



New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind

NYPADB e-news

Please Renew your NYPADB Membership for 2016!

Alice Cogswell - Anne Sullivan Macy Bill H.R. 3535

NYPADB has created a page on our website to share information about this legislation proposing dramatic improvements in the education of students who are blind, deaf, or deaf blind. H.R. 3535 is the most comprehensive special education legislation meeting the unique needs of students with sensory disabilities.

Ask your congressman to co-sponsor the Cogswell- Macy Bill H.R. 3535 <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

Deaf-Blind Children Will Thrive With 3535

- Assure All children with Deaf-Blindness are counted and properly served regardless of classification.
- Assure Children with Deaf-Blindness have Qualified Personnel: Teacher of the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Intervener, or SSP (Support Service Provider).
- Specifies Intervener as a 'Related Service.'

Enhance "special factors" to provide for Deaf-Blind students' need for language, communication, Expanded Core Curriculum, and other learning needs.

Because Children with Deaf-Blindness Count!

<http://www.nypadb.org/cogswell-macy-act>

RAISE Family Caregivers Act Passes Out of HELP Committee

On Wednesday, the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act (S.1719), passed out of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee by a voice vote. The RAISE Family Caregivers Act is meant to offer more support and recognition for family caregivers, as there are over 40 million family caregivers that help older parents, spouses, and people with disabilities. Learn more about the Act here.

<http://www.aarp.org/politics-society/advocacy/caregiving-advocacy/info-2015/raise-family-caregivers-act.html>

Parents of special needs children to be paid caregivers in NYS

Starting in April of 2016, the Social Services law will be amended in NY State to

allow for **parents** of their adult child to be paid under the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) , as long as the parent is not also named as the designated representative. This is a program where the consumer, i.e., the individual with the disability, can hire anyone he or she chooses.

The CDPAP is a statewide Medicaid program that provides an alternative way of receiving home care services, where the consumer has more control over who provides their care and how it is provided. Rather than assigning a home care vendor or agency that controls selection, training, and scheduling of aides, the "consumer" or the family member, friend or guardian directing his/her care performs all these functions usually done by a vendor.

<http://www.examiner.com/article/parents-of-special-needs-children-to-be-paid-caregivers-ny-state>

Upcoming Parent to Parent webinars

To register please visit our website:

<http://www.parenttoparentnys.org/news/statewide-events/>

WEBINAR- Housing Options for People with Disabilities in NYS

December 3, 2015

Start Time: 6:30PM | End Time: 7:30PM

WEBINAR- Communicating Through Letter Writing

December 7, 2015, 12:00PM - 1:00PM

WEBINAR- "What is Section 504?"

December 9, 2015, 12:30PM - 1:30PM

WEBINAR-Preventing Parent Burnout for Parents of Children with Special Needs

December 10, 2015, 12:00PM - 1:00PM

WEBINAR- Understanding the Regulation of the Commissioner of Education Part 200-201

December 14, 2015, 6:00PM - 7:30PM

WEBINAR- Understanding the Regulation of the Commissioner of Education Part 200-201

December 16, 2015, 12:00PM - 1:30PM

Disability Events by New York State Region

http://disabilitynews.ny.gov/dd_events

Letters from Santa Claus in Braille

[BrailleWorks](#) is helping Santa out a little this season by braille embossing his letters back to kids. To find out how you can send your request to Santa, visit the [BrailleWorks website: https://brailleworks.com/santa-reads-braille](#)

Toys and Gift Ideas for Parents of Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

<http://www.familyconnect.org/info/after-the-diagnosis/helpful-products/gift-ideas-for-parents-of-children-who-are-blind-or-visually-impaired/125>

Perkins Holiday Gift Guide

Use discount code **holiday10** at checkout to save 10% off select items.
http://support.perkins.org/site/MessageViewer?em_id=39137.0&dlv_id=49753¤t=true

***AccessWorld's* Annual Holiday Issue**

<http://www.afb.org/afbpress/pub.asp?DocID=aw161102>

NFB Independence Market

<https://nfb.org/independence-market>

Cyber Week Specials at MaxiAids

www.maxiaids.com

Special software and hardware products for persons with special needs

<http://www.rjcooper.com>

Spring Awakening

Now – January 24

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

Tickets from \$39.00 www.BroadwayGeniusGroups.com

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