



**Enhancing the effectiveness of disability activism by organizing and empowering individuals, families, groups, and organizations!**

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## **July 2010 Calendar of Events**

To include events in next month's calendar please contact us:

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***2010 Disability Convention & Exposition***

***Saturday August 28, 2010***

***10:00 am - 4:00 pm***

***Connecticut Expo Center, Hartford***

***For more info, check out our flyer***

**Want to exhibit at the 2010 Disability Convention & Expo?**

Registration deadline: July 23 - Make sure your business, agency, or organization is there – go to: [www.ct-dac.org](http://www.ct-dac.org) and download an exhibitor's booth registration form.

**Also Coming Up! Mark the Date!**

**July 26, 2010 – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA!**

**2:30 pm – Legislative Office Building – Room 2-C – Hartford**

**(See July 26 below)**

### ***July Events***

**“CHANGE: A Juried Exhibit of Visual Art Created by Artists with Disabilities”, continues through August 20** at the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

Gallery, One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford - the exhibit can be seen Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Visitors should sign in at the security desk and take the elevator to the 2nd Floor. For more information go to the Commission's web site:

[www.cultureandtourism.org](http://www.cultureandtourism.org).

**Tuesday, July 13, 1:30 - 4:30 pm (registration at 1:00 pm) – “Practical Approaches to Caregiving for Adults with Developmental Disabilities”**, sponsored by the A. J. Pappanikou Center on Disabilities and The Kennedy Center - Dr. Jerry Kerins will be the presenter and there will also be a panel discussion focusing on practical strategies for maximizing functioning in adults with disabilities. Dr. Kerins is the Section Chief of Geriatric Medicine at the Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven - this free workshop will be held at the A.J. Pappanikou Center on Disabilities in Farmington - Register for this date by clicking <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JRW2RWT> (see also August 24)

**Saturday, July 17, 12:00 – 4:00 pm – Annual picnic of the CT Parent Advocacy Center** - at Camp Harkness, 301 Great Neck Road, Waterford. This year CPAC is featuring children's yoga and "Drumming About You" with Bob Bloom. To register, call 1-800-445-2722 or fill out the online registration form at [www.cpacinc.org/cpac-friends-and-family-summer-picnic-registration](http://www.cpacinc.org/cpac-friends-and-family-summer-picnic-registration) .

**Wednesday, July 21 – 1:00 – 3:30 pm – Bi-monthly meeting of the BRS State Rehabilitation Council** - at the Southeastern Mental Health Authority (SMHA) - 401 West Thames Street, Building 301, Norwich - meetings of the Council are open to the public. If you plan to attend, need accommodations, or have questions, contact Evelyn Oliver Knight at 860-424-4871 or [evelyn.knight@ct.gov](mailto:evelyn.knight@ct.gov).

**Monday, July 26, 2:30 pm, commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the ADA** – Room 2-C of the Legislative Office Building in Hartford – sponsored by the ADA Coalition of CT - former U.S. Senator and CT Governor Lowell Weicker is Honorary Chairman for the event and he will share his perspective on the ADA twenty years after he worked so hard as a U.S. Senator to see it passed. A fifteen-minute commemorative video addressing ADA implementation in CT will be shown, produced by the public relations firm Mintz and Hoke in Avon. The video is being funded through the generosity of Connect-Ability. A panel presentation is also being planned, and sixty-five ADA Groundbreakers will be honored. The afternoon will conclude with a challenge to those who support disability rights to continue to work to make the promise of the ADA a reality. A reception will follow the afternoon's activities in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Atrium.

### *August Events*

**Tuesday, August 24, 1:30 - 4:30 pm (registration at 1:00 pm) - “Practical Approaches to Caregiving for Adults with Developmental Disabilities”**, sponsored by the A. J. Pappanikou Center on Disabilities and The Kennedy Center - Dr. Jerry Kerins will be the presenter and the workshop will include a panel discussion focusing on practical strategies for maximizing functioning in adults with disabilities - this free

workshop will be held at the Hospital of St. Raphael, Register for this date by clicking <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JRZ9X23>.

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### ***September Events***

**September 1 – 30**, South Windsor Public Library - the Brain Injury Association of Connecticut (BIAC) presents the **Brain Injury Survivor Art Exhibit** - this is an excellent opportunity for any individual who has been affected by brain injury to have their work publicly displayed. Registration and details can found on the BIAC events web page and be downloaded from their website: <http://biact.homestead.com/EVENTS.html> - you may also call 860-721-8111.

**Wednesday, September 15, 1:00 – 3:30 pm - Bi-monthly meeting of the BRS State Rehabilitation Council** - Training Room at the Office of Protection and Advocacy - 60B Weston Street, Hartford - meetings of the Council are open to the public. If you plan to attend, need accommodations, or have questions, contact Evelyn Oliver Knight at 860-424-4871 or [evelyn.knight@ct.gov](mailto:evelyn.knight@ct.gov)

**Wednesday, September 29, 1:00 – 3:30 pm, The State Independent Living Council (SILC) Meeting** - Location to be determined. For more information about the SILC call (860) 523-0126 in Hartford or e-mail Debbie Melaragno at [deb.ctsilc@gmail.com](mailto:deb.ctsilc@gmail.com).

### ***October Events***

**Saturday, October 2, 10:00 am (registration at 9:30 am) - Kristin Debonee Walk 'N Roll** to benefit Communitas – Annual 5k (3.1 miles) or 1Mile Fun Walk - Manchester Community College AST Building (Tower) – Registration fee: \$5.00. For further information contact Joan Jakiela (860-512-2705) or e-mail: [jjakiela@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:jjakiela@mcc.commnet.edu) .

**Wednesday, October 20, Disability Mentoring Day** – (more information to come)

Thursday, October 28, Essentials of Legislative Advocacy, Keep the Promise Coalition (more info to come)

*November Events*

Thursday, November 4, Essentials of Legislative Advocacy, Keep the Promise Coalition – more info to come

Wednesday, November 17, 1:00 – 3:30 pm - Bi-monthly meeting of the BRS State Rehabilitation Council - at ACES, 205 Skiff Street, Hamden - meetings of the Council are open to the public. If you plan to attend, need accommodations, or have questions, contact Evelyn Oliver Knight at 860-424-4871 or [evelyn.knight@ct.gov](mailto:evelyn.knight@ct.gov).

Wednesday, November 17, 1:00 – 3:30 pm, The State Independent Living Council (SILC) - New Park Office and Conference Center, 151 New Park Avenue, Hartford. For more information about the SILC call (860) 523-0126 in Hartford or e-mail Debbie Melaragno at [deb.ctsilc@gmail.com](mailto:deb.ctsilc@gmail.com).

*December Events*

Thursday, December 2, Legislative Leadership, Keep the Promise Coalition – more info to come

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*Fairfield County Disability Events*

You will find a very comprehensive listing of upcoming events and announcements relevant to children with disabilities and families in lower Fairfield County by going to [www.spednet.org](http://www.spednet.org).

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**An independent advocacy organization, the Collaborative has received federal recognition as a 501(c) 3 organization. Tax deductible contributions may now be made directly to the Collaborative.**

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