



New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind

NYPADB e-news

NYPADB's New Website is Up & Running!

www.nypadb.org

Camp Abilities Long Island

July 10th - 13th, 2014

At Adelphi University

www.campabilitieslongisland.org/Home.php

Camper Registration Forms: www.campabilitieslongisland.org/Camper-Registration-Forms.php

Circus of the Senses - Big Apple Circus

Thursday, July 9 at 10:00 am

Tilles Center for Performing Arts at LIU (CW Post)

720 Northern Blvd, Greenvale, NY

Tickets: \$5.00 at the Door

Big Apple Circus created ***Circus of the Senses***, a unique performance that enables children and adults with vision or hearing impairments and other disabilities to experience the magic and joy of the circus. Circus of the Senses provides Wireless audio headsets featuring a play-by-play description of the action on stage, and American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters are strategically positioned in spotlights to sign throughout the performances. Audience members also have their choice of a large print or braille, distributed in advance, each of which describes the various acts in detail. (See Flyer)

Real-Life Learning Perkins Webinar

Wednesday, July 8, 2015 from 4:00 – 5:00 PM Eastern Time. Register at:

http://support.perkins.org/site/Calendar?view=RSVP&id=107321&utm_campaign=real%20life%20learning%20july8&utm_source=webinar%20announcement&utm_medium=email

This one-hour webinar will focus on real-life learning and strategies that can be used to capture the essence of an activity and extend learning into the future. The presentation will also include ways to share experiences between a student's home and school settings — an integral part of building skills and

concepts. Upon completion of the session, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the value of real-life learning opportunities.
- Utilize strategies to help build the educational value of everyday and special activities.
- Capitalize on real-life learning activities across both home and school environments.

All webinars are recorded and made available within days!

www.perkinselearning.org/videos/webinar

The National Family Association for Deaf-Blind, NFADB Annual Open Membership Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 7:00PM Eastern Time

All NFADB Members are invited to join the meeting

Please RSVP to Sue Ritchie, NFADB Administrative Assistant,

nfadbinfo@gmail.com for connection instructions by 7/7/15

Keeping Up With Technology and Student Needs

Perkins Webcast- In this webcast Yue-Ting discusses the challenges and critical thinking needed to evaluate new technologies while making decisions based on student needs and the instructional task. She shares the challenges related to considerations in decision-making, assessment and justification in matching technology with students.

[www.perkinselearning.org/videos/webcast/keeping-up-with-technology-and-student-](http://www.perkinselearning.org/videos/webcast/keeping-up-with-technology-and-student-needs?utm_campaign=keeping%20up%20with%20technology%20and%20student%20needs&utm_source=webcast%20announcement&utm_medium=email)

[needs?utm_campaign=keeping%20up%20with%20technology%20and%20student%20needs&utm_source=webcast%20announcement&utm_medium=email](http://www.perkinselearning.org/videos/webcast/keeping-up-with-technology-and-student-needs?utm_campaign=keeping%20up%20with%20technology%20and%20student%20needs&utm_source=webcast%20announcement&utm_medium=email)

Resource Center announces sixth annual Symposium

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Athenaeum Hotel on the grounds of Chautauqua Institution

The sixth annual Resource Center (Chautauqua County Chapter, NYSARC)

Symposium promises an informative day as presenters examine the dramatic changes taking place that are affecting the ways services and supports are provided to individuals with disabilities and their families. Speakers include

Jason Helgerson, New York State's Medicaid Director. Call Victoria Trass

Bardo at (716) 661-1477. Members \$100, Non-members \$125 Register online:

http://trcsymposium.com/?utm_source=Our+Voice+Today+%28OVT%29%2C+Issue+13+%7C+NYSARC+urges+additional+wage+boost+for+DSPs&utm_campaign=OVT+2015+%2313&utm_medium=email

Parent to Parent of NYS Webinar Housing Options for People with Disabilities in NYS

July 7, 2015, 1:00PM - 2:00PM

Contact: Tina Beauparlant Phone: [\(518\) 381-4350](tel:(518)381-4350)

Please register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4848676219560131073>

Join Parent to Parent of NYS, Tanja Peters/ Housing Coordinator as she presents a webinar on Housing Options for people with Disabilities in NYS. This webinar is designed to give individuals with disabilities and their families a general understanding of what types of housing options are available in NYS and it will explain the differences between certified housing options and non-certified housing options. Ways to purchase a home are also discussed. Only the first 100 participants who log on will be able to attend. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the webinar.

CALLING ALL DADS!!!!

The College of New Jersey is hosting a small research study of the experiences of fathers of children with deaf-blindness in educational settings. We would like to invite you to participate in an interview. This interview will take approximately an hour and a half. Every effort will be made to accommodate your schedule and we are happy to conduct these interviews either via telephone or Skype. If you would like to participate, please contact Dr. Pancsofa via email at pancsofa@tcnj.edu or Dr. Petroff at petroff@tcnj.edu.

NFB BELL Program

Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning

The NFB BELL Program is designed to provide intensive Braille instruction to blind and low vision children during the summer months. In the summer of 2015 the NFB BELL program will be held in twenty-nine states across the country. The goal of this program is to provide children ages 4-12 with two weeks of intense Braille instruction through fun, hands-on learning activities. The program is designed to run Monday through Friday for six hours a day. In addition to Braille crafts, games, and other engaging projects, children may also enjoy field trips to sites related to the NFB BELL curriculum.

DeWitt, NY: August 10-21

The time and location details are to be determined, please check back soon.

New York, NY: August 17-28, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The location details are to be determined, please check back soon.

Contact For the DeWitt program:

Mary Lou Mendez, successwithoutseeing@gmail.com, 315-345-2034

Contact For the New York City program:

Arthur Jacobs, ajacobs633@aol.com, 303-910-4060

Mail: 1488 Commonwealth Ave, Apt. 2F, Bronx, NY 10460

<https://nfb.org/bell-program>

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE ARTS

103 Charlton St., New York, NY 10014, 212.274.0986

Starting **July 1, 2015**, CMA is embarking on a two-year *Art for All* initiative, courtesy of a Museums of America Award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

July 1 commences the pilot year enabling any child with a disability and their caregiver (i.e. parent, respite support, therapist, teacher) **free admission** to the museum during general public hours. In exchange for free admission, the Museum asks that families provide feedback to help strengthen museum-wide programs.

The program begins on July 1, 2015 in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Families can begin to register for the free admission program on July 1, 2015 via an online form found here:

<http://cmany.org/schoolsandcommunity/art-for-all/>

NYC's first annual Disability Pride Parade

July 12th Parade Formation Time: 10:00 AM Parade Start Time: 12:00 PM

The Department of Education along with thousands of New Yorkers with disabilities and their families and friends will descend on Manhattan, celebrating their way from Madison Square Park to Union Square, on Sunday, July 12th. You can revel in the diversity of New York's disability community and enjoy great music, exciting speakers, and a festive atmosphere. Register at:

<http://disabilitypridenyc.com>

**Induction Loop**

Look for this symbol at your local theatre; if you don't see it, ask.

Audio induction loop systems, also called **audio-frequency induction loops (AFILs)** or **hearing loops**,^[1] are an assistive listening technology for individuals with reduced ranges of

hearing.^[2] A hearing loop consists of a physical loop of cable or an array of looped cables which are placed around a designated area, usually a room or a building. The cable generates a magnetic field throughout the looped space,

which can be picked up by a [hearing aid](#), [Cochlear Implant \(CI\) processors](#), and specialized hand-held hearing loop receivers for individuals without telecoil compatible hearing aids.

RCSN's New Name **includenyc**

After 31 great years as *Resources for Children with Special Needs*, we are now **includenyc**

www.includenyc.org/content/name?/name

2015 INCLUSIVE SUMMER PROGRAMS REGISTRATION

Wednesday June 24, 2015 at 2:00 PM to Friday August 28, 2015 at 3:30 PM
Eisenhower Park- Field 4 1899 Hempstead Turnpike East Meadow, NY 11554
Let All The Children Play (LATCP) is gearing up for a summer filled with tons of fun!

- We're slightly changing things this summer and are now offering Tuesday afternoon programs for teenagers and young adults, starting at 4:00PM!
- Every Wednesday and Friday, LATCP will host inclusive sport and recreation programs for all ages, starting at 2:00PM.
- As a reminder, every LATCP event is open to individuals of all abilities! Everyone is welcome!

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eb1f4qky6f33947f&oseq=&c=&ch=>

36 Fun Summer Activities for Kids Who are Blind or Multiply Disabled

From Wonder Baby

www.wonderbaby.org/articles/summer-activities-blind-children?utm_source=WonderBaby.org+Newsletter&utm_campaign=3650aef0d4-june_2015_2&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_dd1cd011f8-3650aef0d4-413992197

Sparkbox Toys

www.sparkboxtoys.com/invitation/50xutgis

Have you ever wanted to find a service that's like Netflix... but for toys? Sparkbox sends you out a box of toys every month or every two months (depending on the subscription you sign up for). The toys are clean, batteries are included and they are all chosen by experts to match your child's developmental age. You get to play with the toys for 1 or 2 months, then pack them up and send them back (with free shipping). If your child absolutely falls in love with one of the toys, you can keep it for a discounted price. This is a great

way to try out new toys, find out what your child responds to and also keep things fresh and interesting.

Finding Fun Things to Do When You Are Visually Impaired

Family Connect Blog by Irwin Ramirez

www.familyconnect.org/blog/familyconnect-a-parents-voice/finding-fun-things-to-do-when-you-are-visually-impaired/12

Use a New York City Yellow Taxi for Your Access-A-Ride Trips

The MTA and the TLC have worked together to make wheelchair-accessible yellow taxis available for select Access-A-Ride (AAR) trips. Today, the program is available to some Access-A-Ride registrants with routine trips in Manhattan using the New York City Transit AAR Yellow Taxi Debit Card program.

Find out if you are eligible by calling the Access-A-Ride Program Subscription Unit's Yellow Taxi Hotline at (718) 393-4420.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/aar_debit_card.shtml

Hearing aid dos and don'ts for the summer

www.healthyhearing.com/report/52152-Hearing-aid-dos-and-don-ts-for-the-summer

New care bill brings relief for families

Lawmakers have voted this week to allow parents to get paid for providing personal care for their chronically ill or disabled adult children. Assemblyman Joe Morelle sponsored the bill after meeting with the Behan family. Doris and Joe Behan's daughter Sarah is 32-years-old and has CHARGE syndrome, which can include 16 different medical complications.

www.13wham.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/new-care-bill-brings-relief-families-23941.shtml

NFADB FAMILY SPOTLIGHT: MEET ELIJAH RAMOS

Elijah and his mom, Rebecca are NYPADB members too!

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?shva=1#inbox/14cbf0ef370ed175>

ADA Events at the Met Museum

Seeing Through Drawing—Creative Freedom

Program for Visitors Who Are Blind or Partially Sighted

Saturday, July 11, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Met Museum - Ruth and Harold D. Uris Center for Education

(Fifth Avenue at 81st Street)

For adults who are blind or partially sighted. With the Museum's collection as inspiration, learn innovative techniques that make drawing accessible. **Free; reservations are required.** Contact Access and Community Programs at 212-650-2010 or access@metmuseum.org

MetFridays Interdisciplinary Gallery Conversation—Touch and Aesthetic Experience Gallery Talk

Met Museum Gallery 534 (Vélez Blanco Patio)

Friday, July 24, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Free with Museum admission

Dog Days of Summer: A Tour for Guide Dogs and Their Humans

Program for Visitors Who Are Blind or Partially Sighted

Met Museum - Museum Plaza at 81st Street

Sunday, July 26, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Free with Museum admission, though reservations are required at 212-650-2010 or access@metmuseum.org

www.metmuseum.org/events/find-events?ft=ADA&rpp=10&pg=1&sd=20150601T160356&st=All

Adapted Bikes

Worksmen Cycles (NY) <http://www.worksmancycles.com>

Buddy Bikes <http://buddybike.com/Dealers.html>

Rifton www.rifton.com/products/special-needs-tricycles/adaptive-tricycles

Freedom Concepts www.freedomconcepts.com/fc_products/f3-bike-series/

eSpecialNeeds www.especialneeds.com/special-needs-tricycles-bicycles.html

20 bikes, trikes, and tandems www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2012/02/21/20-bikes-trikes-and-tandems-for-children-with-special-needs/

7 Adaptive Bike Companies www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2013/05/07/7-adaptive-bike-companies-you-should-know-about/

17 Places to Find Funding for an Adapted Bike

www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2014/07/15/17-places-to-find-funding-for-an-adaptive-bike/

THREE DAYS TO SEE

Conceived and Directed by Jack Cummings III

July 12 - August 16

Theatre 79, 79 East 4th St

What remains when the senses fail? Who do you become? *Three Days To*

See creates a vivid, intimate, deeply moving, and strangely hilarious portrait of Helen Keller revealing a startling hidden story of luminous intelligence and extraordinary accomplishment. These electric performers will introduce you to Keller's revelatory and singular take on culture, feminism, romance and politics. Your perception of this trailblazer will never be the same.

<http://transportgroup.org/three-days-to-see>

Perkins Professional Development

http://support.perkins.org/site/MessageViewer?em_id=37141.0&dlv_id=47141

Norrie NDA Conference – Boston 2015

August 13-15, 2015

Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Simches Research Building

*Genetics, disability, and resultant ethical/rights issues

*Advances in eye and ear research for persons with Norrie, including hearing aids, cochlear implants, and retinal surgeries

*O&M coping strategies for individuals who are deaf/blind

*Behavioral modification strategies to aid people with autism and/or other developmental delays

<http://norriedisease.org/boston-2015>

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

www.doleta.gov/wioa/pdf/WIOA_YouthProgram_FactSheet.pdf

Upcoming Conferences

12th International CHARGE Syndrome Conference

Host: CHARGE Syndrome Foundation

Date: July 30-Aug 2, 2015

Location: [Chicago Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel](#)

Chicago, Illinois

<http://chargesyndrome.org/conference-2015.asp>

2015 NAPVI National Family Conference

July 10-12, 2015

Raising a Child with Visual Impairments

- Interactive sessions and panel discussions
- Networking with other families and professionals
- Day program for children of all ages, including sports, recreation

and arts activities

- Fun for the whole family with special receptions and events

Location: Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind

1850 W Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL

Conference Hotel: Chicago Marriott at Medical District /UIC

The NAPVI discount room rate is \$169/night

Registration: (Adult \$110, Child \$35, Under 3 free)

<http://www.lighthouseguild.org/programs-services/education/napvi/workshops-conferences/napvi-international-family-conference-registration-2015>

7th Annual Usher Syndrome Family Conference

Saturday, July 11th, 2015

New Orleans Downtown Marriott at the Convention Center

The Usher Syndrome Coalition presents the **7th Annual Usher Syndrome Family Conference**, an opportunity to connect with others impacted by Usher syndrome, engage with researchers and learn the latest about causes, management and treatments of Usher syndrome.

Reservations: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=11648800

Registration: <http://www.cvent.com/events/usher-syndrome-family-conference/event-summary-7578b21aa80149d2a8ba89926fdfdbfb.aspx>

Fundraising: Finding the Funds to Attend Parent Conferences

Family Connect Article

www.familyconnect.org/info/after-the-diagnosis/overview-of-services/funding-options-for-families/135

UMass Boston - Vision Studies Program - Summer 2015 Open Enrollment Courses

May 26, 2015 to Aug 20, 2015

<http://www.nercve.org/professional-development/open-enrollment-courses>