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Announcements

The latest news and information from around the country.

New Projects

\$5.5 Million for Disability and Business Center

<http://www.adainfo.org> #<http://www.adainfo.org>

The ADA Information Center for the Mid-Atlantic Region recently received a federal grant to expand the Center and to work with schools to implement educational technology that is accessible to students with disabilities. The Center is one of ten regional centers funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). It will continue to operate a toll-free information line, provide customized training, and distribute free or low-cost publications on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Legislative Announcements

ESEA Conference Committee Update

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Conference Committee today (November 30, 2001) rejected efforts by Senators Hagel and Harkin to attach an amendment for full funding for the IDEA to the ESEA reauthorization bill. The conferees were meeting in an effort to wrap up work on the ESEA bill. The conferees also rejected two discipline amendments solely directed at students with disabilities. The conferees had hoped to finish work on the ESEA measure today but have agreed to meet again next week

to deal with the remaining unresolved issues. The Labor/HHS/Education appropriations conference committee is holding off meeting until work on the ESEA bill is completed so that they will know which education programs to appropriate funding for.

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The Resource Zone

NCSET Resources

The Workforce Investment Act: Creating Opportunities for Youth with Disabilities (September 2001)

NCSET Teleconference Transcript

http://www.ncset.org/teleconferences/transcripts/2001_09.asp

National and local perspectives on the Workforce Investment Act regarding access to local one-stop workforce centers, participation on Youth Councils, and involvement of the Youth Opportunity Grants.

Other National Resources

Disability History Wall (2004)

Display

<http://www.selfadvocacy.org/Catalog/page21.htm>

This portable, fold-out display traces the history of people with disabilities and public attitudes toward them. Borrows many images from Disability Culture Rap. Professionally redesigned and expanded from 16 to 22 full-color poster panels, the history wall is now available for purchase or loan.

Self Determination: Understanding the Core Principles Needed for People with Disabilities to Control Their Own Lives

Guide

<http://www.trninc.com/selfdetpg.htm>

This pocket guide covers the key elements of self-determination, and the planning principles, tools, and resources available to make it work. Written by Tom Nerney from the Center for Self-Determination, this readable guide is a must for families, people with disabilities, teachers, agency staff, and others. Cost is \$8.

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Get Wired!

Web Sites

Center for Disability and Special Needs Preparedness

<http://www.disabilitypreparedness.org/>

This site has a wide variety of resources and links to assist local emergency planning organizations in planning for individuals who need specialized communications, transportation, and medical supports.

Disability is Natural

<http://www.disabilityisnatural.com/>

This Web site strives to change the current thinking about people with disabilities. The site proclaims that disabilities are natural, just like gender and ethnicity. The creators of the Web site strive to get rid of descriptors such as "mentally handicapped" and other words that focus on the condition rather than the person. There is a book available for purchase as well as articles and other resources.

DO-IT: Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology

<http://www.washington.edu/doi/>

DO-IT (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology) serves to increase the participation of individuals with disabilities in challenging academic programs and careers. This site includes many programs for helping students with disabilities in transition, and for equipping faculty to support them.

Resources for Young Activists

<http://www.idealists.org/kt/>

Idealist.org, a project of Action Without Borders, sponsors this Web site, geared toward young people who want to get involved in their communities or want to organize around an important issue. Includes profiles of organizations started by kids, listings of volunteer opportunities for people under 18, and much more.

Listservs

ASCD SmartBrief

<http://www.smartbrief.com/>

Provided by ASCD, this daily E-mail briefing helps keep associations, professional organizations, advocacy groups, and constituents up-to-date on key news in K-12 education and school improvement.

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Funding Forecast

Additional Funding and Award Opportunities

Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation

<http://www.drucker.org/award/>

The Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation is given each year to a nonprofit organization that has made a difference in the lives of the people it serves. To be considered for the award, programs must further the mission of the organization; have specific and measurable outcomes; exemplify innovation by demonstrating a "new dimension" of performance, and serve as a model that can be replicated.

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