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RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

May 6, 2011



Greetings!

Welcome to the 13th Annual Family Café Conference at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center. I am pleased that you have taken the opportunity to learn more about the services and programs available to assist those with disabilities and also their families and loved ones.

While I am optimistic about the recent decline in Florida's jobless numbers, unemployment for persons with disabilities remains an even greater challenge. It is encouraging to see efforts like The Family Café's Employment Fair here at the conference, and I remain focused on growing our economy so all Floridians have the opportunity for employment.

Best wishes to you and The Family Café for a successful event. We are all committed to ensuring that Floridians with disabilities have every opportunity for independence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor



The 13th Annual Family Café



Dear Family Café Attendees,

Welcome to Orlando and The 13th 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.

This year we are especially grateful to two sponsors that stepped in during the final weeks of planning to help us fund the event. Our premier sponsor, WellCare Health Plans, has supported The Family Café in previous years, and we welcome their renewed commitment. We also extend a special welcome to our newest sponsor, the Edyth Bush Foundation. Thanks to the help of these two groups, we have been able to produce the quality event that Florida's families deserve, and we thank them for their generous support!

This year's Family Café promises to be an exciting, informative and action-packed event. As always, the event offers a wide range of breakout sessions on a number of subjects. Once again, those sessions are organized into "tracks," with the addition of a Military Family track joining Smart Money, Mental Health, Employment, Disaster Preparedness, Advocacy, Youth, Recreation, and Birth to Age Five. We also have a full Exhibit Hall, which includes an Employment Expo, along with dozens of booths.

On Friday evening, please join us for the Annual Summit on Disabilities, where we will host an "Evening of Advocacy" with Representative Denise Grimsley, Family Café Board Member and former State Representative Susan Goldstein, and lobbyist Ronald Brook. This will be a great opportunity to get a behind the scenes look at state government, and we encourage you to attend.

Our Saturday night will feature live entertainment with our friends from The Unsung Heroes. On Sunday, we will take advantage of the wonderful Florida weather with another "Sportsability Sampler" brought to us by our friends at the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association. In addition to activities in Veracruz C adjacent to the Exhibit Hall on Friday and Saturday, Sunday morning will feature catch and release fishing, disc golf and a live demonstration of water survival techniques beginning at 8:30.

There's a lot going on this weekend, and we sincerely hope that your participation in The 13th 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





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June 3, 2011

Dear Annual Family Café Attendee:

Welcome to the 13th Annual Family Café and Summit on Disabilities in Orlando. On behalf of Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities, I want to encourage you to make the most of this educational opportunity.

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 50,000 people each year with spina bifida, autism, intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, and Prader-Willi syndrome.

The Family Café offers persons with disabilities and their families a forum to learn about what is available in Florida to meet their needs. We all have to work together to come up with creative solutions to find needed resources in these challenging financial times.

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 advantage of the opportunities that are at this conference. Again, I hope you enjoy your time here!

Sincerely,

Bryan Vaughan
Acting Director

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ELIZABETH DUDEK
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March 28, 2011

Dear Family Café Participants:

Welcome to the 13th Annual Family Café Conference featuring The Annual Governor's 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 participants and families to experience a vast array of educational activities and programs.

The Agency administers specialized programs to assist eligible persons with disabilities who choose to live and work in the community. These specialized Developmental Disabilities 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.

Families needing initial Medicaid information should attend the "Understanding Florida Medicaid and Medicaid Waiver Services" presentation to learn about available health care options. The "Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+)" presentation provides information about a unique opportunity for participants to direct their own care. Those interested in recent changes to Medicaid's quality assurance program should attend "The New Florida Medicaid Waiver Quality Assurance Program for Service Providers of Developmental Disabilities Waiver Programs" presentation. The "Florida Medicaid's New Individual Budgeting Waiver" presentation will inform those receiving services from the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver programs of the transition to the new Individual Budgeting Waiver. Another presentation, "Aging with Developmental Disabilities," is offered by the Agency's contractor for quality assurance. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to interact with your Medicaid state agency representatives and partners.

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. The site features a medical, multimedia encyclopedia that offers thousands of articles and illustrations providing important medical information and an interactive symptom navigator. The Facility Locator tool 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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Secretary



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Dear Conference Attendees:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Education, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 13th Annual Family Café. This year's event promises to be the best one yet with opportunities for you to attend a wide variety of breakout sessions on a full range of topics. There is also an expanded vendor exhibit and loads of fun activities for the entire family, including a special outdoor adaptive sports demonstration.

As the premier conference for individuals with disabilities and their families, I encourage you to take advantage of the wealth of information and resources offered through this event. The numerous networking opportunities and quality speakers that will be available truly make this an excellent learning forum for all attendees. Your attendance at this conference is a true testament to your continued commitment to the needs of students with disabilities, and I sincerely appreciate your help in ensuring a quality educational experience for all children.

Sincerely,

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June 3, 2011

Dear Conference Attendees:

Welcome to the 13th Annual Family Café Conference! The next few days will be full of information, entertainment, seeing old friends and making new ones. I hope your family enjoys the event and takes time to learn more about the employment related services offered by the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. These services are designed to help people with disabilities prepare for, obtain, keep, or regain employment.

Whether transitioning from high school into post secondary education or employment, or providing assistance with on-the-job training or job placement, VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers. Florida's economy and job market will eventually improve. In the meantime, we will continue to do everything possible to prepare our customers to be competitive and successful in that improved job market.

VR staff will be presenting during the conference, and I encourage you to attend these meetings and find out how we can be of assistance. We stand ready and willing to help people with disabilities get to work.

Sincerely,

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H. Frank Farmer, Jr., M.D., Ph.D.
State Surgeon General

June 3, 2011

Dear Family Café Conference Participants:

Welcome to the 13th Annual Family Café Conference! The upcoming days promise to be filled with exciting opportunities to learn about new resources and connect with other families and community partners around the state. During these difficult economic times, we are all looking for ways to do more with less. I encourage you to take advantage of the educational sessions and informational exhibits, to speak with and learn from other participants and presenters, and to take home the creative ideas that emerge to empower you and your family.

As the new State Surgeon General, I invite each of you to learn more about the special programs within the Department of Health, such as Children's Medical Services, that impact Floridians with disabilities and special health care needs. We work hard to protect and promote the health and safety of all residents and visitors in the state through the delivery of quality public health services in each community throughout our state. For more information about the Florida Department of Health, please visit us online at <http://www.floridshhealth.com>.

We are proud of our work with Family Café on this important event and support their constant effort to provide individuals with disabilities and their families an opportunity for collaboration, advocacy, friendship and empowerment. I look forward to learning new lessons directly from you on how to continue our support of Floridians with disabilities and special health care needs.

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Secretary

Dear Family Café Participants and Friends:


It is my great honor and pleasure to welcome you to the 13th Annual Family Café in my role as the new Secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) appointed by Governor Rick Scott.

I am delighted so many Floridians are dedicated to ensuring that the lives of children and adults with disabilities are enriched with opportunities to succeed and participate in education, employment, sports, the arts, and family life. The innovative Family Café is all about building skills and sharing best practices that help children and adults with disabilities live as normally as they can in their communities and accomplish their dreams.

As a long-time leader in international business and technology, I believe, like Governor Scott, in aspiring for excellence and empowering people to make transformative changes to help them achieve as much independence and self-sufficiency as possible. At DCF, we recently forged a cooperative agreement with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) so children in foster care with disabilities are prioritized to get needed services when they are adopted by loving families. Last November, videos of children in foster care with medical needs were included in our "Thirty Days of Amazing Children: Explore Adoption!" campaign, and as a result three children with medical needs were matched with adoptive families.

Thank you for your support and advocacy of Floridians with disabilities. I am inspired by your example and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,


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Dear Attendees of the 13th Annual Family Café:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management is honored to welcome you to the 13th Annual Family Café. The Family Café is a truly innovative forum that helps to meet the informational needs among persons with disabilities and their families. Organizations such as the Family Café play a critical role in distributing lifesaving disaster preparedness information to Florida's residents and visitors.

The Division of Emergency Management works every day to prepare for the anticipated needs of persons with disabilities during disasters. However, the individual emergency preparedness steps that residents can take before a disaster are often among the most crucial lifesaving actions in the entire emergency management cycle. Like all Floridians, I encourage persons with disabilities and their families to develop disaster survival plans that answer important questions about evacuations, communications, and other essential points before a disaster strikes. I also urge every attendee at the Family Café to take the time to build a disaster supply kit. This supply kit should have enough resources to last three days and be fully stocked with important items such as water, food, and medicines. To help facilitate this process, the Division of Emergency Management offers an online preparedness resource specifically for persons with disabilities and their families at www.FloridaDisaster.org.

On behalf of Florida's entire emergency management community, I am very pleased to continue our agency's support for the Annual Family Café. I encourage every attendee to take full advantage of everything this event has to offer. The work of this impressive organization truly provides a great benefit to our communities, state, and nation.

Sincerely,

Bryan W. Koon
Director



Christina Cooper
President, Florida & Hawaii Division

June 4, 2011

Dear Family Café staff, board members, conference attendees and supporters:

On behalf of WellCare, I would like to express how pleased we are to serve as an active supporter of the 13th Annual Family Café conference and summit on disabilities. We understand the impact our relationships have on tens of thousands of Floridians who are living with disabilities and fully extend our support in the effort to provide valuable information, networking opportunities and help to some of our most vulnerable populations.

The Annual Family Café conference is like no other in that it is the only disability conference that brings together peers, commercial service providers and public entities, all for the sake of supporting the needs shared by individuals with disabilities and their families. It also brings together our WellCare associates from across the state of Florida for a tremendous opportunity to volunteer their time to help not only the disability community, but also many of our members, friends, neighbors and families. WellCare's mission to serve is reflected by the efforts of these volunteers. We are proud of their dedication and the commitment we share with The Family Café toward enhancing health, well-being, safety and quality of life.

I am also personally honored to participate in the activities planned for this year's conference. I believe that the work contributed by supporters of The Family Café makes a profound difference in the lives of the conference attendees, so I eagerly anticipate the interaction and ongoing collaboration. I also believe that our WellCare volunteers share my sentiment, so I encourage Family Café staff, board members, attendees and supporters to not hesitate in reaching out to any of us for assistance. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

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The Family Café CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE



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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



Military



Recreation



Mental Health



Smart Money



Birth Through Age Five



Friday, June 3, 2011

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12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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Registration Open, Central and North Registration
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Pyramid Players, Foyer
Opening Session & Keynote Address, Coronado Ballroom
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Early Steps, Early Wishes Playgroup, Fiesta 5
Dental Screening, Veracruz Exhibit Hall

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Coronado G



Life with a Psychiatric Service Dog

Coronado R

A Telephone Option for Users with Limited Mobility: An Old Favorite Becomes New Again

Coronado Q

Understanding Response to Intervention (Rti)

Coronado N



Six Myths of Physio-Inclusive Activity: Physical Activity for Everyone

Coronado M

Adult Services: Making Our Way Through the Woods

Durango 1

Introduction to Active Parenting NOW (ages 5-12) and Active Parenting of Teens (12-18)

Durango 2



There's No Place Like Medical Home!

Fiesta 10



A Life of an Underestimated Individual: Ways to Have Yourself Heard

Fiesta 8



Early Steps, Early Wishes: A Fun, Educational Event for Early Steps Families at The Family Café

Fiesta 5

DCF/ACCESS and APD: Collaborating on Home and Community Based Services Waivers

Monterrey 1



Overview: Children's Mental Health System of Care

Monterrey 2



Keeping Your Medicaid or Medicare While Working – A Safe Option for SSA Beneficiaries, Part 1

Monterrey 3



Baywatchers Swimming and Special Olympics Adaptive Recreation

Quiet Pool



But I Can't Afford to Attend this Event

Yucatan 1



Tactile/Hands-On Disaster Preparedness: Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, through Recycling and Free Items

Yucatan 2

Internet Resources for People with Disabilities and Their Families: What's Out There and How Do You Find It?

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

Preventative Breast Healthcare for Women with Disabilities

Acapulco



Resources for Affordable & Permanent Supportive Housing Needs... Get to Know What the County Offers as Housing Arrangements

Baja

So You Can't Come to Consensus, NOW What?

Cancun



The Self-Advocate's Guide to the Florida Legislature

Coronado A

Home Schooling for Person-Centered Education

Coronado B

Parents: Gathering at the Education Crossroads

Coronado C

Why Do You Think She Said That?

Coronado D



The FYC Support Group: Showing How to Be Empowered and Encouraged by Your Disability

Coronado E

Life's Lessons: Seven Keys to Unlock Your Child's Potential

Coronado F



Developing an Active Leisure Plan

Coronado G



Challenges of Raising a Bipolar Child

Coronado R

Delegate Roundtable: Autism

Coronado P



Military Families and School Resources

Coronado M



Social Security Work Incentives and You

Durango 1

The New Florida Medicaid Quality Assurance Program for Service Providers of Developmental Disabilities Waiver Programs

Durango 2



Empowerment Through Understanding

Fiesta 10



Patricia Moody, The Happy Advocate

Fiesta 8



Early Steps Early Wishes: A Fun, Educational Event for Early Steps Families at the Family Café

Fiesta 5



Children's Mental Health Listening Session

Monterrey 2



Keeping Your Medicaid or Medicare While Working – A Safe Option for SSA Beneficiaries, Part 2

Monterrey 3

Technology Tools: A Demo for Parents of Students Who Are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Have Other Language Delays

Yucatan 1



Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies: Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness for Children

Yucatan 2

Computer and Internet Literacy as a Basic Life Skill: Transition Planning and IEPs

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

CARD Statewide Services

Acapulco



Couponing 101

Baja

Restraint and Seclusion: What Every Parent Needs to Know and What Schools Need to Do To Protect the Student

Cancun



Take Control of Your Life – It's Your Right

Coronado A

Is a Service Dog Right for You?

Coronado B

Calling All Art Lovers

Coronado C



Successfully Interacting Socially (Youth Between 13 and 30 Only)

Coronado E

Families Engaging in Successful Transition

Coronado F



Intro and Info on Adaptive/ Inclusive Sports

Coronado G

Using Assistive Technology to Foster Universal Education

Coronado T

Living Your Life, the Way You Want

Coronado S



Mental Health Education for Families and Communities

Coronado R

Peter Pan Perception: Hospice in the Developmentally Disabled Community

Coronado Q



Do You Know Your Resources as a Military Family?

Coronado M



TATS Talks with Families About Early Transition

Fiesta 10



Guardianship, Guardian Advocacy, and Alternatives: Youth with Developmental Disabilities Transitioning to Adulthood

Fiesta 8

Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+)

Monterrey 1



Proveer soluciones para ayuda de Pronto pago... Ayudaremos investigar los programas en su Condado Local y Estatal para comprar y mejorar su casa

Monterrey 2



Project SEARCH: Creating New Opportunities

Monterrey 3

2009-2011 Update on ESE Parent Survey: What Are Florida's Parents Telling Us About Public Schools' Efforts to Facilitate Their Involvement in Their Children's Education?

Yucatan 1



ABC's of Family Disaster Preparedness

Yucatan 2

Using the Accessibility Features that Come with Your Computer or Are Available at No/Low Cost

Yucatan 3

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

Pyramid Players, Foyer

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

The 13th Annual Summit on Disabilities, Coronado Ballroom

Saturday, June 4, 2011

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 and Employment Expo Open, Veracruz Exhibit Hall

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Keynote Address, Coronado Ballroom

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

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free Child ID's, sponsored by the Oviedo Masonic Lodge, Fiesta 6

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Pyramid Players, Foyer

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Orlando Magic Dancers, Veracruz Exhibit Hall

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Sign Language Myth-Busting

Acapulco

Project STING RAY: Students Transitioning Into the Next Generation – Recognizing Alternatives for Youth

Cancun



The Journey to Self-Advocacy and Independence

Coronado A

Adventures in Marriage

Coronado C



Having a Little Fun with Disability History

Coronado E



Let's Just Do It!

Coronado F



What Makes Therapeutic Horseback Riding So Special?

Coronado G

Autism: Exploring What Works

Coronado T



Living and Coping with Bipolar Disorder

Coronado R

Parent Survival Skills: Raising a Child with a Disability

Coronado Q



Building Soft Skills at Home

Coronado N



Self-Advocacy for Veterans: An Exploration of Resources

Coronado M

Understanding Florida Medicaid and Medicaid Waiver Services

Durango 1



Benefits and Tax Planning for Families with Special Needs

Durango 2



Have a Good Day!

Fiesta 10



Advocacy: The Road to My Independence

Fiesta 8

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

Monterrey 1



Support for Moving From Benefits to Work Through a Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS) and other Social Security (SSA) Work Incentives

Monterrey 3

Special Smiles: Oral Care for Persons with Special Needs

Yucatan 1



ABC's of Family Disaster Preparedness

Yucatan 2



Social Security Disability Benefits and Supplemental Security Income- Understanding the Impact of Work on Benefits

Yucatan 3

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

FRIENDS Chorus, *Foyer*

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

Special Kids Dance & Performing Arts, *Foyer*

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

Pyramid Players, *Foyer*

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

Arts & Crafts, *Fiesta 5*

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Children's Storyteller, *Fiesta 3*

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

Concurrent Sessions

It's Those Wonderful Rights

Acapulco



Understanding the Credit System and Credit Resolution – A Series of the FDIC Money Smart Program

Baja

Keeping the Student with Behavior Challenges In School Learning and Out of Hot Water

Cancun



Solving Critical Waiting List and Portability Issues – State and National Strategies

Coronado A

26 Healthy Marriage/Relationship Habits: A Practical Approach from A to Z

Coronado B

There's an App for That!

Coronado C

The Journey Continues: From Pre-K to College and Adulthood

Coronado D



Navigating Your IEP

Coronado E

Making the Connection

Coronado F



Recreation Assistive Technology

Coronado G

Blind Awareness Training

Coronado S



Can My Child Have a Service Animal?

Coronado Q

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

Coronado N



Calling ALL Children of Military Service Members

Coronado M

Psychological Reports: Unearthing the Meaning

Durango 1

Hemispheric Integration Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Functional Neurology Approach!

Durango 2



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

Fiesta 10

Your Life, Your Way & Maximizing Medicaid Waiver Services

Fiesta 8



We Are Feeding Our Brains! Let's Play, Play, Play!

Main Pool/Sandbox



Panel: 2011 Legislative Session Outcomes and Where Do I Go From Here?

Monterrey 1

Medicare 101 for Those with Disabilities

Monterrey 2



Navigating the Path to Customized Employment

Monterrey 3

Baywatchers Swimming and Special Olypmics Adaptive Recreation

Quiet Pool



Parents and School Districts Problem Solving Together

Yucatan 1



Tactile/Hands-On Disaster Preparedness: Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, through Recycling and Free Items

Yucatan 2

Everything Families with Special Needs Should Know

Yucatan 3

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

Students with Intellectual Disabilities are Going to College in Florida!

Acapulco

Communication Breakthrough: How Florida Residents with Hearing Loss and/or Speech Disability can Receive Specialized Communication Devices at No Cost

Baja



Guardian Advocacy: An Affordable, Empowering Alternative to Traditional Guardianship

Cancun

Just for Dads

Coronado A



Understanding Hope and Keeping Your Faith Strong!

Coronado B

The Special Diploma – For Access Points Only?

Coronado C



The Real World: Your Life – Leaving Home and Independence

Coronado E

Informes Psicológicos: Desenterrando el significado

Coronado T

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

Coronado Q

Delegate Roundtable: Cerebral Palsy

Coronado P



Do You Know Your Resources as a Military Family?

Coronado M



Financial Planning for Special Needs: An Hour of Your Time – A Lifetime of Information

Durango 2



Facing Your Fears and Dreaming New Dreams

Fiesta 10



Calling All Advocates! Partners in Policymaking Wants You!

Fiesta 8

Autism: Unique Biomarkers and Novel Treatment Approaches

Monterrey 1

What They Told Us: Perspectives from Over 300 Parents of Children with Special Needs

Monterrey 2



Making It Work – Employment and the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Monterrey 3



Sit Volleyball for People of All Abilities – Everyone Can Participate

Veracruz C

IEP Jeopardy: So, What's the Big IDEA?

Yucatan 1



Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies: Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness for Children

Yucatan 2

Florida Medicaid's New Individual Budgeting Waiver: iBudget Florida

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

Autism: Believe in the Future, from Infancy to Independence

Acapulco



Saving Your Social Security Disability Case from Sabotage: Hidden Tips to Strengthen Your Case

Baja

Write It! How to Tell Your Story in the Form of a Book

Cancun



Developing Self-Advocacy and Leadership Skills: Reflections of Experiences Through Video Presentations

Coronado A



The Mandate for Moms to Strengthen Family

Coronado B

Enfrentando Sus Temores Y Sonando Nuevos Suenos

Coronado C

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

Coronado D



A Youthful Perspective on Inclusion and Disability Etiquette

Coronado E

The Learning Academy at USF

Coronado F

Making Sense of Sensory Integration – at Home and at School

Coronado T



Family-to-Family Education Program

Coronado R

Dads – Getting in the Game

Coronado Q

Delegate Roundtable: Down Syndrome

Coronado P



Military Families and School Resources

Coronado M

School to Work Transition Begins in High School

Durango 1

Developing a Vision and a Plan for Your Family with Special Needs

Durango 2



Sailing Through Transition

Fiesta 10

Aging with Developmental Disabilities

Monterrey 1

It's Time to Spread the Word to End the R Word

Monterrey 2



Family Involvement: Creating Meaningful Relationships Through Discovery

Monterrey 3

IEP Jeopardy: Look at All This Paperwork!

Yucatan 1



ABC's of Family Disaster Preparedness

Yucatan 2

The John M. McKay Scholarship Program

Yucatan 3

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

Family Entertainment featuring The Unsung Heroes, Coronado Ballroom

Sunday, June 5, 2011

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

Exhibit Hall and Employment Expo Open, Veracruz Exhibit Hall

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

Outdoor Activities: Catch and Release Fishing, Adaptive Water Skiing Demonstration, Games, and Fitness, Lago Dorado

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

Keynote Address, Coronado Ballroom

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

Closing and Door Prizes, Coronado Ballroom



The Family Café



Friday, June 3, 2011

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



Jack Levine

After a 25-year tenure as president of Voices for Florida's Children, a statewide advocacy network, Jack Levine founded 4Generations Institute to promote intergenerational policies and programs that benefit the young, their parents, and more experienced family members . . . also known as grandparents. The Institute inspires a new level of commitment to volunteerism and professional services which span the generational divide and provides counsel for public policy and private sector initiatives for improving family and community life.

Jack also served on the Charter Board Voices for America's Children, a nationwide advocacy network which recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary, and is President of Advocacy Resources, a consultancy specializing in communications strategies, public policy initiatives, and creative resource development.

Jack Levine has been a vocal advocate for Florida families for years, and we are very happy to have him. Please join us to hear his inspiring message of empowerment!

- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
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- 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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- 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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- 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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- 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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- Concurrent Sessions**
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- Pyramid Players, Foyer**
- The 13th Annual Summit on Disabilities, Coronado Ballroom**



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

State of the Art Care for Autism Spectrum Disorders

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Acapulco

This presentation will focus on the pros and cons of State of the Art Assessment and Interventions for autism spectrum disorders. This will include neuropsychological assessment, quantitative EEG, ABA, biofeedback, neurofeedback, transcranial electrotherapy, auditory integration processing, social skills software, robotic therapy, cognitive rehabilitation, and medication therapy. It is designed to increase parents' awareness of the range of options available for them and their children.

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

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Baja

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 longer 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 our special person.

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Early Adaptive Mobility: Who Needs It and Why It's So Important

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Cancun

Mobility is important for normal cognitive and social development in children. Independent mobility results in the development of depth perception and object permanence, and it prevents the development of learned helplessness. As children with disabilities have difficulty crawling and walking, augmented mobility is very important. The effects of mobility on development will be explained. This talk will also include newly published research on the use of powered mobility by very young children, the positive effects of this mobility, and how this applies to all children with mobility limitations.

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The Florida Self-Advocacy Movement: An Overview of ADAPT of Florida

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Coronado A

This presentation will provide an overview of ADAPT of Florida, a grass roots self-advocacy organization in the state of Florida. This presentation will also provide an overview of the self-advocacy movement in the state of Florida and around the nation. This presentation is intended for self-advocates interested in the self-advocacy movement in the state of Florida.

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APD's Waiting List: Everything You Wanted to Know About the Agency for Persons with Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Waiting List, but were Afraid to Ask

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Coronado B

We will provide an overview of Left Behind in Florida and Left Behind USA. We will discuss the various roles family members from the waiting lists can assume as they advocate for the elimination of the Developmental Disabilities waiting list. We will encourage and facilitate family members from the waiting list to organize at the local level as they learn about the Florida DD system. We will talk about how families get off of the waiting lists. We will present Left Behind's tax relief proposal, outreach, and the public awareness campaign "Empty Shoes."

Left Behind will present a brief overview of the Medicaid Wavier waiting list in Florida for people with a developmental disability. We will describe and explain the DD Medicaid Waiver in Florida. We will describe and explain the role of the federally-funded Florida state organizations that have an advocacy responsibility on behalf of people with a developmental disability eligible for the Medicaid Waiver waiting list, including:

- Florida State DD Council
- Disability Rights Florida, formerly the Advocacy Center
- Family Care Councils
- Family Care Councils Florida

We will describe and present a brief overview of the private DD provider/advocacy system such as The Arc, UCP and the Autism Society, etc. This will be a free flowing discussion and sharing of information expressly for families on APD's waiting list. Everybody is welcome and we will answer all questions to the best of our ability.

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Eenie, Meenie, Miney, Moe – Helping Your Child Choose the Appropriate Diploma

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Coronado C

Navigating the requirements for the different diploma options can be overwhelming. This presentation will provide participants with an overview of the different types of diploma options that are available to students with disabilities, along with the implications of each. With this knowledge, parents and their children will be prepared to discuss the different diploma options that may be appropriate for the student.



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Getting a Degree through Supported Education: Things Are Different After High School

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Coronado D

More and more people with mental health challenges are entering colleges, universities, and other training programs beyond high school. This is due in part to the availability of medication that helps control their symptoms, and the implementation of the American with Disabilities Act. This session will explore what Supported Education is, where to find it, and how it can be used to help individuals with mental health needs meet their educational and professional goals. Walk out with information, tools, and resources that help you take advantage of Supported Education.

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My "Differently Abled" Circle of Friends: Social Success in the Disabled Community

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Coronado E

During my entire life as a person with autism, I have had my share of being misunderstood in life and bullied in school. However, I have also had a large circle of friends with different disabilities, ranging from cerebral palsy and Down Syndrome, to mental retardation. These people have been my closest friends. In this presentation, I will describe my social life, how it has benefited me, and how individuals with disabilities can find social success with each other.

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Needs and Benefits of Accessible Recreation

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Coronado G

Regular physical activity has been shown to diminish the risks and effects of many health problems associated with a sedentary lifestyle, including obesity, as well as the loss of lean muscle tissue and bone mass. The important mental, social, and emotional benefits will also be discussed. Learn about the value of active leisure!

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Life With a Psychiatric Service Dog

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Coronado R

Learn the benefits a service dog can provide a person with mental illness and hear how service dogs can assist with recovery. Get a general overview of service dog laws and ways to acquire a service dog. There will also be an open discussion with service dog trainers on life with a psychiatric service dog.

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A Telephone Option for Users with Limited Mobility: An Old Favorite Becomes New Again

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Coronado Q

The Clarity RC200 remote controlled speakerphone has long been a popular and effective solution for individuals with limited mobility who need a telephone that can be used hands-free. After gathering input from users and service providers, an upgraded version that improves both ease of use and the loudness of the speakerphone has been developed. This presentation will explain the changes and include a demonstration of the new speakerphone. Florida residents will also learn about Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI) and how they may qualify for specialized telephones and ring signaling devices at no cost.

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Understanding Response to Intervention (RtI)

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Coronado N

A new step has been added in qualifying children for an IEP under Specific Learning Disabled. Learn how this process works and what you can do to make sure your child does not fall through the cracks. Parent involvement is the key to RtI working for a child who is struggling in school. Learn a step-by-step process that teaches you what you should expect from the school, what questions to ask, what documents to ask for, and how to hold them accountable for your child's progress or lack thereof.

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Six Myths of Physio-Inclusive Activity: Physical Activity for Everyone

Friday, June 3

1:30-2:30

Coronado M

A primary challenge for all persons (and their caregivers) with neuro-motor deficits includes getting sufficient physical activity. Sensory awareness deficits also contribute a large component to limiting independent mobility.

This class will uncover Six Myths About Inclusive Fitness and Physical Activity and show you how to improve range of motion and strength, and create enhanced stability. This session explains each activity in direct correlation to the physical activity featured in the best order. The primary focus is developing one's level of spatial awareness through simple interactive activities.

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Adult Services: Making Our Way Through the Woods

Friday, June 3

1:30-2:30

Durango 1

Trying to navigate through Medicaid, Medicaid Waiver and Social Security to get services for an adult with Developmental Disabilities has been a challenge for us. The presentation is coming from the point of view of a couple who has spent the past two years trying to get the best services for their adult brother. It will discuss the barriers we have had to overcome and the lessons we have learned. This session will help to give ideas and strategies for those who are just beginning or will shortly start the journey through the woods called Adult Services.

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Introduction to Active Parenting NOW (ages 5-12) and Active Parenting of Teens (12-18)

Friday, June 3

1:30-2:30

Durango 2

This workshop will provide an overview of the nationally-recognized Active Parenting Program. In a series of six workshops, parents receive guidance and support to transform the challenges of raising their children into opportunities for growth. Learning objectives include: styles of parenting; clear, honest communication; respectful discipline techniques; building self-esteem; preventing risky behavior and helping your child resist peer pressure; problem-solving methods; decreasing power struggles; and handling anger. Parents learn how to become an encouraging parent and much more. Active Parenting helps families make positive and realistic changes in their family's daily routine to gain greater happiness at home!

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There's No Place Like Medical Home!

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Fiesta 10

This presentation will be an overview of the medical home concept, including the core components that make up a medical home. Participants will learn: What is a medical home? What are the benefits of a medical home for CSHCN? Why is it important for the parent to be part of the medical home team? Parents are essential team members in the medical home practice and will learn what they can do to promote improvements in medical home practice. The presentation will include a discussion with CMS parents and their special needs children discussing their medical home experiences and medical home benefits.

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A Life of an Underestimated Individual: Ways to Have Yourself Heard

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Fiesta 8

This session will be based on one person's experience as an individual with a severe disability. You will hear what has worked and what didn't work, which will 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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DCF/ACCESS and APD: Collaborating on Home and Community Based Services Waivers

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Monterrey 1

This is a co-agency presentation illustrating the role each State Agency plays in the enrollment, maintenance, and service-delivery of the Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waivers. The presentation will include a discussion of what a Medicaid waiver is, why it is called a waiver, what waivers are available, and eligibility requirements for waivers. There will be a question-and-answer period if time allows.

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Overview: Children's Mental Health System of Care

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Monterrey 2

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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Keeping Your Medicaid or Medicare While Working – A Safe Option for SSA Beneficiaries, Part 1

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Baywatchers Swimming and Special Olympics Adaptive Recreation

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Quiet Pool

Born2Swim with Baywatchers Special Olympics' Competitive Team and The Tropical Miami Civitan Club under the direction of Yazmin Acocella-Ramirez will present not only adaptive recreational sports but, more importantly, water survival and swimming skills for participants with challenges from six months to adulthood.

Baywatchers enjoys the community spirit and important benefits that it receives from the free instruction that Born2Swim Academy provides for swimmers with developmental disabilities, which engenders tools to avoid sad water-related outcomes. We are a Miami-Dade benefit charity and congratulate Yazmin Acocella-Ramirez for their advocacy.

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But I Can't Afford to Attend this Event

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Yucatan 1

How can I afford to attend Family Café? I can't afford meals during the conference. I am so tired of sandwiches! If you have ever said this while contemplating attending Family Café, then we have a session for you. After attending this session, participants will leave equipped with skills to reach out in their community to receive funding to attend Family Café. We will also demonstrate how to eat cheap but tasty meals while attending the Family Café.

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Tactile/Hands-On Disaster Preparedness: Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, through Recycling and Free Items

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Yucatan 2

We will cover how to build an evacuation disaster kit through the use of hands-on materials and how to plan for disasters year-round. We will teach you how to think outside of the box, to use recycling and 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. Finally, you will 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 acquire daily that can be used.

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Internet Resources for People with Disabilities and Their Families: What's Out There and How Do You Find It?

Friday, June 3
1:30-2:30
Yucatan 3

People who are comfortable and experienced with search engines and social networks usually assume that the information they need is on the Internet—that they just need to find it. They are confident that they will find it if they look hard enough. People with less experience and confidence have trouble finding the information they need and give up, assuming it is not there. We will try to give you the background information and search skills to move from the second group into the first group. We will also introduce you to an online tutorial program that will help you if the workshop was not enough or went by too quickly.

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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

Preventative Breast Healthcare for Women with Disabilities

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

Individuals with disabilities have historically been denied access to health care. Preventative breast health care is no exception, and continues to be an ongoing problem for women with disabilities. Barriers are often explained as resulting from fear of the unknown or lack of information. Left unaddressed, these obstacles, along with lack of awareness, accessibility issues, and lack of education, will continue to prevent women with disabilities from seeking proper health care, potentially leading to health-related issues.





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Resources for Affordable & Permanent Supportive Housing Needs... Get to Know What the County Offers as Housing Arrangements

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

This presentation will show you how to do the Research for Extra Housing Money Funds. What are the guidelines and tools to be successful in your home shopping? We will discuss how to keep a Budget, Increase Credit Score, housing rations and loan programs. We will tell you what the county offers as Housing Arrangements for the low-income population with significant and long-term disabilities. Informational literature and application materials will be available.

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So You Can't Come to Consensus, NOW What?

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

Miscommunications can often lead to IEP break down. It can be very difficult dealing with the intricacies of negotiating such a sensitive area. Parents need to understand how to resolve disagreements and the benefit of mediation as a tool for conflict resolution. Due Process is not always a viable solution. This presentation will cover how to work toward resolving disagreements between the parent and the school. We will also address informal conflict resolution and mediation, State Complaints, Office of Civil Rights Complaints, and Due Process Hearings. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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The Self-Advocate's Guide to the Florida Legislature

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

This presentation will provide an overview of the legislative process for self-advocates. The topics that will be discussed are: how legislation is passed, how to communicate with the legislature, and how a bill becomes a law. You will discover how to play a role in the legislative process. This presentation is designed for self-advocates.

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Home Schooling for Person-Centered Education

Friday, June 3

3:00-4:00

Coronado B

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. 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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Parents: Gathering at the Education Crossroads

Friday, June 3

3:00-4:00

Coronado C

Current research supports home/school relationships as being essential for student success. Parents need strategies to support their children with exceptionalities as they navigate the education crossroads.

This session seeks to inform parents of the world that their child inhabits. It will then move to examine research and provide evidence-based best practices for building a partnership that enables home and school to work together collaboratively.

This multisensory presentation will include humor, drama, storytelling, music, and activities. Participants will leave with an understanding of their role and responsibilities in moving from involvement to engagement in their child's educational journey.

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Why Do You Think She Said That?

Friday, June 3

3:00-4:00

Coronado D

This fun and interactive workshop explores the four primary methods of personality styles and how they affect communication at an IEP meeting.

Come discover which personality style you are, have a few laughs, and learn some strategies that will make your IEP meeting a less stressful experience!

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The FYC Support Group: Showing How to Be Empowered and Encouraged By Your Disability

Friday, June 3
3:00-4:00
Coronado E

The members of the FYC know that having a disability makes life hard. Sometimes, it goes a long way to know that others are there to help. In this session, the FYC will offer encouragement and show how to be empowered by your disability. This session is not a pity party, but rather a celebration of what good comes out of having a disability.

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Life's Lessons: Seven Keys to Unlock Your Child's Potential

Friday, June 3
3:00-4:00
Coronado F

This presentation is designed to inform and educate parents by sharing information and "practical tips" through lessons learned from "real life" with a child with special needs: real life situations backed-up with positive solutions. Learn the seven keys that will help you unlock your child's potential. 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 approached challenges and figured out a better way. She provides helpful tips and solutions to the challenges of parenting a special needs child.

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Developing an Active Leisure Plan

Friday, June 3
3:00-4:00
Coronado G

Do you enjoy laughing and being with friends? If so, recreation is the path to happiness. Allow FDOA to help you identify the activities you like participating in and ways in which you can pursue your leisure interests. This session will show you how to find recreation and active leisure resources in your community through an online system. Active Leisure for life!

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Challenges of Raising a Bipolar Child

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

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, the 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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Delegate Roundtable: Autism

Friday, June 3
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 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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Military Families and School Resources

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

The various branches of the military hire School Liaison Officers (SLO) for their military population. A panel of School Liaison Officers will present a program of their role on base and with families of the Guard and Reserve. Learn more about this role for military families. All counties have unique differences, so the roles of these officers are unique to their area.

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Francisco Brizuel
Army SLO



Social Security Work Incentives and You

Friday, June 3
3:00-4:00
Durango 1

The Social Security Administration has provided these incentives to enable working individuals with disabilities to maintain their Medicaid while progressing toward Independence. Learn how to utilize those tools effectively. It is not as difficult as you might think! Understanding is the first step towards enlightenment.





Incentives covered will include Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS), Property Essential to Self-Support (PESS), Blind Work Expense (BWE), Impairment Related Work (IRWE), Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE), and Ticket to Work (TTW).

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The New Florida Medicaid Quality Assurance Program for Service Providers of Developmental Disabilities Waiver Programs

Friday, June 3
3:00-4:00
Durango 2

This presentation will provide an update on recent changes to the Florida Medicaid Statewide Quality Assurance program for the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver programs. The Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and the Delmarva Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. will explain how these agencies work together in an updated process to improve monitoring of waiver provider compliance quality of waiver services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities through the Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver Program.

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Empowerment Through Understanding

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

“Empowerment Through Understanding” is designed to help children with disabilities and their families to find simple, relatable ways to explain their disabilities to other people who may have little to no prior experience with disability. Medical terminology may be useful in the doctor's office, but it's a little too complicated in the classroom or on the playground. Understanding our own experiences without fear or shame is the first step toward becoming empowered to share with others. Who knows? We just might make some new friends along the way!

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Patricia Moody, The Happy Advocate

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

Patricia Moody, a vivacious red-head known as The Happy Advocate, and her dad, Mike Moody, team up to inspire you with delightful facts about Patricia's life with Down Syndrome from birth to present. This perspective will encourage parents and self-advocates alike who want to know how to pursue their dreams. Patricia serves on the boards of the National Down Syndrome Congress and The Arc of Indian River County. She is



fluent in American Sign Language and teaches sign language to nine classes. You will enjoy the interaction of Mike's realistic insights with Patricia's bubbly personality, and you will have fun with sign language!

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Children's Mental Health Listening Session

Friday, June 3
3:00-4:00
Monterrey 2

This session will provide an opportunity for youth and families to advocate on behalf of individuals receiving services through the Children's Mental Health system in a structured environment. Participants will be able to express their needs, concerns, and vision for the system to the Chief of Children's Mental Health, Laurie Blades.

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Technology Tools: A Demo for Parents of Students Who Are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Have Other Language Delays

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

Learn about technology resources available to parents and educators. You may have heard of such programs as Skype, Dragon Dictation, and the many apps for the iPad/iPod devices. Have you considered how these tools and others can be used in the classroom and at home? We will show how these tools can help increase student access to the curriculum while improving the learning experience. We will review the plethora of tools and resources available that can help students with disabilities. Learn how these tools can be modified for use with deaf/hard-of-hearing students and other students with language delays.

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Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies: Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness for Children

Friday, June 3
3:00-4:00
Yucatan 2

This session will help motivate children of all ages to understand why it is important to help mom and dad to know their name, phone number, and where they live so that they can summon help or help their parents during a disaster.



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Computer and Internet Literacy as a Basic Life Skill: Transition Planning and IEPs

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

Increasingly, schools use computers and the Internet to enhance access to the general curriculum in both inclusive and self-contained classrooms. However, very little attention is being paid to developing general computer literacy skills to enhance employment opportunities, information-seeking, social connections, and personal entertainment by school-based programs. We will talk about the need for basic computer literacy skills, means for attaining these skills, and ways to make sure they are part of the IEP and transition plan for all students who cannot easily acquire such skills through traditional classes and self-teaching.

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

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

CARD Statewide Services

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Acapulco

The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities. Since 1993, we have provided services to individuals with autism and related disabilities, their families, and to the professionals who work with them. Our purpose is to enhance the lives of individuals we serve by helping them become valued members of their communities. CARD offers supports within the natural contexts of homes, residences, child care programs, schools, and communities at no charge. In this presentation you will learn about all of our different programs.

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Coupons 101

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Baja

I will share with participants strategies on how to save a lot of money by couponing. I will provide links to websites that will help them maximize their savings.





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Restraint and Seclusion: What Every Parent Needs to Know and What Schools Need to Do To Protect the Student

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Cancun

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

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Take Control of Your Life – It's Your Right

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Coronado A

You have a right to control your life. Disability Rights Florida wants you to know your rights and become an effective self-advocate. This presentation will provide you with the necessary tools to learn how to speak up for yourself, learn how to get information so that you can understand things that are of interest to you, know your rights and responsibilities, discover problem-solving techniques, reach out to resource groups when you need help, and learn about self-determination.

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Is a Service Dog Right for You?

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Coronado B

Did you know that service dogs can open and close doors, retrieve dropped items, and get a phone in an emergency? Join us as we discuss whether or not a service dog would be a good option for you. This presentation will consist of live demos and open discussions with service dog users and trainers.

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Calling All Art Lovers

Friday, June 3

4:30-5:30

Coronado C

VSA Florida invites families and individuals with disabilities to experience the power of the arts. Arts are a vital component for everyone, but even more so for people with disabilities. Art is an infinite and unconditional field. It gives people with disabilities the freedom to express themselves without physical, social, or attitudinal barriers. The arts provide an outlet for creative expression and unlimited possibilities for personal, academic, and professional success. Access to the arts, through education, cultural facilities, events, and in the workplace, helps to provide people with disabilities full participation in their communities and equal opportunities to contribute to society.

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Successfully Interacting Socially (Youth Between 13 and 30 Only)

Friday, June 3

4:30-5:30

Coronado E

Interacting with your peers can be a challenging experience. Throw in a disability and the experience becomes much more challenging. This session is all about how the Florida Youth Council members have dealt with the challenge of interacting socially. Join the FYC as they break social interaction into categories and provide valuable insight based on their own experiences.

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Josue Tapia Ortiz

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SarahYork

Florida Youth Council

Families Engaging in Successful Transition

Friday, June 3

4:30-5:30

Coronado F

The diverse and complex needs of today's youth cannot be met by any one family, school district, government program, or private organization alone. The successful transition of all youth to adulthood and a productive, independent, self-sufficient life demands coordination and collaboration across systems and agencies. Parents and families must have support to help their son or daughter make the right choices at the right times based on the right information. The Family Guideposts, developed by the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth), can be used to help parents and families navigate the complicated field of transition.

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Intro and Info on Adaptive/ Inclusive Sports

Friday, June 3

4:30-5:30

Coronado G

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

Intro to Adaptive Paddling, Bill Redmon, Wild Creek Adventures

Intro to Track and Field, Charlotte Day and Laurie Chmielewski, Orange County Special Olympics

Intro to Miracle League, Tony LoPresto, Central Florida Miracle Baseball

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Using Assistive Technology to Foster Universal Education

Friday, June 3

4:30-5:30

Coronado T

Come visit us to hear from parents and district staff how assistive technology is helping to educate more children with significant support needs within their peer group in general education classrooms. We are a special project funded by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Education. We encourage and support Universal Education using assistive technology in Florida's schools. The project provides technology and training on advanced technologies that are good for use with ALL children. These technologies help place more students with developmental disabilities in regular classrooms and are parallel to school inclusion efforts. Three school districts (Collier, St. Lucie, and Pinellas) and eight schools are working together as demonstration schools.

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Living Your Life, the Way You Want

Friday, June 3

4:30-5:30

Coronado S

Have you been told that you or your child can't live a normal independent life because he or she has a disability? Or have you ever been told you cannot live a normal independent life because you are disabled? Do not listen to this—it is simply not true. That is right. It is 100% possible for a person with a disability to live a full independent life. You will hear how TJ Moon is living an independent life, like he wants to, with minimal help. You will also learn how you or your child with a disability can also live an independent life with some help or even no help at all. Do you want to work, own your own business, live on your own, go to college, and many other choices? This is possible and you will be living your life like you want!

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Mental Health Education for Families and Communities

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Coronado R

How many times have you heard "Knowledge is Power"? The more we know, the better job we can do educating our family and our communities. We become stronger advocates for ourselves and our children. Discussions will include building a personal support system, exploring educational opportunities, and respite care.

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Peter Pan Perception: Hospice in the Developmentally Disabled Community

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Coronado Q

This presentation will discuss the roadblocks to having hospice services in the DD group and ICF homes. Presented by Gayle Hicks, RN, a guardian advocate for clients with Developmental Disabilities, and Mary Mauriello, RN, who has more than 10 years experience in the Hospice setting, this presentation will include case scenarios and a question and answer period. This will be an interesting topic for everyone. One continuing education credit will be offered for Professional Guardians.

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Do You Know Your Resources as a Military Family?

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Coronado M

A panel of Military Partners will be available to share their resources and answer your questions about resources for military families in Florida: Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty for all branches. Learn more about the many military web resources and how to access information. Today, the military has MORE for YOU the FAMILY... learn about these resources.

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TATS Talks with Families About Early Transition

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Fiesta 10

This presentation introduces another new resource for families of children with disabilities who are in Pre-K programs in Florida from the TATS project. TATS Talks with Families About Transition provides information to families coming into the Pre-K system about various aspects of the transition process, including tips for successful transitions, what to expect during the process, and helpful resources and links.

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Guardianship, Guardian Advocacy, and Alternatives: Youth with Developmental Disabilities Transitioning to Adulthood

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Fiesta 8

This presentation will provide information about the decision-making alternatives for children with developmental disabilities as they transition to adulthood. Discussion will focus on empowering youth with disabilities as they enter adulthood and providing them with decision-making assistance in the least restrictive ways possible. Specifically, alternatives to guardianship, including powers of attorney, banking options, medical surrogate, and representative payee options for Social Security benefits will be discussed. Additionally, the guardianship and guardian advocacy processes will be explained and explored.

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Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+)

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Monterrey 1

What is Consumer-Directed Care Plus (CDC+) ? How will this program benefit my family? In this session, Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) will provide an overview of the CDC+ program. If you are already participating in the CDC+ program, feel free to join us as we will also provide updates on current program activities. The second half of this session will be lecture-free to allow the audience to ask questions.

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Proveer soluciones para ayuda de Pronto pago... Ayudaremos investigar los programas en su Condado Local y Estatal para comprar y mejorar su casa

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Monterrey 2

Presentaremos las herramientas necesaria para qualificar en el programa de Asistencia con el Pago Inicial. Entender el propósito del programa y como cumplir con los requisitos del comprador. Porque se requiere que los potenciales compradores de casa completen un programa educativo de pre-compra y post-compra. Que es un crédito aceptable (Puntaje/FICO).

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Project SEARCH: Creating New Opportunites

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Monterrey 3

With this statement as a guiding principle, Project SEARCH serves people with disabilities through innovative workforce and career development. Through this process, we educate employers about the potential of this underutilized workforce while meeting their human resource needs.

Project SEARCH provides employment and education opportunities for individuals with significant disabilities. The program is dedicated to workforce development that benefits the individual, community, and workplace. It is a one-year, worksite-based school-to-work program for youths with developmental and/or physical disabilities in their last year of high school eligibility.

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2009-2011 Update on ESE Parent Survey: What Are Florida's Parents Telling Us About Public Schools' Efforts to Facilitate Their Involvement in Their Children's Education?

Friday, June 3
4:30-5:30
Yucatan 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, 2008, and 2009, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) collected information from a large sampling of parents. Again, 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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ABC's of Family Disaster Preparedness

Friday, June 3

4:30-5:30

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. However, it really is not a question of if something will happen, but when something will happen.

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Using the Accessibility Features that Come with Your Computer or Are Available at No/Low Cost

Friday, June 3

4:30-5:30

Yucatan 3

Most people, including computer professionals and teachers, know little about the accessibility features in the Windows and Mac operating systems. We will go over what is available within the operating systems to make computers more accessible, and also talk about finding free or low-cost programs that are available for download, describing a few of our favorites. Finally, we will talk specifically about the ways that TheArLink uses accessibility features to make Nancy's professional-level work easier, broader, and more rewarding.

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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 13th Annual Summit on Disabilities**, Coronado Ballroom





**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 of 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.)

The first step toward protecting your family is to make sure you have a Family Disaster Plan.

Creating your own plan is simple and it only takes a few minutes. Just visit www.FloridaDisaster.org and click "Get a Family Plan." Completing the plan is as easy as doing an Internet search or downloading music. And having a plan for your family will help ensure their safety and comfort before, during and after a storm.

Once at www.FloridaDisaster.org, you will be asked to provide information about your home, your family, and pets. Using this information, the website will create a personalized Family Disaster Plan that you can print and save for future emergencies.

Included in your plan will be:

- ▶ Recommended amounts of food and water based on the size of your family.
- ▶ Contact information for your local emergency responders and maps of your local Evacuation Zones.
- ▶ Checklists of important steps to take before, during, and after a disaster.

Your Family Disaster Plan will also include detailed instructions on creating a disaster supply kit for your family.

This kit should include:

- ▶ At least three days worth of drinking water and non-perishable food for your entire family.
- ▶ At least three days worth of batteries for flashlights and radios.
- ▶ At least three days worth of vital prescription drugs.
- ▶ At least three days worth of diapers and essential baby supplies if you have small children.
- ▶ An outdoor grill and fuel.
- ▶ A generator with fuel.

Don't have Internet access at home? You can still get a plan.

Visit your local library and ask for assistance logging onto www.FloridaDisaster.org. You can create and print your plan from the library's public computer.

TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY TODAY!

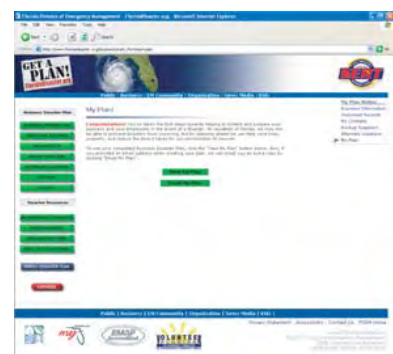
1. Log onto FloridaDisaster.org.



2. Enter in your personal information and answer a series of questions about your household.



3. Print your personalized Family Disaster Plan and review it with your entire family.



The 13th Annual Summit on Disabilities



June 4, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Coronado Ballroom

The Family Café is committed to getting Floridians with disabilities and their family members involved in the political process that sets the policies that affect their day-to-day lives. The legislative process can be confusing and difficult to follow, but in the end, it's essential that Floridians with disabilities and their families pay attention to what's happening in Tallahassee, because the decisions that are made there have a real impact on the services that families rely upon in their own local communities.



To help families better understand the process, and what happened during the Spring 2011 Legislative Session, we are offering you a three course "Evening of Advocacy," to give you three unique perspectives.

The first course will be presented by Family Café Board member and former State Representative Susan Goldstein. She is currently President of Susan Goldstein Consulting, Inc., a Governmental and Legislative Lobbying firm specializing in issues dealing with health and human services, education, state and local government, and business. She is Founder and Editor of Floridians for the Future of the Developmentally Disabled, or FFDDNews.com, a news and advocacy website published daily. She is also the mother of a child with autism, Stephanie. She will discuss the advocacy process, and review some of the highlights of the 2011 Legislative Session.



The second course will be hosted by House Appropriations Committee Representative Denise Grimsley. Denise also chairs the Joint Legislative Budget Commission. As the individual in charge of the House budget, she has an intimate understanding of the budgeting process. She will be on hand to tell families about how the process works, and what went into it in 2011.



Finally, the third course will be served up by Ronald L. Book, President and CEO of Ronald L. Book, P.A., a law firm that specializes in government affairs. The firm is considered one of the premier lobbying firms in the state, with unparalleled experience in the appropriations process. This part of the Summit will bring together information about the appropriations process with ideas on how families can have an impact on it.

We're very pleased to share this three part Evening of Advocacy with you, and we hope you will join us to find out how you can have a seat at the table where the decisions that really affect your family are made. Share your story, share your voice!



Saturday June 4, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Coronado Ballroom

Opportunities in the Affordable Care Act for Enhancing Services for Our Children and Adult Family Members with Behavioral Health Needs and Developmental Disabilities

The enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in March 2010 has ushered in a multi-year process to reform health care delivery in the United States. The Act contains many provisions that can improve services and supports for children and adults with behavioral health needs and developmental disabilities. States will have the central roles in shaping the opportunities and deciding the comprehensiveness of care available for individuals with disabilities. The Act provides mechanisms for families who have never had health insurance to obtain affordable coverage and modifies many programs, such as Medicaid and CHIP, which currently provide many services for individuals with disabilities. At the same time, there is much controversy surrounding the Act that will likely affect what is put into place. The timeline for implementing the Act is moving quickly and most states are already designing and planning for the options they will put in place. States face many challenges in implementing the new legislation, but the solutions to these challenges also offer opportunities to improve services for individuals with disabilities. It is critically important for family members, advocates and service providers to share their voices and help direct the decisions that will be made.



Jim Wotring and Gary Macbeth from the Georgetown University National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health will discuss health care reform with emphasis on:

- An overview of major provisions in the Affordable Care Act that provide particular opportunities for improving services for children and adult family members with disabilities;
- Challenges states are facing and decisions they will be making in implementing the Act;
- Examples of actions states are already taking; and
- How the voices of family members, advocates and service providers are important for helping direct the decisions that will be made.

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
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4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Registration Open, Central and North Registration Exhibit Hall and Employment Expo Open, Veracruz Exhibit Hall
Scooter rental available, Central and North Registration
Dental Screening, Veracruz Exhibit Hall
Free Child ID's, sponsored by the Oviedo Masonic Lodge, Fiesta 6
Pyramid Players, Foyer
Orlando Magic Dancers, Veracruz Exhibit Hall
Concurrent Sessions
FRIENDS Chorus, Foyer
Special Kids Dance & Performing Arts, Foyer
Pyramid Players, Foyer
Arts & Crafts, Fiesta 5
Concurrent Sessions
Children's Storyteller, Fiesta 3
Pyramid Players, Foyer
FRIENDS Chorus, Foyer
Concurrent Sessions
Pyramid Players, Foyer
Concurrent Sessions
Family Entertainment featuring The Unsung Heroes, Coronado Ballroom





The Importance of Fitness with the Orlando Magic Dancers

Saturday, June 4

10:30-11:30

Veracruz Exhibit Hall

Don't miss the Orlando Magic Dancers performance! The dancers will share with us some of their moves and the importance of fitness. Learn some of the cheers that motivate the Orlando Magic team and become part of the excitement!

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11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Sign Language Myth-Busting

Saturday, June 4

11:00-12:00

Acapulco

Break through the myths and discover the ease and benefits of using sign language to stimulate and enhance communication and cognitive development in hearing children. Learn some signs you can use right away. You don't need to have any prior knowledge of sign to begin to enjoy its benefits. Come play and sign with us!

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Project STING RAY: Students Transitioning Into the Next Generation – Recognizing Alternatives for Youth

Saturday, June 4

11:00-12:00

Cancun

This session will provide an overview of the postsecondary transition project for students with intellectual disabilities at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. The presentation and discussion will pertain to the various elements of Project STING RAY, including academic, social, and independent living components of the student experience, as well as to the timeline of Project STING RAY from its inception to its plans for the future. The session is designed for individuals desiring to know more about post-secondary opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

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The Journey to Self-Advocacy and Independence

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Coronado A

Come learn from the perspectives of a mother of a grown woman with an intellectual disability and a special education teacher as they share the challenges, lessons learned, and successes of creating a self-determined life. These co-authors of "A Parenting Guide for Families of Children with Disabilities: Developing Social Skills Towards Independent Living" will discuss goal planning and creating action plans in order to reach maximum potential regarding daily and community-living skills. Focusing on self-advocacy, the goal of the presentation is to assist families in creating a balance between needed supports and building social skills toward optimum independence.

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Adventures in Marriage

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Coronado C

Adventures in Marriage is a marriage education program that helps couples learn the critical talking and confiding skills needed to communicate and resolve conflicts in a healthy relationship. Fun and easy to learn, Adventures in Marriage is appropriate for couples at any age or stage in their marriage, and is designed to reach couples across the spectrum—from high-risk to highly-motivated. This workshop will offer couples practical skills in communication and conflict resolution.

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Having a Little Fun with Disability History

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Coronado E

The Florida Youth Council believes that Disability History is very important. In this session the FYC will demonstrate just how important disability history is and how you can have fun while learning the history. Please join them for what will surely be an enjoyable and interactive session.

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Let's Just Do It!

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Coronado F

This session will help motivate everyone to have the attitude of "Let's Just Get It Done." We will discuss: 1. Reasons we don't just do it, 2. Actions for not doing it, 3. Motivation, 4. Advocacy, 5. Getting Results and being heard. Everyone is welcome to this session.

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What Makes Therapeutic Horseback Riding So Special?

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Coronado G

The rhythmic motion of the horse has been proven to help improve strength, coordination, and balance for individuals with physical disabilities. It also helps improve confidence, self-esteem and increased attention span for those with an intellectual or emotional disability. Most importantly, it provides individuals with feelings of freedom and independence.

This presentation will show you the "MAGIC" in horses that provides strong medicine for individuals challenged with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities. Learn what benefits and miracles can happen when riding or driving a horse.

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Autism: Exploring What Works

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Coronado T

Bring up the subject of autism to most people and words like "hopeless," "difficult" "confusing," and "untreatable" come to mind. To the staff at the National Association for Child Development, autism isn't an enormous black hole of mystery. They understand autism in a way that helps parents and caregivers realize that there is hope for their child. For over 30 years, NACD programs have helped hundreds of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder overcome their challenges. This workshop will give participants a clear understanding about NACD's history and work with children who have Autism Spectrum Disorder. Issues particular to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder will be discussed: visual issues(hyper and hypo peripheral vision), auditory issues (hyper and hypo auditory sensitivity), tactile sensitivities, the importance of improving Sequential Processing for over all functioning and progression, and why each NACD program is unique to each child.

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Living and Coping with Bipolar Disorder

Saturday, June 4

11:00-12:00

Coronado R

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 issues unique to teenagers. We will also discuss effects on marriage, siblings, and the extended family. Cynthia will share experiences as an undiagnosed child and how this has affected her throughout her adulthood.

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Parent Survival Skills: Raising a Child with a Disability

Saturday, June 4

11:00-12:00

Coronado Q

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 for developing strategies to cope with issues and stresses that may arise for the family members.

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Building Soft Skills at Home

Saturday, June 4

11:00-12:00

Coronado N

Parents and families need to understand the critical soft skills areas for youth, including: networking, enthusiasm, professionalism, communication skills, teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills. Families will not only learn how they can maximize their youths' potential in these areas through daily activities at home, but they will also be able to engage each other about ways in which their youth are currently demonstrating soft skills. Families will be provided with the US Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy's Fact Sheet on soft skills and materials from a newly developed soft skills curriculum.

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Self-Advocacy for Veterans: An Exploration of Resources

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Coronado M

This presentation will focus on the many resources that have recently been developed for veterans with traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder. Sometimes it is difficult to navigate this landscape because of the diverse sources and the volume of the information. The presentation will cover the most popular sources of information on this topic. More importantly, an organized search process will be provided that is tailored for individuals with these disabilities. This is intended to be an interactive process and the presenters will encourage questions and participation from participants.

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Understanding Florida Medicaid and Medicaid Waiver Services

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Durango 1

This presentation provides an overview of Florida Medicaid eligibility and all Florida Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers. Participants will learn how Medicaid eligibility is determined and how to access waiver services. Emphasis will be placed on the services available on the Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services and the Individual Budgeting Waivers. We will explore Florida Medicaid services and waiver services and explain the process for choosing the appropriate services for an individual's needs.

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Benefits and Tax Planning for Families with Special Needs

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Durango 2

"We're about the PROCESS, not the PRODUCTS." Prosperity Life Planning is a nonprofit, educational service that educates and advocates for families, working with area attorneys, benefit consultants, and other professionals to help you create the supports you want for your loved one.

You'll learn everything you need to know to create a safer future for your child, maximize government benefits and tax deductions, and learn how to bring other family members into the process.

Karen Greenberg is the mother of an adult child with Autism. She holds a Master's Degree in Taxation, and is a Certified Financial Planner. Joining Karen is Jaret Vogel, a Special Needs Advisor and Director of the Special Needs Tax Credit Alliance.

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Have a Good Day!

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Fiesta 10

Are there times during your day when you struggle with your child?

We want to share some ideas with you that will help your child follow directions more easily, communicate more efficiently, and participate in family life successfully.

Through this presentation, we are going to focus on a child's daily routine and provide easy tips on how to engage children in positive and constructive interaction with their family.

You know your child best, and you have the power to shape your child's behavior, communication and learning skills.

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Advocacy: The Road to My Independence

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Fiesta 8

This is the story of my life, as others would say. Through many pitfalls and many victories. I'll discuss how the road I travelled on was bumpy as I bumped into many obstacles, but I went through as I succeeded. I'll discuss how my disability affected me from the moment I had it to how it affects me today. I'll also explain the stages of my advocacy throughout the years and how it has helped me be who I am as a person living with a disability.

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

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Monterrey 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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Support for Moving From Benefits to Work Through a Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS) and other Social Security (SSA) Work Incentives

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Monterrey 3

This presentation will describe the Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS) and other Social Security (SSA) Work Incentives available that support the transition of individuals with disabilities crossing over from benefits to employment. For students on SSI, the Student Earned Income Exclusion is a valuable tool to gain work experience, get paid, and not worry about the effects the work will have on SSI benefits and Medicaid.

PASS and the other SSA Work Incentives are valuable tools that are available through Social Security for supporting people with disabilities transitioning from benefits to work without fear and other barriers.

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Special Smiles: Oral Care for Persons with Special Needs

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
Yucatan 1

Nova Southeastern University and University of Florida dental faculty are coming together to meet persons with disabilities, family members, and caregivers and provide pertinent information for maintaining excellent oral health and beautiful smiles.

We will work hands-on with participants to review techniques for enhancing self-care and improving the oral health of disabled persons. While mastering these skills, we will discuss the critical relationship between oral hygiene and overall health. Finally, we will present ways for participants to become advocates to improve the current landscape of oral health among persons with disabilities, including necessary legislative changes.

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ABC's of Family Disaster Preparedness

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
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. However, it really is not a question of if something will happen, but when something will happen.



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Social Security Disability Benefits and Supplemental Security Income — Understanding the Impact of Work on Benefits

Saturday, June 4
11:00-12:00
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 on 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 not only to 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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12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	FRIENDS Chorus, Foyer
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Special Kids Dance & Performing Arts, Foyer
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Pyramid Players, Foyer
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Arts & Crafts, Fiesta 5
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Children's Storyteller, Fiesta 3

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

It's Those Wonderful Rights

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Acapulco

Characters from the holiday classic movie "It's a Wonderful Life" assist in presenting 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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Understanding the Credit System and Credit Resolution – A Series of the FDIC Money Smart Program

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Baja

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 of 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 that 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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Keeping the Student with Behavior Challenges In School Learning and Out of Hot Water

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Cancun

Students with challenging behavior spend more time out of the classroom missing out on important instructional time. Many students are suspended for manifestations of their disability and the function of their behavior is often misunderstood. This presentation will focus on the student's behavior, when to request a Functional Behavior Assessment, and on the Positive Behavior Intervention Plans. Also covered will be how to draft a meaningful Positive Behavior Intervention Plan. The presentation will allow for open dialogue between presenter and participants.

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Solving Critical Waiting List and Portability Issues – State and National Strategies

Saturday, June 4
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Coronado A

Waiting lists for Medicaid Waiver services for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities are now over 20 years in many states. Families and individuals cannot move from state to state without losing services or their place on the wait list. The National Organization to End Waitlists (NOEWAIT) has been developing state and national strategies to resolve this national disgrace. Learn about the wait list and portability issues and help NOEWAIT formulate better tactics and strategies.

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26 Healthy Marriage/Relationship Habits: A Practical Approach from A to Z

Saturday, June 4

1:00-2:00

Coronado B

This session will provide you with key tools to help bring your marriage and relationship to new heights! It is a mega-dose of cut-to-the-chase tips that will inspire, strengthen, and encourage you! As usual, you'll get the "real deal" presented in a practical, insightful, and oftentimes humorous way. And, of course, let us not forget the built-in surprises... they will be even more exciting this year! We want all marriages and relationships to THRIVE, and this means a renewed commitment to "nourish" each other daily, and "cherish" your lives together! It all begins in the heart! Remember... keep L.I.F.E. in your marriage and relationship: Laughter, Intimacy, Faith, and Encouragement. The Streeters have been married nearly twenty-four years, and have three sons, Robert IV, soon to turn 18, and 12-year-old twins, Richard and Ramon.

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There's an App for That!

Saturday, June 4

1:00-2:00

Coronado C

This session provides an introduction to the world of Apps and the potential that they can offer for organization, time management, reading dictation, communication, stress relief, and just for fun! Assistive technologies can at times be expensive, cumbersome, and downright un-cool. Cell phones, iPods, and iPads have a cool factor that can be used to your advantage and prepare students to transition to the next level of independence.

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The Journey Continues: From Pre-K to College and Adulthood

Saturday, June 4

1:00-2:00

Coronado D

Join Shelby Nurse as she shares the insights and perspectives she has learned from living with cerebral palsy and visual impairments for 20 years. Shelby will talk about the positive impacts of inclusion, therapies, assistive technology, and home modification. She will also explain how she utilizes various funding streams to help her dreams come true. Her dad, Tom Nurse, will join Shelby, and together they will share lessons learned through this process and outline work still to come.

After taking last year off from the Café to focus on college demands, Shelby is excited to return for her 12th year! Bring the whole family to this "not to be missed session" that will inspire and enlighten!

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Navigating Your IEP

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Coronado E

The FYC knows that The Individual Education Plan (IEP) is very important for students with disabilities. To help students better understand and take charge of the IEP process, the Florida Youth Council created a guide called Navigating your IEP: Are You on the Right Track Towards Your Future? Join the FYC as they walk through the IEP guide and discuss the IEP process in what will surely be a fun and interactive way.

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Making the Connection

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1:00-2:00
Coronado F

Project 10: Transition Education Network provides parents with necessary information to help their young adult transition from school to adult life. Get relevant information on transition and how it affects your children as they make their plans for the future. What services might you need and how do you access them? Where do I find the information I need? All of this and more will help guide you in preparing for the next step in your young adult's life. Don't miss this valuable and information-rich session provided by Florida's largest transition organization!

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Recreation Assistive Technology

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Coronado G

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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Blind Awareness Training

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Coronado S

This session offers a fun and hands-on approach to understanding what it is like to be blind or visually impaired. Participants will be placed under a blind fold or low-vision simulator and will have a chance to experience everyday tasks as well as debunking some of the common "myths" of blindness and visual impairments.



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Can My Child Have a Service Animal?

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Coronado Q

This presentation will educate you regarding several areas concerning service animals. Participants will learn basic information about selection, matching, and training service animals. You will also learn the basics about the federal and state laws and responsibilities of service animals, as well as the rights and current problems, focusing especially on children who have service animals in Florida's school system.

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

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Coronado N

The PAS Toolkit provides young people with disabilities (as well as their friends, families, and youth service providers) information on selecting, hiring, and managing a personal assistant. This toolkit describes the benefits of a personal assistant for a young person with a disability and provides worksheets for youth to understand what their specific needs are and create an Independent Living Checklist. It also includes worksheets on the screening process, interviewing candidates, a sample application form, sample questions to ask references, and a sample employee contract. All of this information is provided in easy-to-use and youth-friendly language.

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Calling ALL Children of Military Service Members

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Coronado M

This session is for children of our military serving our country. Operation: Military Kids (OMK) supports youth when their parents are deployed through various youth activities and programs throughout the state. Come have fun with us and meet other military kids. Make a treasure box or a fleece pillow. Additional information packets may be available with activities for youth. Youth will be required to complete a registration card to help OMK contact you with future programs in your area.



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Psychological Reports: Unearthing the Meaning

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Durango 1

This presentation given by two established school psychologists provides an overview of the evaluation/re-evaluation process for parents of exceptional students within the public school system. Parents will receive a thorough explanation of what to expect as well as how to understand the resulting evaluation report. Parents are encouraged to bring questions regarding their specific cases in an effort to gain information benefitting their child. A separate session is also offered in Spanish.

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Hemispheric Integration Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Functional Neurology Approach!

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Durango 2

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, Protociois, 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 of your questions!

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

Saturday, June 4

1:00-2:00

Fiesta 10

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 effective communication using 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, and to organize effective, clear communication through use of a comprehensive record keeping system.

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Your Life, Your Way & Maximizing Medicaid Waiver Services

Saturday, June 4

1:00-2:00

Fiesta 8

This presentation will share important information for people who are on the Florida Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waiver. The content will provide a better understanding of the Med waiver with emphasis on managing individual budgets, services, supports, and service providers. All participants will receive a "How To" manual that includes tips and specifics about: Self-Determination and Self-Direction; Florida's Developmental Disabilities/Home and Community-Based Services and Family and Supported Living Waivers; Support Coordination and Support Plans; Finding Service Providers; Hiring Service Providers; Managing Service Providers; Maintaining Quality; Finding Personal Space; and Protecting Yourself.

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We Are Feeding Our Brains! Let's Play, Play, Play!

Saturday, June 4

1:00-2:00

Main Pool/Sandbox

Early Steps staff, consisting of Infant Toddler Developmental Specialists and Service Coordinators, will host an all-inclusive playgroup in the natural environment (ex. pool, sandpit, outdoor picnic area) to build our minds using items we find in our everyday homes.

Parents and Caregivers, siblings, infants and toddlers, and Early Intervention professionals, are welcome to come and participate in activities aimed at helping young children explore, create, and further develop their senses, while expanding their imaginations. Caregivers and children will have the opportunity to meet and interact with others in the playgroup setting.

Our staff hopes you will come and join us for some food for your brain!

Come one, come all, and we will share in English, Spanish, Creole, and signing fun.



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Panel: 2011 Legislative Session Outcomes and Where Do I Go From Here?

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Monterrey 1

This session is a panel discussion about advocacy for families that have a member with developmental disabilities.

Participating in the panel are the DD council, Family Care Council Florida, Florida Arc, and Disability Rights Florida.

This presentation begins with a report on the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council's 2011 Legislative Platform and the legislative outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families for the 2011 Legislative session.

The presentation also will include the Council's presentation for the 2012 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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Medicare 101 for Those with Disabilities

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Monterrey 2

SHINE is a non-profit organization funded through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA). It is a volunteer-based program that helps seniors and those with disabilities to navigate the Medicare and Medicaid system. With the current changes in Medicare, SHINE is outreaching to the community to provide awareness to individuals eligible for Medicare.

This presentation will include population-specific information for those with disabilities. It will give the basics on how to apply, qualifying disabilities, and how to navigate the system. It also will demonstrate SHINE's abilities to assist the clients.

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Navigating the Path to Customized Employment

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Monterrey 3

As the mother of a child with multiple disabilities, a certified special educator, former support coordinator, family specialist, and community recreation provider, Shelly has developed relationships with children and youth who have a wide variety of lifestyles, personalities, disabilities, medical conditions, and other complexities.

Shelly will share her extensive training on transition employment and supported and customized employment, as well as the experiences she gathered while helping her own son with multiple disabilities develop a micro-enterprise. She will discuss barriers and solutions for individuals with significant and multiple disabilities on the road to employment.

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Baywatchers Swimming and Special Olympics Adaptive Recreation

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Quiet Pool

Born2Swim with Baywatchers Special Olympics' Competitive Team and The Tropical Miami Civitan Club under the direction of Yazmin Acocella-Ramirez will present not only adaptive recreational sports (Joaquin Feroselle) but, more importantly, water survival and swimming skills for participants with challenges from six months to adulthood.

Baywatchers enjoys the community spirit and important benefits that it receives from the free instruction that Born2Swim Academy provides for swimmers with developmental disabilities, which engenders tools to avoid sad water-related outcomes. We are a Miami-Dade benefit charity and congratulate Yazmin Acocella-Ramirez for their advocacy.

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Parents and School Districts Problem Solving Together

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Yucatan 1

This session will incorporate problem-solving procedures with communication skills that parents and school districts can use to work together for the educational benefit of students. Participants will have an opportunity to share helpful strategies with the group. In addition, the presentation will include data and information regarding exceptional student education (ESE) monitoring and dispute resolution in Florida.

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Tactile/Hands-On Disaster Preparedness: Evacuation Planning and Kit Building for Persons with Disabilities, on a Low Budget, through Recycling and Free Items

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Yucatan 2

We will cover how to build an evacuation disaster kit through the use of hands-on materials and how to plan for disasters year-round. We will teach you how to think outside of the box, to use recycling and 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. Finally, you will 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 acquire daily that can be used.

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Everything Families with Special Needs Should Know

Saturday, June 4
1:00-2:00
Yucatan 3

This presentation will provide families who have loved ones with special needs with a road map for creating a plan that will help them achieve their goals. We will discuss and explain: how guardianship and guardian advocacy will allow an adult relative to make financial and medical decisions for an individual with special needs; why parents should create an estate plan (i.e. Will or Trust) that contains a special needs trust to hold the inheritance for a child with special needs; how a special needs trust can successfully enable an individual with special needs to maintain their government assistance; and the different types of government benefits programs that are available to individuals and children with special needs.

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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



Students with Intellectual Disabilities are Going to College in Florida!

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Acapulco

In October 2010, the University of South Florida (USF) St. Petersburg was awarded a federal grant aimed at increasing the number of youth with intellectual disabilities who participate in postsecondary education in



Florida. This session will describe the activities of the Consortium on Postsecondary Education and Intellectual Disabilities formed by USF St. Petersburg, the University of North Florida, and Lynn University. Find out what tremendous opportunities and possibilities may exist for your child with intellectual disabilities!

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Communication Breakthrough: How Florida Residents with Hearing Loss and/or Speech Disability can Receive Specialized Communication Devices at No Cost

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Baja

Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc (FTRI) provides specialized telephones and ring signaling devices to Florida residents who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind, and Speech Impaired at no cost. This presentation includes information on: what types of specialized phones are available, who is eligible for the program and how they qualify, the Florida Relay Service and how it functions, as well as many other resources for teachers, businesses, and family members who come in contact with individuals who struggle with every day communication over the phone.

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Guardian Advocacy: An Affordable, Empowering Alternative to Traditional Guardianship

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Cancun

Guardian Advocacy (GA) is a new guardianship option for parents of adult children with developmental disabilities (DD). The law has been revised to allow parents to petition for GA without an attorney, making it an affordable option during these tough economic times. The revised law will better protect the ability of individuals with DD to continue to make some legal and medical decisions for their children without taking away all of their civil rights, like a traditional guardianship would. GA is an affordable, empowering alternative to traditional guardianship.

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Just for Dads
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 Coronado A

This session will be dads talking to dads about our issues.

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Understanding Hope and Keeping Your Faith Strong!

Saturday, June 4
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 Coronado B

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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The Special Diploma – For Access Points Only?

Saturday, June 4
 2:30-3:30
 Coronado C

With the addition of the access courses for students who participate in the Florida Alternate Assessment, many people have new questions about the special diploma. Will it only be available for students participating in the access points? This presentation will provide participants with an overview of the proposed revisions to Rule 6A-1.09961, Florida Administrative Code, Graduation Requirements for Certain Students with Disabilities.

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The Real World: Your Life – Leaving Home and Independence

Saturday, June 4
 2:30-3:30
 Coronado E

Come join some of the FYC members as they share how they transitioned from high school into the real world of college, work, and living on their own. They will share what went well, what went badly, and how they became more independent. At the end, you will have a chance to ask them questions so that you can better prepare yourself for the real world.



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Informes Psicológicos: Desenterrando el significado

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Coronado T

Esta presentación realizada por dos psicólogos escolares establecida de la escuela ofrece una visión general del proceso de evaluación/ re-evaluación para los padres de estudiantes excepcionales dentro de los sistemas de escuelas públicas. Los padres recibirán una explicación detallada de qué esperar, así como la comprensión del informe de evaluación resultante. Los padres están invitados a traer sus preguntas con respecto a casos específicos en un esfuerzo por obtener información beneficiosa a su hijo.

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

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Coronado Q

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

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Delegate Roundtable: Cerebral Palsy

Saturday, June 4
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 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 Friday and Saturday.



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Do You Know Your Resources as a Military Family?

Saturday, June 4
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Coronado M

A panel of Military Partners will be available to share their resources and answer your questions about resources for military families in Florida: Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty for all branches. Learn more about the many military web resources and how to access information. Today, the military has MORE for YOU the FAMILY... learn about these resources.

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Financial Planning for Special Needs: An Hour of Your Time – A Lifetime of Information

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Durango 2

Joe is a nationally-recognized educator on this very specific type of planning. This presentation will examine topics such as: protection of government benefits, wills, different types of trust, how HIPPA laws can affect direction of healthcare 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 gift, and what not to do. Finally, you will be receiving a letter of intent on CD at the end of this presentation. This is truly a session not to be missed. An hour of your time—a lifetime of information!

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Facing Your Fears and Dreaming New Dreams

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Fiesta 10

This is a presentation of hope and understanding, when receiving a child with special needs. Based on the "New Star" Training of Early Steps, this presentation has been created by Eliana Tardio, Family Resource Specialist of Early Steps and mother of two children with Down syndrome, for families of children with special needs who have recently been diagnosed and for those who need a guide to overcome fears and start dreaming new dreams.

Join us for a practical guide on how to become involved, how to overcome the diagnosis, how to gain confidence, and how to stay motivated and walk to the future with hope.



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Calling All Advocates! Partners in Policymaking Wants You!

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Fiesta 8

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 persons with disabilities. Based on the 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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Autism: Unique Biomarkers and Novel Treatment Approaches

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Monterrey 1

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) are neurodevelopmental disorders characterized by deficits in social interactions, stereotypic behaviors, and learning. There are still a few insights for its early detection or treatment. The presence of brain expression of pro-inflammatory cytokines and circulating auto-antibodies against brain proteins indicate immune dysfunction. Many ASD children suffer from "allergic-like" problems in response to environmental triggers that could contribute to brain inflammation at least in a subgroup of ASD patients. We recently identified high levels of the serum neuropeptide neurotensin and mitochondrial DNA in young children with autism. These molecules could serve as unique biomarkers as well as targets for novel treatments.

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What They Told Us: Perspectives from Over 300 Parents of Children with Special Needs

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Monterrey 2

Although research exists on family and relational adjustment for parents of children with special needs, no formal assessment measure exists. Research indicates numerous strategies as key concepts for positive parental adjustment. In spite of the available research, the need exists for a formal assessment measure based



on existing research that would benefit these parents. Since Fall 2009 Dr. Andrew P. Daire and Vanessa N. Dominguez from the UCF Marriage and Family Research Institute have collected data from over 300 parents of children with special needs in developing this adjustment measure. This session will highlight what their data "told us" from this fascinating and much needed project. We will discuss the roles of community-based support, family-based support, coping skills, and parental distress; and will present strategies and tips for individuals, couples, and families to enhance adjustment.

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Making It Work – Employment and the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Monterrey 3

Join VR Staff members to discuss employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. This session is designed to highlight information about two of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's programs. Information about Supported Employment and Self-Employment will be shared during this presentation. Participants will leave with an understanding of these two programs and the referral process so that they might pursue a service of interest. Success stories will be shared and an informal question and answer session will be available during the program.

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Sit Volleyball for People with All Abilities – Everyone Can Participate

Saturday, June 4
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Veracruz C

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

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IEP Jeopardy: So, What's the Big IDEA?

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Yucatan 1

In defining the purpose of special education, IDEA 2004 clarifies the outcome for each child with disability: Students must be provided a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) that prepares them for further education, employment, and independent living.

Did you know that IDEA is based on six basic principles that include: appropriate evaluation, parent and student participation, procedural safeguards, and more?



Come on by for this fun and interactive presentation.

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Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies: Sesame Street Disaster Preparedness for Children

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Yucatan 2

This session will help motivate children of all ages to understand why it is important to help mom and dad to know their name, phone number, and where they live so that they can summon help or help their parents during a disaster.

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Florida Medicaid's New Individual Budgeting Waiver: iBudget Florida

Saturday, June 4
2:30-3:30
Yucatan 3

The Florida Medicaid Developmental Disability waivers are changing. Over the next several years, individuals enrolled in these waivers will be transitioned to the new individual Budgeting Waiver, also known as the iBudget Waiver. Come get your questions answered regarding the change and learn why iBudget is the "wave-er" of the future.

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

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

Autism: Believe in the Future, from Infancy to Independence

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

How does a child with autism develop a positive self-image, and thus employment? In Robin's childhood, as months turned into years, she slowly progressed with therapies, schooling, and socialization. At 22-years-old, she could express basic needs to her family and was usually appropriate in public. We decided to keep moving her



forward. Today, at 40-years-old, Robin has been employed for 16 years. She has a social life, lives in her own condo, and drives her own car. Robin still has intellectual and language disabilities but they do not control her life. How did this happen?

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Saving Your Social Security Disability Case from Sabotage: Hidden Tips to Strengthen Your Case

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

This presentation will provide information about overlooked and/or unexpected places of information that the Social Security Administration relies upon when making their disability determinations. Tips about helpful information will include medical evidence, forms, third-party information, Disability Determination services and the initial, Reconsideration/ Hearing/ Appeals/ Federal court levels. The content will also discuss selection of and expectations for your Social Security Disability representative.

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Write It! How to Tell Your Story in the Form of a Book

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

Have you ever thought about writing a book? Now you can! Greg Smith's workshop will give you all the necessary tools you will need to begin the process of writing, and then editing, designing, and publishing your book. Greg Smith is the author of "On A Roll: Reflections from America's Wheelchair Dude with the Winning Attitude," and subject of the award-winning PBS documentary "On A Roll: Family, Disability, and the American Dream." His mission in life has been to write, speak, and broadcast his insights that are the result of his life-long experience with muscular dystrophy. You have stories to tell and lessons to teach. Your life has been interesting! It is time to share it with the world. When you leave this session, you will be inspired to write your memoir, and you will be armed with the tools to achieve this goal.

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Developing Self-Advocacy and Leadership Skills: Reflections of Experiences Through Video Presentations

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



Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families were awarded funding to participate in advocacy and leadership development activities, including attending in-state and out-of-state conferences, participating in work groups, and participating in policy development activities. Persons with disabilities who were awarded funding for these opportunities have participated in the development of video presentations. Hear from self-advocates and their family members through the videos on how their experiences have helped them to become better self-advocates and advocates.

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The Mandate for Moms to Strengthen Family

Saturday, June 4
4:00-5:00
Coronado B

This is your very special invitation to attend an inspiring session for all women desiring in their hearts to keep the family bond strong and healthy. It is always rewarding when we are able to come together to share and learn, inform, motivate, and encourage each other. A mandate is not an option, but mandatory that we purpose in our mind, heart, and soul that our families deserve all the love and commitment that we are able to give on a daily basis. The "Mandate for Moms" will ignite the burning desire to take better care of ourselves, so we care for the precious ones who are such an important part of our lives. It requires serious dedication on a daily basis. Yes, there are those days that we can feel a bit overwhelmed or feel like staying in bed with the covers over our head, but leave a little opening to breathe. Women, rest assured, this interactive session will not disappoint. Join Malverna Streater, Motivational Mom, for a session that will leave you feeling renewed and energized. There will be an array of "stuff" included to make it a very enjoyable time. A medal of encouragement will be given to the first 100 women, for you are a winner. Remember, the best is yet to come! See you there!

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Enfrentando Sus Temores Y Sonando Nuevos Suenos

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

Una presentación de esperanza y comprensión, cuando recibimos un hijo con necesidades especiales. Basada en el Entrenamiento para padres "New Star" del Programa Early Steps, ésta presentación ha sido creada por Eliana Tardio; Especialista de Recursos de Familias Early Steps y madre de dos niños con síndrome de Down; para familias de niños con necesidades especiales que han sido recientemente diagnosticados y para aquellos que necesitan una guía para sobreponerse a sus temores y empezar a soñar nuevos sueños.

Una guía práctica acerca de cómo involucrarse, cómo sobreponerse el diagnóstico, cómo ganar confianza y cómo mantenerse motivados para caminar hacia el futuro con esperanza.

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

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Coronado D

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 presentation 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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A Youthful Perspective on Inclusion and Disability Etiquette

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Coronado E

In this session The Florida Youth Council will provide a youthful perspective on the challenging issues of inclusion and disability etiquette. Join them as they tackle two of the issues that affect all people with disabilities. There will be a time at the end of this session for questions and answers.

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Florida Youth Council

The Learning Academy at USF

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Coronado F

This presentation will discuss The Learning Academy at the University of South Florida, which is a customized transition program that assists in preparing young adults diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder for employment or post-secondary education. The Learning Academy provides services, supports, and experiential opportunities that develop and enhance each student's independence in meeting personal goals. Our students engage in self-discovery and career exploration through real-life experiences, such as internships and peer mentoring, which allow generalization of learned skills.

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Making Sense of Sensory Integration – at Home and at School

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Coronado T

We learn about the world around us by using our 5 senses to explore our environment.

Because of various delays and disabilities, some people find this exploration of the environment to become more challenging. Disruption in this sensory processing system can result in various developmental issues, such as poor self-regulation, inattentiveness, developmental delays, difficulty with social interaction skills and many others.

Come explore our engaging sensory environments and take home a packet of simple ideas and activities that you can create either at home or in your classroom!

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Family-to-Family Education Program

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Coronado R

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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Dads – Getting in the Game

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Coronado Q

This workshop works to help 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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Delegate Roundtable: Down Syndrome

Saturday, June 4

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.

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

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Military Families and School Resources

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Coronado M

The various branches of the military hire School Liaison Officers (SLO) for their military population. A panel of School Liaison Officers will present a program of their role on base and with families of the Guard and Reserve. Learn more about this role for military families. All counties have unique differences, so the roles of these officers are unique to their area.

Dawn Mills

Navy SLO

Chris Hendrix

Navy SLO

Francisco Brizuel

Army SLO



School to Work Transition Begins in High School

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Durango 1

This presentation is designed to benefit youth (16 to 22-years-old) and their families. Students often need at least two years of transition activities before they graduate high school. A troubled economy has reduced already limited resources available to those needing services. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation works with the local school district to help students plan and prepare for a meaningful career. Incorrect information can result in some students waiting for help with transition services. Learn what you need to begin the transition from school to work on your own and get the assistance you need to be successful.

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Developing a Vision and a Plan for Your Family with Special Needs

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Durango 2



Raising a child or children with special needs brings with it many unforeseen gifts, but also poses some serious challenges, both now and into the future. Many families report grave concerns about what will happen to their child with special needs as the parents age and eventually pass. Having a family plan that takes into consideration the legal, financial, and family intentions for someone with special needs takes a concerted effort, but can also result in far greater peace of mind, knowing you now have things in place for the future. Join Tom Nurse and Kevin Manning, two very experienced special needs financial planners, as they help you understand the steps you can take to create your family's plan.

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Sailing Through Transition

Saturday, June 4
4:00-5:00
Fiesta 10

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 the Early Steps Program at age three, including the development of a transition plan on the IFSP. This workshop, part of the New Start 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 Start workshops, are presented by parents, for parents.

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Aging with Developmental Disabilities

Saturday, June 4
4:00-5:00
Monterrey 1

The purpose of this presentation is to provide a broad overview of aging issues in the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) population. It will provide a historical perspective of demographic changes and changes associated with major bodily systems. Syndrome specific aging-related chronic diseases that require greater surveillance will be highlighted. The presentation will conclude with information on family care giving and specific concerns that challenge caregivers of older adults with I/DD.

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It's Time to Spread the Word to End the R Word

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Monterrey 2

On March 3, 2010 an event was held at various locations around the country to "Spread the word to End the R Word." The word, "Retard," is a demeaning term to families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This session will be dedicated to the families and self-advocates on how to "Spread the Word to End the R Word" as well as addressing "People First Language."

Katie held an event that encouraged over 400 high school students to take the pledge to end the R Word from their conversation.

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Family Involvement: Creating Meaningful Relationships Through Discovery

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Monterrey 3

Have you ever thought about the possibility of your child with a disability being gainfully employed? Join the school districts of Martin and St. Lucie counties in their interactive discussion about how the Discovery Process assists students to successfully transition from the protective environments of home and school into employment. This session will illustrate the importance of cultivating and developing meaningful, long-lasting relationships with the families and students in determining and developing post-school outcomes.

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IEP Jeopardy: Look at All This Paperwork!

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Yucatan 1

Parents and professionals are often overwhelmed by the amount of information that has to be considered in the process of identifying services for children with disabilities.

This fun and interactive workshop provides a page-by-page explanation of the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) document, and the factors that are considered in developing the plan. Topics discussed include: present levels of academic achievement and functional performance, special factors, transition, and more. If you have questions about the IEP document, this is the workshop for you!

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ABC's of Family Disaster Preparedness

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

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. However, it really is not a question of if something will happen, but when something will happen.

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The John M. McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities

Saturday, June 4

4:00-5:00

Yucatan 3

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 the 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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7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Family Entertainment featuring The Unsung Heroes,**
Coronado Ballroom



Saturday Entertainment Highlights



FRIENDS Chorus

FRIENDS Chorus began in March of 1989 with 11 members. In the next twenty two years we have grown to over 50 members from 10 different schools in Martin County. The group consists of members with mild to severe 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.

The goals of FRIENDS are:

- To increase the awareness of the abilities of people with disabilities
- To promote inclusion of people with disabilities in the non-disabled community in employment, recreational activities, housing and educational opportunities
- To increase self-advocacy skills for students with disabilities

For more information about FRIENDS or to schedule a performance, contact Conney Dahn dahnc@martin.k12.fl.us or 772 232-3500 x204.

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, dynamic vocals and rock band. This group of self-advocates will once again be on hand to share their abilities with everyone at the event. The Players, who perform all over central and north Florida, hail from Tampa, Tallahassee, Fort Walton Beach and Pensacola. After catching their performances, be sure to drop by the Pyramid Gallery in the Exhibit Hall to check out the art and jewelry of Pyramid-trained artists.

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Pyramid Players, Foyer**

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



EXPLORING COLLAGE

In art there are no mistakes, only creative new ideas. Collage – a French word meaning cut and paste – allows creativity to bloom. Participants will visit 4 different art stations and work with different art mediums to create 4 distinct art pieces. The 4 pieces will be assembled as a whole in the final stage to create a finished work of art. Art techniques such as combing, rubbing, and blowing paint with straws will introduce novel and fun ways of creating art. The use of texture and composition will come in to play while constructing the abstract pieces. The finished design will reflect a vision that is unique to each individual.

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



Saturday Entertainment Highlights



Mr. Richard, Children's Storyteller

Mr. Richard's first children's album, "Might as Well Sing", recorded in 2005 won him many awards and recognition including Parent Magazine and the Children's Music Web Awards Best Recording for Children ages 5-8. Richard's latest album includes whimsical musings for dancing kids and hip parents with a mix of styles. When Mr. Richard isn't doing special performances he can be seen around Central Florida singing with children at local bookstores during story time. Mr. Richard will be performing on Saturday, June 4th for four 20 minute performances, 1:30-1:50, 2:00-2:20, 2:20-2:50 and 3:00-3:20. Don't miss out on this wonderful musical experience for toddlers, young children, and parents alike!

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Mr. Richard, Children's Storyteller, Fiesta, 3**



Special Kids Dance

Special Kids Dance is a nonprofit dance program designed for children with special needs. Lisa Fultz, the founder of the organization is a parent of a child with Down syndrome. It was her daughter who inspired her to teach kids with special needs. The program offers classes in Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop and Ballroom dancing. The training helps strengthen muscles, improve balance, focus, coordination, self-confidence, and social skills. Special Kids Dance began in September 2005 with 21 students ranging in age from 4 to 24 with different disabilities such as, Autism, Down syndrome, Cerebral palsy, Asperser's disorder, Developmental Delays and Visually & Hearing Impaired children. Special Kids has more than tripled

their student participation since opening. The girls and boys dance every week at the Lighthouse of Pinellas in Largo and now in Palm Harbor at the United Methodist Church on Monday nights is a hip hop class for teens and twenties. This class will be offered through the summer.

In May a recital is held to show the kid's tremendous accomplishments.

The "Special Dancers" have performed at many local events such as The Family Café' Conference in Orlando, the Heart and Hope Conference and at the Buddy Walk at Largo Central Park.

This is truly a special program for some very special kids!

Please call Lisa with further details and enrollment. Lisa Fultz (727) 394-2636; Email: specialkidsdance@hotmail.com; Website: www.specialkidsdance.org

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Special Kids Dance and Performing Arts, Foyer**



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Scaling the Heights with Steve Wampler

In September 2010, Steve Wampler became the first person with Cerebral Palsy to climb Yosemite's El Capitan Mountain – widely considered one of the greatest challenges in all of rock climbing. Steve was born with a severe form of Cerebral Palsy and uses an electric wheelchair for mobility; however, he has never let this stop him from living a full life. His parents helped build this foundation from an early age, by encouraging him to do things just like any other kid. He also attended a regular summer camp a few hours' drive from his parents' Northern California home, which helped continue to round him out as a person. Steve went on to attend and graduate from the University of California at Davis with a degree in

Environmental Engineering. After graduation, Steve took a job with Raychem and moved to San Diego, where he would meet and marry Elizabeth Daniel. After a few years of working together, Steve and Elizabeth decided to branch out and become entrepreneurs, starting The Convention Company to help assist meeting and convention planners across the nation. However, in 2002, the Wampers learned that the camp Steve attended as a child had closed due to a lack of funding. Collectively, the Wampers decided to start the Stephen J. Wampler Foundation to help re-open the camp, and sponsor the same outdoor wilderness program for physically disabled children regardless of a family's ability to pay. Today, Steve and Elizabeth and their two children continue their work to inspire every family and every child with a disability to dream of everything they would in life, just as if they had no disability at all.

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

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

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

Exhibit Hall and Employment Expo Open, Veracruz Exhibit Hall

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