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The Week Ahead

Monday March 30, 2009

National Council on Disability will be meeting on Monday through Wednesday of this week at 8:30 a.m. at the Academy for Educational Development Conference Center, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. NCD advises the President, the U.S. Congress, and executive branch agencies on policies and programs related to guaranteeing equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities. On the agenda are emergency preparedness, employment, health care, and a progress report on employment of people with disabilities at the federal level. For more information on NCD, go to: <http://www.ncd.gov/>. For more information about the meeting, contact Mark Quigley at 202-272-2004 (voice) or at 202-272-2074 (TTY).

The President has issued the following:

1. Executive Order 13505, "Removing Barriers to Responsible Scientific Research Involving Human Stem Cells." In his Executive Order, the President noted that "Research involving human embryonic stem cells and human non-embryonic stem cells has the potential to lead to better understanding and treatment of many disabling diseases and conditions." See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-5441.htm>.
2. Memorandum of 3/9/09, "Presidential Signing Statements" which will allow the President to address "constitutional concerns only," not to ignore statutory requirements because of disagreements over policy issues. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-5442.htm>.
3. Memorandum of 3/9/09 – "Scientific Integrity" that addresses the need for public trust in the "science and scientific process" that informs the public (via advisory committees, etc.). See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-5443.htm>.

The HUD amended rules governing income and rent determinations for those seeking housing assistance under public and assisted housing programs are effective as of today. Based on provisions contained in the Housing Act of 1937, as amended, HUD is authorized to provide rental assistance to certain low-income persons who apply for housing assistance under the department's public housing or Section 8 programs. These final rules amend HUD's public and assisted housing programs by implementing the upfront income verification (UIV) process and requiring public housing agencies (PHAs) and multifamily housing owners and management agents to use the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System. These final rules

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address: when participants must submit Social Security numbers; applicants' waiting-list position and failure to provide Social Security numbers; removal of the pro-rata rental assistance provisions; etc.

Tuesday March 31, 2009

Today is the new comment deadline for the HHS Office of the Secretary Draft Strategic National Vaccine Plan. The comment deadline is being extended based on requests from stakeholders wanting to coordinate their responses. This vaccine plan is built on achieving five goals: improved vaccines, safe vaccines, an informed public, a stable supply of vaccines, and global prevention of death and disease. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3388.htm>.

Wednesday April 1, 2009

We'll be meeting with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to coordinate and organize our legislative education and advocacy with members of congress.

Thursday April 2, 2009

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS), in collaboration with Early Start Family Resource Centers and other community partners, invites you to participate in the Family Resources and Supports Institute, "Child and Family at the Heart of Early Start." This 11th annual training event, sponsored by DDS and coordinated by the WestEd Center for Prevention and Early Intervention as part of the Early Start Comprehensive System of Personnel Development, provides support to persons working in family resource centers. This Institute reflects Early Start's commitment to parent-professional partnerships and collaborative relationships among service providers delivering quality supports and services to children. Sessions offer innovative tools and strategies to help you do your work even better. Participants have many opportunities to celebrate and learn from each other throughout the Institute and at the networking reception, "Heart and Soul." We look forward to your participation in this event! The training will be in Foster City at the Crowne Plaza Mid-Peninsula Hotel from April 2, 2009 through April 3, 2009. For registration and to learn more visit this address on the web: <http://www.wested.org/cpei/frsi-catalog.pdf>

We'll be participating in the Area Board IV public policy forum, "The impact of the state budget on people with developmental disabilities" from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Solano County Office of Education, 5100 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534. The forum will feature a panel of local legislators, an overview of the budget situation by September Hargrove, Legislative Specialist, SCDD, and a panel of advocate stakeholders (The Arc will be on the panel), and audience questions and dialogue.

Friday April 3, 2009

We'll be providing a session on "Grassroots Advocacy" during the second day of the Family Resources and Supports Institute, 11th annual conference. Our session description reads as following: "Early Start FRC staff and families are often approached to participate in advocacy activities, such as communicating with policymakers via phone, letters, and email, or attending or organizing awareness raising events. This presentation explores advocacy 'do's and don'ts' for FRCs, 501c3 requirements, evaluating advocacy opportunities with and for families, and how to step out of your FRC role and participate as a citizen. Resources for information and training are discussed and real-life examples are shared."

Action Alerts

The Arc of California (Greg deGiere, The Arc of California Public Policy Director)
Today's (March 27, 2009) bad news is that the state treasurer and finance director announced their decisions declaring that the federal stimulus package will produce just \$8.17 billion in relief for the state General Fund, not the \$10 billion necessary to avoid further service cuts and tax increases.

But the good news that that, thanks of many of you, we're making progress on reaching state legislators who can help.

The additional cuts, to take effect automatically on July 1, will include these of particular importance to our community:

Eliminating the "optional" Medi-Cal benefits:

- adult dental services
 - acupuncture
 - audiology and speech therapy
 - chiropractic services
 - optometric and optician services including services provided by a fabricating optical laboratory
 - podiatric services
 - psychology services
 - incontinence creams and washes.
1. Eliminating \$54.1 million in funding for South Los Angeles Medical Services.
 2. Cutting what the state will provide toward IHSS worker wages to \$9.50 per hour, effectively cutting their pay to that amount.
 3. Limiting the share-of-cost buy-out for IHSS recipients who receive Medi-Cal personal care services to those receiving this supplementary payment before July 1, 2009 (meaning no one else would be eligible for the share-of-cost buy-out after that date).
 4. Cutting the monthly SSI/SSP grants by \$20 for individuals and \$35 for couples.
 5. Cutting the monthly CalWORKS grant by \$29 for a family of three, reducing their monthly grants from \$723 to \$694.

WHAT THE ARC OF CALIFORNIA IS DOING NOW

We're urging the Legislature and governor to restore these cuts. By the treasurer's and finance director's calculations, the state will get more than 80% of the \$10 billion that would have been needed to avoid all the cuts. It should restore at least 80% of the cuts.

Thanks to all who are working on setting up meetings with your local legislators on this and the regional center service cuts. Your response to our call for volunteers has been encouraging, and thanks to you we already have several meetings set with key legislators.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

If you haven't volunteered to make calls to ask your local legislators to meet with you and other Arc people, please email me now. Let me know the names of your state Senate and Assembly representatives. If you don't know who they are, you can find them by going to

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www.ArcCalifornia.org and clicking on the red "Federal Legislative Action Center" box on the right.

When I hear that you're willing to take on that responsibility, I'll write you back with suggestions of who to call (phone numbers and all) and what to say to them.

We especially need people with live in (or whose Arc chapters or other organizations serve) the districts of these key legislators:

Senators Dean Florez, Dennis Hollingsworth, and Elaine Alquist.

Assembly Members Karen Bass, Michael Villines, Jim Beall, Edward Hernandez, and Brian Nestande.

**The Arc of the United States
Help Us Secure Funding for New Higher Education Provisions for Students with
Intellectual Disabilities**

Take Action! :

[http://capwiz.com/thearc/issues/alert/?alertid=13020351&queueid=\[capwiz:queue_id\]](http://capwiz.com/thearc/issues/alert/?alertid=13020351&queueid=[capwiz:queue_id])

Background

Last August President Bush signed into law the Higher Education Opportunity Act (P.L. 110-315) which reauthorizes the federal government's major student-aid programs and other important postsecondary education initiatives. This law includes important teacher training programs and new initiatives to assist students with disabilities to access, participate and succeed in postsecondary education programs including groundbreaking provisions for students with intellectual disabilities.

Now the challenge is to secure funding for these new initiatives. Representative John Yarmuth (D-KY) is asking the leaders of the House Appropriations Committee to provide \$70 million overall for the disability provisions, including \$15 million for the Model Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities. Rep. Yarmuth is circulating a "Dear Colleague" letter to all members of the House of Representatives asking them to sign on to his letter asking for this critical funding. If a large number of Members of Congress sign a letter requesting funding for a program it sends a strong message to the Appropriations Committee that funding should be provided for the program.

Status

The deadline for Members of the House of Representatives to sign on to the Dear Colleague letter is Wednesday, April 1st.

Take Action

We need your help right away to send an email to your Representative to ask him/her to support these higher education provisions for students with intellectual disabilities. Click on the "Take Action" link for a sample message.

[http://capwiz.com/thearc/issues/alert/?alertid=13020351&queueid=\[capwiz:queue_id\]](http://capwiz.com/thearc/issues/alert/?alertid=13020351&queueid=[capwiz:queue_id])

Project Status Report

Partners in Policymaking

Jim Lockwood, Coordinator (funded by the State Council Developmental Disabilities)

We had a wonderful beginning to the 2009 Partners in Policymaking class. All participants were very engaged and eager to learn more and sharpen their advocacy skills and confidence. This first session was held in Los Angeles and featured Ms. **Colleen Wieck**, Executive Director of the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities and **Jayne Chase** talking about People First language. **Joe Meadours**, Executive Director of People First of California spoke about the People First movement, and **Shirley Dove**, Past President of The Arc of California, spoke about the history of the Parent movement, and **Tony Anderson** provided a separate training for Direct Support Professionals highlighting the national standards and ethics and what the collaborative expects from each DSP helping the self-advocate participate.

California College of Direct Support

We met with Terri Delgadillo, Director of DDS and the leadership responsible for the developmental of California's Direct Support Professionals supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to give them an update on the progress of The Arc of CA's College of Direct Support project. Progress highlights include:

1. 21 agencies still participating after 3 years.
2. 4000 current learners,
3. 46,000 lessons completed which is about 22% of all assigned lessons,
4. 200 plus graduates and 3 Associates college degrees.
5. etc.

Prevention Activities

During the month of April The Arc of California will be recognizing and supporting the following public awareness campaigns identified by the "2009 National Health Observances, National Health Information Center, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC." For more information on these campaigns visit the websites provided. Many of the sites have free, downloadable information and resources that can be used in every community.

1. Alcohol Awareness Month / SAMHSA: <http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/seasonal/aprilalcohol/>
2. National Autism Awareness Month / Autism Society of America: www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=research_awareness
3. National Child Abuse Prevention Month / Childwelfare Information Gateway Children's Bureau Administration for Children and Families: www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/
4. National Youth Sports Safety Month/ National Youth Sports Safety Foundation: www.nyssf.org/campaign.html
5. Occupational Therapy Month/ America Occupational Therapy Association: www.nyssf.org/campaign.html
6. National Public Health Week / American Public Health Association April 6 – 12 2009: www.nphw.org/nphw09/default.htm

7. National Infant Immunization Week April 25th – May 2, 2009/ National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Disease (CDC): www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/default.htm
8. SAFE KIDS week April 26th – May 3, 2009/ Safe Kids Worldwide: www.usa.safekids.org
9. 2009 March for Babies / March of Dimes Foundation – April 26 – 27, 2009: www.marchforbabies.org

This week The Arc of California participated in the Sacramento Youth and Alcohol Coalition meeting on Thursday March 26, 2009. The Coalition was founded by the University of California Trauma Prevention Program as a result of an increase number of intoxicated adolescents being treated in the UC Davis emergency room. Regional Stakeholders developed a strategic plan and workgroups to focus on Policy & Advocacy (AOD related policy), Community Resources Assessment, Community Needs Assessment, Media and Marketing (social marketing) campaigns. www.healthfinder.gov/nho/nho.asp

Upcoming Events

April 27- 29, 2009

The Disability Policy Collaboration of The Arc and UCP will be holding its' annual Disability Policy Seminar from April 27- 29, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW Washington, DC. Hotel room book quickly so be sure to reserve your room now at: <http://washingtonregency.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp> .

April 28-30, 2009

Side-by-Side Technology: Therap, CDS Training Conference II in Tennessee. Therap Services and the College of Direct Support (CDS) are excited to present their second joint training conference on at the Doubletree Hotel, a Hilton Brand Hotel, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. This conference will bring together two industry leaders in the field of utilizing web-based technology to support people with developmental disabilities and educating and training a workforce to deliver the support services. The conference will feature multiple interactive sessions and workshops focusing on the services provided by Therap and on the curriculum and the Learning Management System offered by CDS. There will be specific sessions for advanced users, for system administrators and for the potential users of Therap or CDS. Some major sessions to look forward to will include: • Major focus on Training Management System • Integration with College of Direct Support • Therap and CDS for Executive Directors • Training on Therap Applications • Brainstorming about the Future of Technology and its use for the Developmental Disability Industry • Interactive Workshops • Presentation Sessions • Learning Therap through Exciting Games • Discussions on Topics including HIPAA, Data Security and Electronic Signatures • Individual and Family Access to Data • Networking with other Therap Users and Industry Experts • Sharing Ideas to Create New and Improved Therap Training and Support Materials • Special Sessions for Provider Administrators • Therap in Tennessee. We are looking forward to meeting you at the conference. We invite and encourage participants to arrive the night of Apr 27 to attend the pre-conference day. Early Bird Registration prior to Jan 30, 2009: Conference, Materials & Meals: \$150. Registration after Jan 30, 2009: Conference Fee: TBA For additional information please visit our website at: www.TherapServices.net Hotel Accommodations: All participants are requested to directly contact the Doubletree Hotel Murfreesboro, a Hilton Brand Hotel,

Murfreesboro, Tennessee to arrange their stay accordingly. For information regarding reservations please call at 615-895-5555. Please acknowledge the name of the group (Therap Services) and request the group rate (\$92) when making reservations.

Corrected – The Arc of California State “Mini Convention” in Sacramento has been changed again to accommodate a schedule to coincide with Sacramento policymaking. The convention intention was to schedule the event close to the time of a significant political event such as May Revise or important budget hearings to encourage advocates to participate in the policymaking process.

Recently Released Reports, Studies, etc.

Epilepsy and Seizure Disorder A Resource Guide for Parents by USC University of Excellence on Developmental Disabilities. *“Children are one of life’s greatest gifts. As parents, we want to do all we can to nurture and take care of our children. As a parent of a child with epilepsy, also referred to as seizure disorders, you face the additional challenge of learning as much as you can about your child’s special needs. This Guide was written with you in mind. It was written to give you some very basic information, including an introduction to epilepsy and seizure disorders. It is not intended to provide medical advice. Any questions related to the medical treatment of your child should always be addressed to your child’s pediatrician/family physician or neurologist. While this Guide may not provide all of the information you are looking for, it should help you begin your search. Throughout (this Guide), we include information about additional resources that we hope will be useful as you begin this journey – a journey that is likely to evolve as you become more knowledgeable about your child’s condition. Clearly not every parent needs or seeks the same information, so take from this information what applies and is of value to you and your child.”*
<http://www.epilepsynorcal.org/>”

News Articles

Caring for California's Developmentally Disabled
Forum on KQED Radio Fri, Mar 27, 2009 -- 10:00 AM
By Michael Krasny

San Jose's Agnews Developmental Center will close its doors by the end of this week following 120 years of looking after developmentally disabled patients. With the current policy of moving residents to smaller community homes, the closure leaves only four such centers in the state. We take up the issue of housing and care for California's developmentally disabled. Host: Dave Iverson

Guests:

- Brian Boxall, president of the Association for the Mentally Retarded at Agnews
- Joanie Pepper, parent of a former resident at Agnews Developmental Center
- Kris McCann, executive director of the Bay Area Housing Corporation, created by the Bay Area Housing Plan to transition residents of Agnews to the community
- Rocio De Mateo Smith, executive director of Area Board 5 of The State Council on Developmental Disabilities, an independent state agency ensuring that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services they need
- Santi Rogers, executive director of the San Andreas Regional Center

<http://www.kqed.org/epArchive/R903271000>

Insurers Offer to Soften a Key Rate-Setting Policy
New York Times March 24, 2009
By ROBERT PEAR

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WASHINGTON — The health insurance industry said Tuesday that it was willing to end the practice of charging higher premiums to sick people if Congress adopted a comprehensive plan requiring all Americans to carry insurance. Insurers remain staunchly opposed to creation of a government-run health insurance plan. But the industry's willingness to change its rate-setting practices could make it easier for Congress to reach a consensus on legislation to overhaul health care. The industry's new position, which came as a surprise to lawmakers, could narrow the issues on which insurers are ready to fight the Democrats now controlling Congress and the White House. In effect, insurers said they were willing to discard an element of their longstanding business model — pricing insurance policies, in part, on the basis of a person's medical condition or history.

In the past, insurers have warned that if they could not consider a person's health status in setting premiums, the rates charged to young, healthy people would need to soar. But they said Tuesday that they were exploring ideas to prevent such sharp increases by spreading the risk and costs broadly across a larger population, including the healthy and the unhealthy. Insurers said they could accept more aggressive regulation not just of their premiums, but also of their benefits, underwriting practices and other activities. Such strict regulation, they said, would make it unnecessary to create a new public insurance program offered through the federal government. ... Still, Len M. Nichols, an economist who is director of the health policy program at the New America Foundation, said the industry had "come a long way from 1993-94," when it helped defeat President Bill Clinton's plan for universal coverage.... <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/25/health/policy/25health.html>

California to get \$17.5 billion in federal aid

San Francisco Chronicle March 28, 2009

Matthew Yi, Chronicle Sacramento Bureau

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed five bills Friday that will allow California to receive more than \$17.5 billion in federal economic stimulus aid. But the funds from Washington won't be enough for the state to avoid nearly \$3 billion in tax increases and cuts in services needed to balance the state's budget. The state Legislature worked furiously this week to approve the bills, which change certain rules and regulations to ensure the state qualifies for various federal funds. Changes include new eligibility reporting requirements for children on Medi-Cal, the state's medical insurance program; allowing more people to qualify for unemployment insurance and to extend the benefit by 20 weeks; and fast-tracking transportation and water projects. "President Obama called for swift action to push these federal economic stimulus dollars into America's economy, and the quick bipartisan work by California's Legislature is allowing us to do that," Schwarzenegger said in a written statement.

But the new legislation won't help the state avoid additional cuts and tax increases, the state's top finance officials said Friday. In the recently enacted state budget, \$1.8 billion in additional personal income taxes and nearly \$950 million in cuts were contingent on whether the state's general fund budget would receive at least \$10 billion in federal money. State Treasurer Bill Lockyer and Department of Finance Director Mike Genest concluded Friday that the state will get \$8.2 billion in stimulus funds for its general fund. Lockyer called the accounting work an "unpleasant responsibility." "It was a ministerial, not a policy decision," he said in an interview. ... The cuts will result in the elimination of medical services such as dental care, eye exams, podiatry, chiropractic services and speech therapy. Medi-Cal reimbursements to public hospitals would also see a 10 percent reduction. Welfare grants to the poor, such as CalWorks and SSI/SSP, will also be reduced 4 percent and 2.3 percent, respectively. ... And if voters reject a slate of ballot measures in the May 19 special election, the state's spending plan would immediately result in a multibillion-dollar deficit. With such dire fiscal situations potentially developing

in coming months, the additional taxes and service cuts may end up helping state leaders keep the spending plan in balance. "It just means there's less to fight over," Lockyer said.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/03/28/BAKK16O8QG.DTL&feed=rss.news>

How the top 10 spenders did
Sacramento Bee Mar. 29, 2009

By Robert Dorrell and Shane Goldmacher

The top 10 lobbyists, ranked by their spending, had many successes in the two-year 2007-2008 legislative session. Here's a look at what they got for their money: 1. WESTERN STATES PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION (\$10.59 million) The lobbying arm of the oil industry successfully blocked efforts to implement a new oil tax. A 2007 association report says that of the year's 52 priority bills, only three it opposed passed the Legislature. Two of those three were vetoed. "They haven't been able to move forward a positive agenda, but they have some ability to stop things, like fees on their products," said V. John White, an environmental lobbyist. 2. CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL OF SERVICE EMPLOYEES (SEIU) (\$10.29 million). Blocked most opposed bills early in the legislative process. In 2008, only three of 25 sponsored bills were signed into law. "We're not really passing much these days in the horrible economy," said executive director Courtni Pugh. About 70 percent to 80 percent of the group's \$10 million-plus budget went for communications with the union's 700,000 rank-and-file members, she said. ...

4. CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (\$7.98 million) Of the 85 bills CTA opposed or "disapproved," only six became law. In the recent budget package, schools took a large cut (which the union opposed), but a ballot measure was added specifically to ease their concerns and promise future repayment. Class-size reduction funds also were saved. "They have a lot of respect for us," President David Sanchez said. ... 6. CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION (\$5.96 million) Opposed six bills - all were blocked or vetoed. Two of the group's three sponsored pieces of legislation were signed. But the hospitals' top priorities - an on-time budget and health care reform - failed to materialize. "It makes it difficult if there is a group affected by the bill that opposes it," spokeswoman Jan Emerson said. ... 8. CALIFORNIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (\$5.64 million) Twenty-one of 22 "job killer" bills the chamber opposed most strongly were vetoed when they reached the governor's desk. Dozens more were stopped in the Legislature. New taxes, long opposed by the chamber, were adopted to close the budget gap in early 2009. But they were the across-the-board taxes - instead of industry-specific levies - that the chamber supported given the deficit's size. "We didn't want to see the government blow up," President Allan Zaremberg said. ...

http://www.sacbee.com/politics/story/1737364.html?mi_rss=State%2520Politics

Off-hand words do hurt people
Morning Call (Northampton) March 25, 2009

By Karen L. Grady

On March 23, The Morning Call ran an online poll asking whether people were offended by President Barack Obama's comment about the Special Olympics on "The Tonight Show." While President Obama has been supportive of people with disabilities, no one can dispute that his unfortunate, off-the cuff remark was insensitive. His comment also highlights how desensitized society is to offensive remarks about people with disabilities.

The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties is committed to the needs of people in the Lehigh Valley with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are a tireless advocate for more than 1,500 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, and believe that every

person should have the opportunity for full inclusion. We hope to see the day when we don't need a poll to recognize that off-hand remarks hurt people with disabilities who want to realize their full potential in the community. <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/25/health/policy/25health.html>

Robot brings hope to American children with learning disabilities

US clinic explores new ways to treat developmental disorders

The Daily Star March 24, 2009

By Agence France Presse (AFP) and Andrew Beatty

CROFTON, Maryland: A robot named Cosmo has become six-year-old Kevin Fitzgerald's unlikely ally in his uphill everyday battle with developmental difficulties. At a strip mall clinic in suburban Maryland, Kevin is at the unlikely intersection of new efforts to treat symptoms of autism, cerebral palsy and other developmental disorders with robotics and computer work. Here, he scrambles onto a swivel chair to examine a half-meter-tall robot on the table in front of him. Prodding four brightly-colored buttons near the robot's feet, he directs a cartoon version of the machine around a computer monitor, furtively glancing up at the real thing for encouragement.

At just 18-months-old, Kevin showed the first signs of learning difficulties, which were later diagnosed as developmental dyspraxia. "It is like having a stroke," his mother Patty Fitzgerald explained. "His brain is intact, but his body doesn't do what he wants it to do." Some specific skills - like pronouncing consonants, matching cause and effect or grasping relative concepts like better and faster - can be depressingly difficult for him to master. But for the last year, a small blue-and-yellow android called Cosmo has offered some hope. Programmed to respond to body movements, voice activation, or a four-button-panel dubbed "mission control," Cosmo is designed to teach basic behavioral and physical skills. It can gesticulate, reproduce phrases and move around when prompted. It also cheers and gives clues to help children complete specific tasks. As a piece of engineering, Cosmo is unspectacular. It has just nine moving joints - a number that might overwhelm robotics buffs. But Cosmo's potential to help children has caught the attention of Minnesota's globally-acclaimed Mayo Clinic. There investigators are conducting a second phase medical trial to see if the robot can help kids with cerebral palsy develop movements - such as twisting the wrist - more quickly than traditional methods. ...

http://www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_id=10&categ_id=4&article_id=100286

Funding Opportunities

HHS - Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Cooperative Agreements for State-Based Public Health Laboratory Biomonitoring Programs Modification 1

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45237>

ED - U.S. Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement; Overview Information: Teacher Quality Partnership Grants Program ^ Recovery Act (ARRA) CFDA (84.405A) Modification 10

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45888>

HHS - Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health Recovery Act Limited Competition for NIH Grants: Research and Research Infrastructure Grand Opportunities (RC2) Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46222>

HHS - Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Adminis. Statewide Family Network Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46225>

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ED - U.S. Department of Education Evaluation of State and Local Education Programs and Policies-Schedule 84.305E-2 CFDA 84.305E-2 Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46256>

USDOJ - United States Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs
Office of Violence Against Women OVW - Recovery Act Transitional Housing Assistance for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking or Sexual Assault Modification 1

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46142>

USDOJ - United States Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs
Office of Violence Against Women OVW - Recovery Act Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46173>

CNCS - Corporation for National and Community Service AmeriCorps State and National Recovery Act Assistance Modification 1

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45921>

HHS - Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health
Interventions to Improve Palliative Care at the End of Life (R01) Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46066>

HHS - Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health
Incorporating Cost-Effectiveness Analysis Into Factors Affecting Quality-of-Life Health Related Research (R01) Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46067>

HHS - Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Head Start Graduate Student Research Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46068>

HHS - Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health Mental Health Dissertation Research Grant to Increase Diversity (R36) Grant

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46069>

To view additional funding opportunities on an ongoing basis visit the Funding News Section of the Quality Mall. The Quality Mall is maintained by the Research and Training Center on Community Living at the University of Minnesota with support from the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services, the Human Services Research Institute and the Administration on Developmental Disabilities - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

<http://www.qualitymall.org/funding/index.asp>

Career Ladder

The Arc of California posts job announcements in the Career Ladder section every week because we would like to contribute to steering quality candidates to professional positions that support people with disabilities and we are trying to communicate to Direct Support Professionals and People with Disabilities that there is a real "career ladder" in their chosen profession.

Human Services Connection: You want to provide quality services to people with disabilities... *We can help.* Human Service Connections provides real solutions for the issues facing disability organizations today. If your organization is facing an immediate need for leadership, HSC provides **nationwide executive level recruitment searches**. We can help your organization find qualified individuals that fit your agency's culture and will lead your organization toward providing excellent supports to people with disabilities. If your organization's leadership changes will be in the future, HSC provides assistance with **succession planning** to ensure a seamless transition of leadership for your organization. In addition, HSC provides **other consultative services** in the areas of strategic development & implementation, business development, executive coaching, turnaround

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assistance for agencies in crisis, and training on various topics for audiences from direct support to executive level leadership.

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NEW! Executive Director - South Carolina

Salary: \$100,000 (Negotiable based on experience)

We're looking for an Executive Director for a large provider in SC. The organization provides a full range of services to adults with developmental disabilities with a current budget of \$28mm. This has been accomplished through a culture of person centeredness which is something the organization clearly wants to retain. The organization receives excellent support from the community and has a very progressive board. We're looking for someone with experience running disability programs with solid business acumen balanced with a heart and passion for the work we do to provide the best supports possible to people with developmental disabilities.

NEW! Executive Director - Iowa

Salary: \$90,000 + (Negotiable based on experience)

We're looking for an Executive Director to lead a mid-size organization providing residential and day/vocational support services to adults with disabilities across four counties in Iowa. The organization also provides supported employment, respite services as well as summer camps for children. This is a great opportunity to work in a state that is experiencing fewer financial problems than most with a solid, seasoned leadership team in a great community.

NEW! State Accounting Manager - Maryland

Salary: Please include salary requirements with application

Progressive social service organization seeks a highly motivated detail-oriented individual to manage our state accounting activities. Responsibilities include supervision of A/R, collections, A/P, P/R, cost report, audits, other applicable accounting functions, budgets, analyzes F/S. Some travel required.

NEW! Development Director - Illinois

Salary: \$35,000-\$50,000

Looking for a career in fund development? We have a smaller disability organization looking for a full-time Fund Development Director. This person, together with the Executive Director, will oversee all aspects of fund development for the organization. The organization is interested in talking with people with a range of experience, however some experience obtaining funds as well as some experience working the DD field is preferred.

NEW! Psychologist - Pennsylvania

Salary: Please include salary requirements with application

Social service provider serving children is currently seeking a full-time Pennsylvania licensed Psychologist to provide consultation and evaluation for their BHRS program. Salary commensurate with experience.

NEW! QMRP/Case Manager

Salary: \$40,000

We're looking for a committed disability professional to oversee services supporting adults with developmental disabilities in a QMRP capacity. Candidate must have at least one year of experience providing supports to people with developmental disabilities. Experience with ICF and waiver services a plus.

Management Coach - Indiana

Salary: Please include salary requirements in application

This is an exciting new position with an established developmental disability service provider. We are looking for an experienced leader in the developmental disability field who can recruit, develop, and mentor the organization's leadership and professional staff. The Management Coach will develop curriculum, train, and support the leadership team to increase organizational effectiveness.

Day Program Manager - Indiana

Salary: \$40,000

Reputable developmental disability service provider is looking for a Day Program Manager to head up their day services in Northern Indiana. Program supports consumers with medical and behavioral support needs.

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Assistant Program Manager- Southern Pennsylvania

Salary: Please include salary requirements with application

Large social service provider is looking for a Program Manager to head up children's behavioral/disability services in Southern Pennsylvania. Position will oversee 200+ employees with a budget of \$4mm.

Program Manager- South Central Pennsylvania

Salary: Please include salary requirements with application

We need a Program Manager to head up services in South Central PA including children's residential and foster care as well as developmental disability services. Position will have a \$1.5+mm budget.

Assistant Executive Director - Wyoming

Salary: please include salary requirements with application

Progressive, mid-size, developmental disability service provider is looking for an Assistant Executive Director to head up a wide array of services including residential, case management, nursing and day/vocational supports in the state of Wyoming.

Sales Consultant - CA, TX, NY

Salary: please include salary requirements with application

Three new positions. Ready for a change, but want to stay in the disability field? We have an opportunity for someone to assist an organization in their marketing/sales efforts promoting a quality software system designed for the disability field. This opportunity will give you control of how much you earn with a base salary plus an excellent commission on your sales. This position can home-office. Looking for candidate in CA, TX, and NY. Some travel is required.

Program Manager - Maryland

Salary: \$60s

Description: Progressive developmental disability service provider is seeking a Program Manager to head up their day programs. These programs serve approximately 150 people with developmental disabilities. Specialized services include supports for people with significant behavioral and medical challenges as well individuals of retirement age.

Manager Behavior Services/Autism Specialist - California

Salary: \$81,000-\$110,000

This position is a part of a multi-disciplinary team of therapists and specialists. Will assist service coordinators with clinical referrals and advise Intake unit on best practice guidelines for the screening, diagnosis, and assessment of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Program Director - Wisconsin

Salary: \$33,700

Large, progressive developmental disability service provider is seeking a Program Director. The Program Director will be responsible for overseeing residential services. The Program Director is expected to hire/supervise/evaluate direct support staff and perform QMRP related duties. This organization offers excellent opportunities for advancement.

Director - Eugene, Oregon

Salary: \$60,000-\$63,000

Large disability service provider is looking for a Director to head up and grow their programs in the Eugene area. Director will oversee residential and day services and will directly supervise three Program Directors and a Behaviorist.