los sistemas del mantenimiento de registros para organizar la infrmacion y expedientes tempranos de la intervencion. Familias quienes particpan pueda comunicar mejor su desea y necesita dentro de los pasos tempranos. Sistema de la intervencion. Para organizar la comunicacion eficaz, clara con uso de un comprensivo

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A True College Experience for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities:

STING RAY

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

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Project 10: Transition Education Network and the Governor's Commission on Disabilities are collaborating to build a college model for Florida students with significant cognitive disabilities, Students Transitioning Into the Next Generation, Recognizing Alternative for Youth: STING RAY. Participants will learn about the objectives and design of this model and the progress on pilor site development throughtout the state of Florida.

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2 Parts Mental and 1 Part Physical

Saturday, June 19

2:30 - 3:30

Monterrey 2

I will be talking about my disabilities that have shaped me to be who I am and my difficulties that I have to face each and every day.



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Accessing the General Curriculum

Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 3:30
Yucatan 1

Accessing the general curriculum is an exciting shift in the instruction of students with significant cognitive disabilities. In this session, participants will view an electronic professional development module on how the IEP, Access Points, and Access Courses provide students with significant cognitive disabilities access to the general curriculum, wherever they receive their instruction.

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ABC's of Family Disaster Preparedness

Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 3:30
Yucatan 2

There is a saying that all disasters are local. While this is true, preparing for disasters is personal. This session will help you learn to prepare your family for disasters and increase the chances of being a survivor. Nobody wants to think a disaster will happen to them personally. But, it really is not question of if something will happen, but when something will happen.

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Working: From Internships to Employment

Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 3:30
Yucatan 3

Getting and maintaining employment is an essential component in being independent. In this session, members of the Florida Youth Council will walk participants through the various ways for individuals to get working experiences, establish relationships and get a job. There will be time available at the end of this session for questions and answers.

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Sara Romine
Sarah York

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**



4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

It's Those Wonderful Rights - Part II

Saturday, June 19
4:00 - 5:00
Acapulco

Characters from the holiday classic movie "It's a Wonderful Life" assist in presenting Part II of this fun and interactive presentation about procedural safeguards. These provisions, in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA), protect parents' and students' rights with respect to the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

With rights come responsibilities, and understanding their rights and responsibilities will help parents to become informed and active participants in the special education process. Come celebrate those Wonderful Rights!

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Improving Health with Dietary Excellence and Optimal Habits

Saturday, June 19
4:00 - 5:00
Baja

Americans are very interested in nutrition, but they are also more confused about it due to the incredible amount of conflicting information they read daily. In spite of the confusion, the scientific evidence shows that there is a diet that can prevent, stop the progression of and even reverse many common degenerative diseases.

Dr. Pam Popper, Executive Director of The Wellness Forum, will review the science in easy-to-understand terms; describe the components of an optimal diet; address common misconceptions about nutrition; and offer tips on how to get started. She will convince you that everyone, regardless of their health status, can benefit from eating better. You'll be amazed at the power of food to change your health and your life, and you'll be surprised at how inexpensive eating well really can be.

Dr. Popper will also talk about the feature film *Forks Over Knives*, which will be shown in theaters this fall. She makes a professional appearance in the film and was involved in researching and reviewing the science for it. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to preview the film on Sunday morning.

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Pathway to Advance Economic Self-Sufficiency for Persons with Disabilities

Saturday, June 19
4:00 - 5:00
Cancun

Pathway to Advance the Economic Self-Sufficiency for Persons with Disabilities includes and overview of available opportunities to build assets and create long-term savings. This presentation will provide attendees information on the asset building tools available: financial literacy, IRS tax credits and Individual Development Accounts; as well as an overview of trusts and available Social Security work incentives that allow an individual to save beyond the \$2000 SSI/Medicaid limit.



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Think Outside the Sandbox: Inclusive Play Environments for All Abilities

Saturday, June 19
4:00 - 5:00
Coronado A

Learn what you can do in your community and your own backyard to bring nature, play and fun to people of all ages and abilities. The presenters will focus on inclusive park and garden design models for a variety of outdoor spaces and budgets. Participants will receive fundraising tips and guidelines for building partnerships to create inclusive play environments in their own communities. Audience participation will include discussions on the differences between accessible and inclusive play and an interactive exercise designed to help you and your community Think Outside The Sandbox!

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Partners in Policymaking Graduate Network

Saturday, June 19
4:00 - 5:00
Coronado C

Are you one of the approximately 300 Partners in Policymaking graduates in Florida? If so, please visit us as we connect and network with one another. Come hear how Partners graduates are continuing their advocacy work to improve the lives of Floridians with developmental disabilities. We will discuss the development of local Partners advocacy coalitions and other opportunities for graduates to stay involved. Come by to say hello, connect with other graduates, encourage one another, and collaborate in your ongoing advocacy efforts.

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Traveling the Seas of Families, Feelings and Emotions

Saturday, June 19
4:00 - 5:00
Coronado D

The unexpected has happened. Your child has a disability – neither you nor your family expected this or quite know how to deal with it. You have feelings and emotions that you never had before.

This is an interactive workshop that explores the variety of feelings and emotions families of children with disabilities experience. If you like, be prepared to share your story with us. Coping skills, family dynamics and interactions will be addressed.

This workshop, part of the New Star training series, was written by and for families. It is specifically geared for families in the Early Steps Program, but is beneficial for all families. Through parent to parent support, we help one another. This, and all New Star workshops, are presented by parents, for parent.



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Project SEARCH: A Business Led high School Transition Model

Saturday, June 19
4:00 - 5:00
Coronado E

Project SEARCH is a one-year, high school transition program which provides training and education leading to employment for individuals with disabilities. The program occurs on-site at a high status community business. The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council is now in their third year of supporting the establishment and growth of Project SEARCH locations throughout Florida. There are currently eleven (11) sites operating within Florida and six (6) more in the planning stages.

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Understanding Hope and Keeping Your Faith Strong!

Saturday, June 19
4:00 - 5:00
Coronado F

This inspiring faith-based session is designed to help families cope with the daily challenges that life brings to each of us. Recognize and understand the importance of how having Faith and Hope in your family will keep it spiritually healthy and strong. Know that better days are ahead! Come with expectations and experience this truly uplifting session. "Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

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Disability Awareness and Etiquette

Saturday, June 19
4:00 - 5:00
Coronado M

Lack of education may lead to social isolation and discrimination toward persons with disabilities. This presentation will review the various types of disabilities affecting our daily lives. Etiquette will address ways to work with persons with various barriers. We will review how some activities by persons who are able-bodied are causing a reduction in the civil rights of persons with disabilities. We will discuss the difference between "disability" and "handicap." We will review some of the ways the ADA affects the services available to the persons with disabilities.

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Delegate Roundtable: Down Syndrome

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Coronado P

One of the best ways for people that are new to a situation to become educated about their options is to speak with someone that has "been there" and "done that." This year at the Annual Conference, The Family Café Delegates will be hosting roundtable conversations where parents can network with other parents to share experiences and strategies that have worked for them. If you are new to parenting a child with a disability, or if you have a particular challenge your family is facing, this session may provide the support and guidance you need.

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Pasando por Encima de la Pared: La Comunicacion Positiva dentro de la Reunion de IEP o IFSP

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Coronado Q

Ambos padres y educadores reportan que las reuniones de IEP es uno de los eventos más estresante del año escolar. ¿Por qué? ¿Porque causa tanto estrés esta reunión la cual generalmente toma lugar una vez al año? Este taller divertido e interactivo examina la experiencia del IEP o IFSP desde ambas partes de la mesa y explora las soluciones proactivas para obtener resultados cooperativos y comunicación positiva.

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Intensive Therapy Using the TheraSuit Method

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Coronado T

Intensive therapy using the TheraSuit method is an intensive therapy protocol developed in Poland and used with children with cerebral palsy and other neurological disorders. This protocol has been gaining popularity and is the definitive treatment for children with cerebral palsy. This presentation will provide a history of this method, describe the specialized equipment used, and present an overview of a typical treatment session. Short videos of children participating in intensive therapy will be shown during this presentation. Attendees will learn why movement and strength training are vital to children with cerebral palsy.

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Part 2 of 2: Preventing and Treating Behavioral and Emotional Challenges Commonly Experienced by Children Affected by Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Durango 1

Children on the spectrum of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) experience lifelong social challenges, serious mental health problems and involvement with the juvenile justice system. Proper intervention can help prevent many of these challenges. If you work professionally with children or are a foster care parent it is important to know effective parenting strategies, appropriated intervention, and components of treatment planning for children on the FAS spectrum.

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Autism: Believe in the Future, HOW?

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Fiesta 1

HOW does a child with severe autism develop a positive self-image? As months turned into years, we ignored all negative professionals and slowly moved forward at Robin's pace. At 22 years old, she could express basic simple needs to her family and she was appropriate in public most of the time. We decided to keep supporting her into adulthood. Today, Robin is a cashier at Publix supermarket, and a YMCA membership receptionist. She has a busy social life, lives in her own condo, and drives her own car. Bottom line, it can be done, and it's never too late!

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Restraint & Seclusion: What You Need to Know to Protect Your Child

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Fiesta 10

This presentation will provide information about the current use of restraint and seclusion in school. Discussion will focus on practices, policies and what you need to know to protect your child. Current policies and ways to ensure districts comply with keeping your child safe will be included. The presentation will also inform participants of the current status of state and federal law. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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Support for Moving from Benefits to Work Through PASS and Other SSA Work Incentives

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Fiesta 3

This presentation will describe the Plan To Achieve Self-Support (PASS) and other Social Security (SSA) work incentives available, to support disabled individuals crossing over from benefits to employment. For students, the Student Earned Income Exclusion is a very valuable tool to gain work experience, get paid and not worry about the effect that the work will have on SSI benefits or Medicaid.

There are many valuable tools that are available through Social Security's Work Incentives that support going from benefits to employment to a combination of both work and benefits together.

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John M. McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Fiesta 8

The Department of Education's Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice will present information about the John M. McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities. This program was established to provide Florida parents and students with educational options and operates under the premise that parents should make decisions regarding their child's education. The program offers student-directed funding and parent-directed choices. The presentation will include: participation statistics, eligibility requirements, process for filing the intent, parent/student responsibility, private school responsibilities, and public school responsibilities.

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Choosing a Place to Belong

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Monterrey 1

The gift of independence is the greatest gift you can give your child. At this session, you'll discover new and exciting residential communities being planned throughout Florida. Places where people of all abilities can call home, where "old-fashioned community" is created, where diversity is celebrated, and where residents are free to choose their neighbors and be who they are.

Communities which are safe and affordable, where one can choose to meet their friends to share a friendly video game competition, take a leisurely stroll along the meandering walking trails, or simply kick back and relax. It's a soft place to fall when the world gets too hard . . . it's a place where neighbors care . . . it's a place to belong. Come discover the possibilities yourself.

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SATURDAY



Family's Role in Response to Instruction/Intervention (RtI)

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Monterrey 2

This session will help families develop a basic understanding of the school-level implementation of response to instruction/intervention (RtI) and the family's role in the problem-solving process. Florida's statewide RtI Implementation Plan acknowledges that parents are critical components of the process and parent participation should be facilitated throughout. Learn key features of the RtI, what it might look like at your child's school and how you can become involved in the process.

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Baseball for Persons of All Abilities: Everyone Can Participate

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Veracruz C

Learn first-hand the value and benefits of a pick-up baseball game. Come play with us! All ages and abilities are welcome!

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Getting Over the Wall: Communicating in the IEP

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Yucatan 1

Both parents and educators report that I.E.P. meetings are some of the most stressful events of each school year. Why? Why would a meeting which generally only takes place once each year cause such anxiety? This fun and interactive workshop examines the IEP experience from both sides of the table and explores proactive solutions for positive communication and collaborative results.

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Five Simple Truths About Autism Spectrum Disorders

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Yucatan 2

Autism Spectrum Disorders are increasing at an alarming rate, along with theories about causes, cures and approaches that have been developed for individuals with this diagnosis. The results can be overwhelming to families and educators who spend time with these children every day. This presentation will share 5 simple truths that experts have learned from research and practice, and some of the steps teachers and parents can take to embrace these truths and make positive gains for young people with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

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Communication: What Are You Really Trying to Say?

Saturday, June 19

4:00 - 5:00

Yucatan 3

Presenters Sylvie Shields and Debra Cobb, Escambia County School District's Parent Liaisons, are parents of children with disabilities. Communication is the heart of all relationships, including personal and educational. Yet, at times, it can be challenging and emotional. Come join the ESE Parent Liaisons while they share tips in strengthening effective communication skills. These skills will assist both families and educators in a positive partnership for your student's success.

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6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Music by the Lake**

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Family Entertainment featuring Dueling Pianos, Coronado Ballroom**



The 12th Annual Family Café



SATURDAY

Saturday Entertainment Highlights



FRIENDS Chorus

FRIENDS Chorus began in March of 1989 with 11 members. Over the following twenty-one years it has grown to 57 members from 11 different schools in Martin County. The group consists of members with mild to severe intellectual disabilities. Each student is expected to perform to his or her personal best. Students with severe disabilities are expected to stand appropriately on the risers and sign as

they can, students that are nonverbal are taught to sign, students with moderate to mild disabilities are taught to sign and sing.

FRIENDS Chorus is more than students with disabilities. There are 15 student directors and 2 adult directors. The student directors come from all walks of life, ninth grade to college freshmen. These young people are so excited about what they are doing that they are taking sign language courses outside of their regular school activities going on to college to become Special Education Teachers, and are becoming strong advocates for the rights of this special population of people.

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **FRIENDS Chorus**, Foyer

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **FRIENDS Chorus**, Foyer

Pyramid Players

The Pyramid Players have become a fixture at The Annual Family Café, with their diverse talents, rousing performances and dynamic vocals. This group of self-advocates will once again be on hand to share their abilities with everyone at the event. The performers come from Tampa, Tallahassee, Fort Walton Beach and Pensacola. After viewing their performance, make sure to drop by their gallery in the Exhibit Hall to check out their sculpture and visual art too!

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer

2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Pyramid Players**, Foyer

Arts & Crafts



Each student will be able to select a photo or draw from their imagination to create portraits of the photo in three different styles (Realism, Impressionism, and Abstraction). Students and their families will move from activity to activity on their own accord. Students will take their drawings home with them.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Arts & Crafts**, Fiesta 5



Two noteworthy Latin music stars will be on hand,

Gerry Capo

and

Juan José Rodríguez.

Both will be available to meet with families, sign autographs and entertain everyone throughout the weekend.

GET READY TO DANCE!



SATURDAY NIGHT FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT



Join us in welcoming
our old friends

The Dueling Pianos

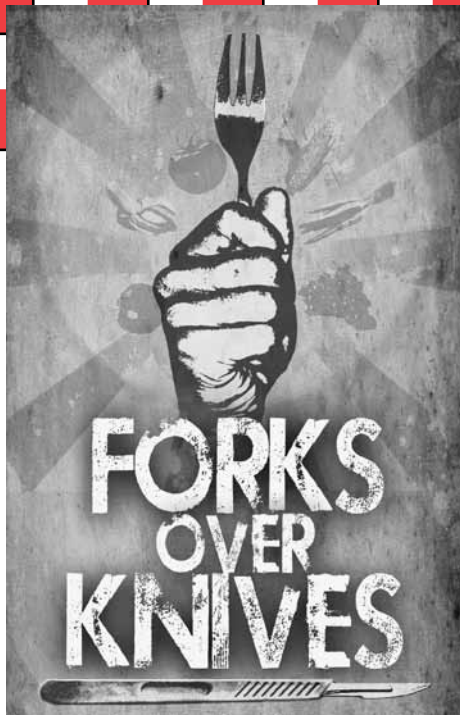
back to The Family Café
Annual Conference!



The Dueling Pianos are more than just music! They're comedy, interactive fun, and a real-live jukebox all rolled into one! They'll be joining us for our Saturday Evening Dance, where they will be sure to get everyone singing, dancing and laughing.

*Remember,
requests are always
welcome!*





Sunday, June 20, 2010

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Coronado Ballroom

What has happened to us? Despite the most advanced medical technology in the world, we are sicker than ever by nearly every measure. Cases of diabetes are exploding, especially amongst our younger population. About half of us are taking at least one prescription drug and major medical operations have become routine. Heart disease, cancer and stroke are the country's three leading causes of death, even though billions are spent each year to "battle" these very conditions. Millions suffer from a host of other degenerative diseases.

Could it be there's a single solution to all of these problems? A solution so comprehensive but so utterly straightforward, that it's mind-boggling that more of us haven't taken it seriously?

FORKS OVER KNIVES examines the profound claim that most, if not all, of the so-called "diseases of affluence" that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting our present menu of animal-based and processed foods. The major storyline in the film traces the personal journeys of Dr. T. Colin Campbell, a nutritional scientist from Cornell University, and Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn, a former top surgeon at the world renowned Cleveland Clinic.

Inspired by remarkable discoveries in their young careers, these men conducted several groundbreaking studies, one of which took place in China and is considered among the most comprehensive health-related investigations ever undertaken. Their separate research led them to the same startling conclusion: degenerative diseases like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and even several forms of cancer, could almost always be prevented—and in many cases reversed—by adopting a whole foods, plant-based diet. Despite the profound implications of their findings, their work has remained relatively unknown to the public.

In addition, cameras follow "reality patients" who have chronic conditions from heart disease to diabetes. Doctors teach these patients how to adopt a whole foods plant-based diet as the primary approach to treat their ailments—while the challenges and triumphs of their journeys are revealed. The film features leading experts on health and tackles the issue of diet and disease in a way that will have people talking for years.

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open, Veracruz Exhibit Hall

Outdoor Activities: Catch and Release Fishing, Adaptive Water Skiing Demonstration, Disc Golf

Keynote Address, Coronado Ballroom

Closing and Door Prizes, Coronado Ballroom





The Florida Youth Council

*invites all youth and emerging leaders with disabilities
between the ages of 13 and 30*

to

*The 3rd Annual Youth Summit
August 6-7, 2010
The Florida Hotel and Conference Center
at the Florida Mall
Orlando, Florida*

*Join youth and emerging leaders from
throughout Florida for two days of education,
information and fun this August!*

*No registration fee * Financial Assistance Available*

*To register, visit www.familycafe.net or www.floridayouthcouncil.com
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SPORTSABILITY

FLORIDA DISABLED OUTDOORS ASSOCIATION

20th ANNIVERSARY



Florida Disabled Outdoors Association (FDOA) enriches lives through accessible inclusive recreation for all.

FDOA is partnering with the Family Café to provide this weekend's

SPORTSABILITY SAMPLER

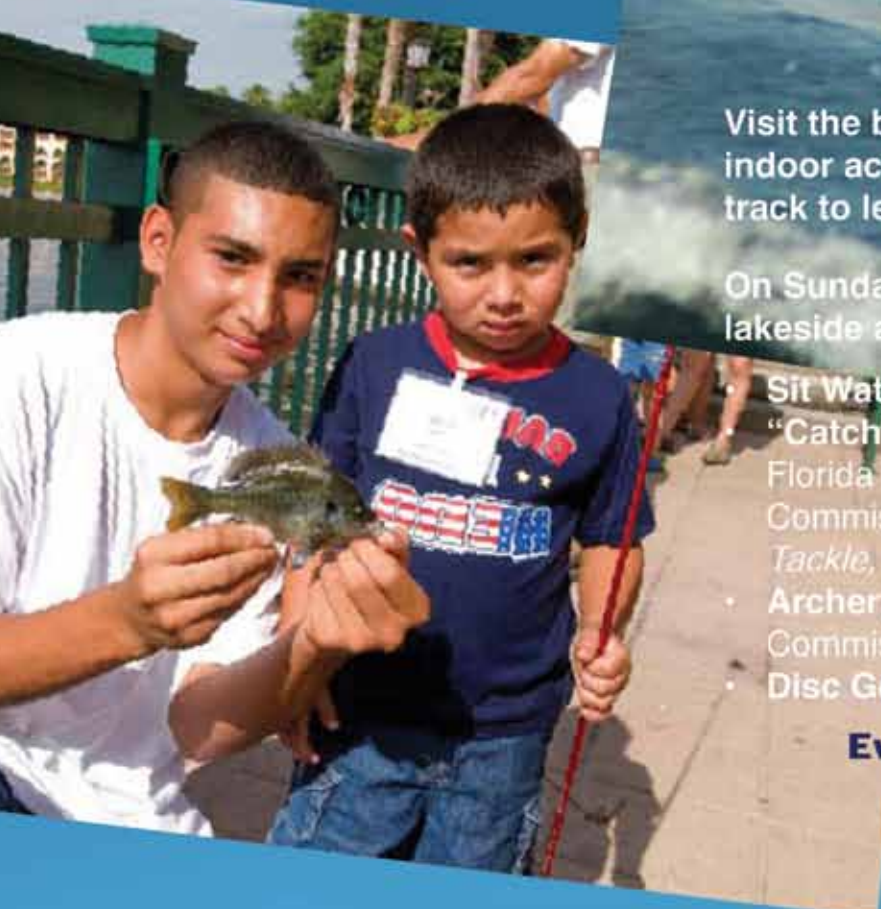
Experience how much fun recreation and active leisure can be!

Visit the booth in the exhibit hall and experience indoor activities and attend the recreation education track to learn about your leisure options!

On Sunday from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, lakeside activities will include:

- Sit Water Ski Demonstration by UCAN SKI2
- "Catch of the Day" Fishing (catch and release) by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and B.A.S.S.
Tackle, bait and assistance will be provided.
- Archery by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- Disc Golf Experience

Everyone is invited to participate!



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**GET A
PLAN!**
FloridaDisaster.org

So you think your family is prepared for a hurricane...

WOULD YOU STAKE YOUR LIFE ON IT?

In the hours and days immediately following a hurricane, the top priorities for first responders and emergency personnel will be search and rescue and law enforcement. It's your personal responsibility to provide the first line of defense for your family.



ASK YOURSELF:

- ▶ Is your family prepared to be on its own for 3 days or more?
- ▶ Do you have enough food, water and other critical supplies for your entire family to last at least 3 days?
- ▶ Do you live in an evacuation zone? If so, do you have an evacuation plan?
- ▶ Do any or your family members have medical or other Special Needs?
- ▶ Do you have a plan for your pets?

IS YOUR FAMILY READY?



**IF NOT,
IT'S TIME TO
GET A PLAN!**



Log on to www.FloridaDisaster.org today to develop a free customized hurricane preparedness plan for your family. (See reverse for details.)



Take the World by Storm

*Available now for only \$10
Visit booth #203, Veracruz Exhibit Hall
for your copy!*

**a collection of poems, short stories,
thoughts and more by The Florida Youth Council**



The Family Café **CHANGE AGENT NETWORK**

CAN PLATFORM BUILDING SESSION

Part 1 – Friday, June 18, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Coronado M

Part 2 – Saturday June 19, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Coronado S

Do you want to be a leader and a voice for individuals with disabilities in your community? Do you want to make a real difference for the more than 3.5 million people with disabilities living in Florida? Do you want to have a voice in shaping the policies that affect the daily lives of individuals with disabilities and their families? Do you want to start a movement? Learn how you can by becoming part of The Family Café **CHANGE AGENT NETWORK!**

To learn more, plan to attend the **CAN** two-part breakout sessions at The Family Café.

Part 1, on **Friday, June 18th**, will provide a chance to engage in an interactive brainstorming session with a pair of seasoned, professional advocates. Join in an interactive discussion to explore possibilities, identify options, and learn how to make change through innovative, grassroots advocacy.

Part 2, on **Saturday, June 19th**, you will help you understand how to shape your advocacy message to get the best results in conversations with policy-makers. Learn the tips and tricks that professional lobbyists use to get their message through.

We hope to see you there!



The Family Café CHANGE AGENT NETWORK

**Are you ready to make a real difference for the more than
3.5 million people with disabilities living in Florida?**

**Be a part of the policy-making process that shapes the
lives of individuals with disabilities and their families... Join!**

The Change Agent Network is a project of The Family Café and offers an opportunity for advocates and change agents to work collaboratively to transform the system by:

- Combining abilities, skills, ideas, and talents;
- Standing together for meaningful system reform measures;
- Taking the lead in our communities and neighborhoods;
- Sharing information to help families become effective players within their communities;
- Developing statewide networks to organize and discuss the issues that are most important to families and persons with disabilities; and
- Creating a united position on critical disability policy issues.

Join us today and enjoy the benefits and empowerment that comes with effective advocacy!

POLICY COUNCIL - \$25 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Includes these benefits:

- An exclusive CAN t-shirt with our unique program logo
- An opportunity to work on the final platform developed during and after The Annual Family Café
- A chance to submit articles for publication in the CAN Quarterly Newsletter and on The Family Café website

CAN Membership Application

Please provide contact information.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

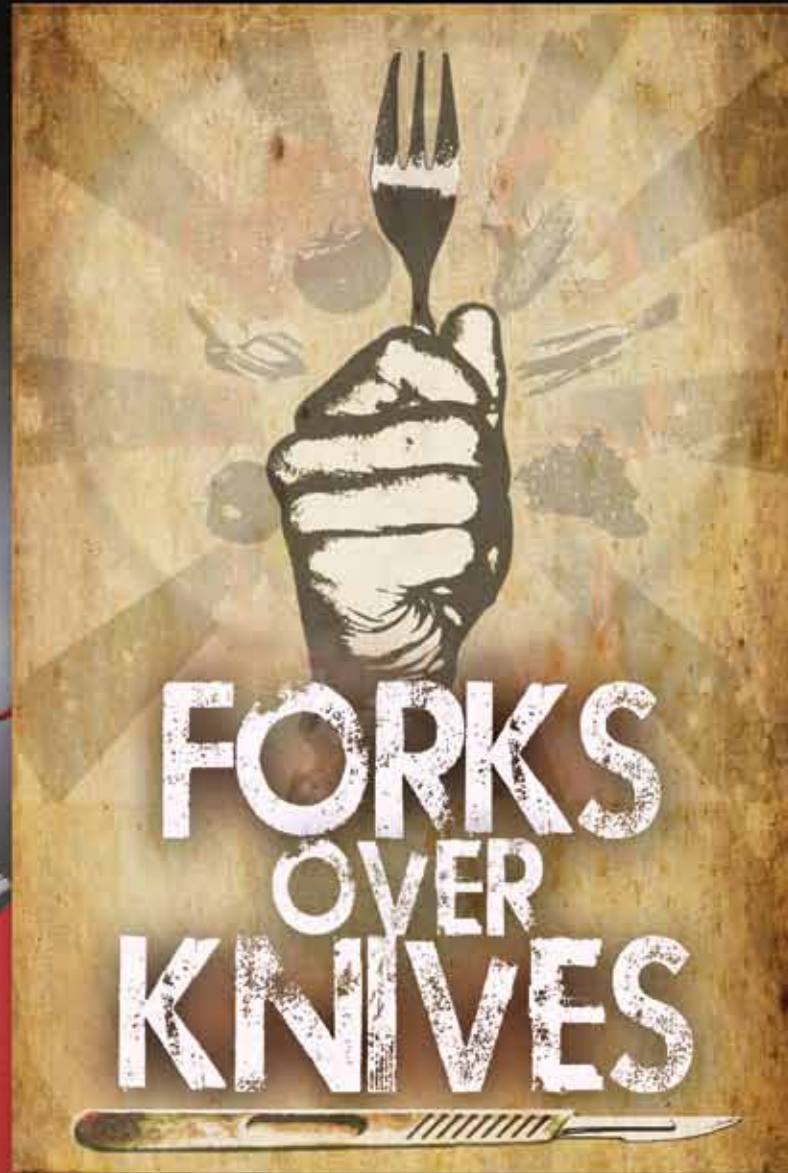
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Sunday June 20
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