



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Disability Services Provider Fair

On Monday, October 20, the Department on Disability Services, Developmental Disabilities Administration will host a **Service Provider Fair, 10 am – 5 pm, at the Deanwood Recreation Center, 1350 49th Street, NE**. The event is designed to connect people with disabilities to resources that will help them achieve an independent, fulfilling lifestyle. More than 30 service providers representing day supports, residential services, and employment and rehabilitation services will be onsite to answer questions and register people for services. Clinical and wellness providers will also be available.

The event is opened to individuals with disabilities, and families and guardians of people with disabilities. For more information, contact: Cynthia Scott in the DDS Provider Resource Management Unit at 202 730-1760.

DDS Celebrates NDEAM by Recognizing Local Employers

On Thursday, October 23, 2014, The District of Columbia Department on Disability Services, Rehabilitation Services Administration (DDS/RSA) will host an **Employer Recognition event in honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)**. The event will take place from 9 am – noon, and will recognize 18 employers who have assisted DDS/RSA in supporting people with disabilities by providing employment, internships, and career training opportunities for District of Columbia job seekers. To learn more about DDS/RSA business services and resources visit www.dds.dc.gov and click on the Employer Portal tab. Inquiries can be addressed to sylvia.bailey-charles@dc.gov.

The DDS/RSA Employer Recognition program is closed to the general public; media welcomed. Reporters interested in covering the event should contact Public Information Officer Jocelyn Harris at 202-730-1687 or Jocelyn.harris2@dc.gov.

Moving Forward Together Secondary Transition School Fair & Community Forum

Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25, DDS/RSA will partner with SchoolTalk to help students with disabilities successfully transition from school to independence. The two-day event runs 10 am – 2 pm, both days at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G Street, NW.

The **School Fair** takes place on Friday and is opened to all D.C. public, charter, and private schools serving students with 504 Plans, Individualized Education Plans, and disabilities. Students will enjoy a creative arts performance, youth-led workshops, and learn about the array of post-school options and services available. **Saturday's Community Forum** is dedicated to networking and community building. A panel will address the issues facing students with disabilities as they prepare for graduation. There will be exhibits; one-to-one sessions to assist parents and students with transition concerns; and teaching artists from the Kennedy Center, D.C. Public Schools, and the Jean Kennedy Smith Arts and Disability program will help students tap into their unique skills and talents. For more information, contact SchoolTalk's Sarah Grime at 202-907-6887.

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The Department on Disability Services (DDS) provides the residents of the District of Columbia with information, oversight and coordination of services for people with disabilities and those who support them, such as service providers and employers. Learn more at: www.dds.dc.gov and follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/DDS.DC>.