



New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind

NYPADB e-news

Fall Family Day at the Farm

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Join NYDBC & NYPADB at the Queens County Farm Museum,
73-50 Little Neck Pkwy, Floral Park, NY 11004

Entrance is Free - Look for our Blue Balloons next to the greenhouse

10:30 am-2 pm **Usher Social Teens & their families**

1:00 pm-4:30 pm All **NYDBC & NYPADB Families**

Come Socialize, experience fall at the farm, take a hayride or try the Amazing Maize Maze! See Attached Flyer

Communication & Hearing Workshop

Sponsored by NYPADB & NYDBC at Queens College

Sunday, November 15

Presentations by: Ramapo for Children, and School Audiologist

At This Workshop you will learn:

- How to support your child with his/her learning differences?
- Developing techniques for communicating with children who learn differently.
- Handling challenging behaviors constructively.
- Skills/ideas for advocating effectively for your child's needs in their school & community.
- Understanding your child's hearing and the implications for learning

This Workshop is **FREE FOR NYPADB MEMBERS WHO PRE-REGISTER BY October 30, 2015.** After October 30: NYPADB Members \$10.00 per family, Non-members \$25. <http://www.nypadb.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/Family-Learning-Day-Fall-2015-Flyer1.pdf>

2015-16 Interdisciplinary Transition Team Initiative (ITTI)

Do you have a child who is between the ages of 14-21 with hearing & vision loss? The New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative (NYDBC) is kicking off the 2015-2016 Interdisciplinary Transition Team Initiative (ITTI) very soon! Learn more about ITTI by viewing the video:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/a7mcjnueybocnni/ITTI%20Final%20rev%2001_06022015.mp4?dl=0

Questions? Email: susanne.morrow@qc.cuny.edu

The National Employment First Policy and Data Platform to Hold Webinar

On **October 1, 2015**, from 3-4:30pm EDT, the National Employment First Policy and Data Platform, funded by the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), will hold a webinar that will launch a new platform on Employment First and data. The platform is meant to be a one-stop resource of data sets, policies, initiatives aimed at policy-makers, researchers, and external stakeholders interested in learning about national trends and activities. Register for the webinar here.

<https://leadcenter.webex.com/mw3000/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=leadcenter>

Creating a Self-Determined Life: Using Self-Directed Services to Support People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

A conference for parents, school transition teams, support brokers, service providers, MSCs, OPWDD agency personnel, self-advocates, and university students. See Attached Flyer

Thursday evening, October 15, 5:30-9pm

Friday October 16, 8am-4:30pm

Where: Hillwood Commons, LIU/Post

To Register - Go to: <http://pbscommunityfoundation.org>

Alice Cogswell - Anne Sullivan Macy Bill

Thanks to the sponsorship of Republican, Congressman David McKinley (WV) and Democrat, Congressman Mark Cartwright (PA), the "Alice Cogswell-Anne Sullivan Macy Bill" will be introduced September 17th to the 2015 House of Representatives where it will receive a new bill number. The bill number will allow families to identify the bill by number when they begin to advocate. It will be important for families to advocate by educating members of the House and Senate about deaf-blindness and the significance of this legislation.

NFADB has a strong commitment to provide parents with the necessary information and tools needed to effectively advocate for the education of their children who are deafblind. NYPADB will strongly support this effort!

See the attached info to learn more about this historic bill.

Supporting Teachers of the Deafblind and Intervener Partnerships

- Examples of Success Stories from States

Advancing the Roles through National Legislation- the Cogswell-Macy Act

Save the Date: October 6th, 2015, 5:00-6:50 pm PST

More Information to come: <https://nationaldb.org/events/detail/0/777>

Big Apple Circus – Circus of the Senses

Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 11:00 am

Lincoln Center - Damrosch Park

62nd Street (Between Columbus & Amsterdam Ave)

This year, the Circus of the Senses is reserving a special DB section for NYPADB! The seats will be close to help our children with low vision, we will have an ASL interpreter, wireless headsets for visual description, and the Big Top is also equipped with an FM assistive listening system. Last year, we were told that the circus would have an induction loop system this year, as per our request. I'm not sure if this went through, and a new person is in that job. If your child has an loop necklace, I would bring it!

Please contact Barbara to update your address, request # of tickets, request for headsets or assistive listening, service animals or braille program. Large print programs will be emailed to families prior to the show with additional info. We have not reserved any wheelchair seats this year, but can still make requests if anyone is interested. Wheelchair seats are in another section. The Big Apple Circus will work with us; contact Barbara if you have any questions.

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<http://www.bigapplecircus.org/circus-of-the-senses>

Parents Can Now Learn ABCs of UEB

Exerpt from www.familyconnect.org/blog/familyconnect-a-parents-voice/parents-can-now-learn-abcs-of-ueb/12

An introductory braille instructional course has just become available through the Family Education Program at [The Hadley School for the Blind](#) entitled [Introduction to Braille, UEB Edition](#). The Hadley School for the Blind is the largest provider of distance education for people who are blind and visually impaired worldwide. Beginning in 2016, new braille materials will be produced in Unified English Braille (UEB) throughout the United States. This course provides the tools for those interested in learning to read and write braille so they can communicate with family members and loved ones who use braille. It presents fundamentals of the new braille code, including the letters of the alphabet, numbers and punctuation. The goal of this course is to enable parents and loved ones to read and write uncontracted UEB. A follow up course will be available soon for those interested in going on to learn contracted braille.

Since January 2015, Hadley has been offering a “Transitioning to Unified English Braille” course. This advanced course is designed for individuals who already know contracted braille. It provides a structured approach to learning the differences between EBAE (English Braille American Edition) and UEB. Prerequisites for the course include strong contracted reading and writing skills in EBAE or SEB (Standard English Braille). More than 2,000 students (most of whom are teachers of students who are blind) have already completed this wildly popular course.

UEB courses offered through the Family Education Program are free to parents and other eligible family members!

Spring Awakening

Now – January 24

Deaf West’s new production choreographs sign language into the production.

Tickets from \$39.00 www.BroadwayGeniusGroups.com

Contact Jason 877-943-2929, Jason@broadwaygeniusgrou.com

The AFB VisionConnect™ App

The American Foundation for the Blind announced the release of a free, accessible iOS app: [VisionConnect™](#), a prescription for independence for patients who are blind or losing vision.

VisionConnect™ provides a searchable directory of services available in the US and Canada for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. Find services such as computer and technology training, daily living skills training, braille and reading instruction, dog guide training, employment services, low vision services, and more.

<http://www.afb.org/info/living-with-vision-loss/using-technology/download-afbs-apps/visionconnecttm-app/1235>

IDRT- American Sign Language Tools (ASL) Webinar

This webinar focused on 8 ASL tools available through the IDRT website: ASL Dictionary, SignGenerator, ConceptGenerator, ASLGames, ASLPublisher, ASLTemplates, QuizzMaker, and ASLThesaurus. Corinne Vinopol, owner and president of IDRT, demonstrated how ASL users can effectively and efficiently use the IDRT database of over 60,000 sign language concept graphics and videos to create ASL-supported educational materials.

<http://ctdinstitute.org/library/2015-02-11/idrt-american-sign-language-tools-asl-webinar>

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Tip Sheet for Parents

http://www.includenyc.org/images/uploads/content/WIOA_Access_TS.pdf

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<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/visionconnect/id1003408531?mt=8>

Scholarships & Resources for Visually Impaired/Blind

<http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/helping-students-with-visual-impairments/>

Talking Scientific Calculator is Designed to Function in "Exactly the Same" Way as Inaccessible Version

Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness article

<http://www.afb.org/afbpress/community.asp?AnnouncementID=2083>

SeeLight App

SeeLight is a global application that lets the blind and visually impaired to orient themselves in the city nearby traffic area. With the help of users, SeeLight will let such people “see” and hear crossing lights all around the world.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/seelight/id977203301?lmt=8>

Creating Accessible Documents: *An Introduction*

November 3, 2015 3:00-4:00 PM

Introduction to creating accessible documents (word, pdf, braille, powerpoint, large print), and converting between formats.

https://txtsbvi.escworks.net/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=38687

Millneck Fall Harvest Festival

October 10 & 11, 2015, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

40 Frost Mill Rd, Mill Neck, New York

<https://millneck.org/community-events/fall-harvest-festival/>