



Connecticut Disability Advocacy Collaborative Bulletin

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

Empowerment! Opportunity! Justice!

**2010 Disability Convention and Expo
Saturday, August 28, 2010
10 am – 4 pm
CT Expo Center
265 Rev. Moody Overpass
Hartford (off Exit 33 of I-91)**

**The 2010 Disability Convention and Expo is less than a week away!
Here is what we have planned!**

10 am – 4 pm: Disability Exposition with 80 exhibitors (see list of exhibitors below)

10 am – 4 pm: *Focus on Employment* (to the left as you enter the Expo Center an area has been set aside that will include information and resources for individuals with disabilities who want to enter, or re-enter, the job market)

10 am – 4 pm: Visual arts display in side room (located on the left side of the Expo Center as you enter the front doors, just before the Focus on Employment section)

From 1 pm – 4 pm: Candidates’ Forum (on the right side of the Expo Center as you enter the front doors)

~ Exhibitors ~

Voting resources: The Office of the Secretary of State and the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities

Disability organizations: MS Society, Spinal Cord Injury Association, NAMI/CT and the Keep the Promise Coalition, the Brain Injury Association, People First, the Arc of CT, Advocacy Unlimited, United Cerebral Palsy

Community living resources: Five independent living centers, three Aging and Disability Resource Centers, CT Community Care, Inc., State Independent Living Council, Allied Community Resources, Ability Beyond Disability, HARC, Focus on Recovery - United

Vehicle modification companies: Ride-Away, Advanced Wheels, the Bussani Mobility Team

Durable medical equipment providers: Hudson Home Health Care, Affinity Health, ATG Rehab

The Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, the Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the UConn Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Employment resources: Connect-Ability, benefits counselors, assistive technology experts, resume writers, interviewing skill developers, the Business Leadership Network, the Social Security Administration, and employment representatives from a number of state agencies

Accessibility experts: AmRamp, Lift & Care Systems, Sugar Hill Building and Design, Elevator Service Company, The Bullock Company

Communication resources: Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, Board of Education and Services for the Blind, Family Services - Woodfield, Relay CT, National Federation of the Blind, American School for the Deaf, DMHAS Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, CRIS Radio

Family organizations: FAVOR, CT Family to Family Health Information Network, CT Lifespan Respite Coalition, AFCAMP, PAP, Autism Speaks, Family Support Network

Youth organizations: Youth Leadership Project, CT-KASA (Kids As Self Advocates)

Other participating organizations or businesses include: Rehab Strong, SW CT and Bridgeport Area Disability Advocacy Networks, AARP, DCF Adoption Resource Exchange, Pediatric Neuropsychological Services, ADA Coalition of CT, Citizens Coalition for Equal Access, CT Association for Community Transportation, Met Life Center for Special Needs Planning, All Seasons Academy, New Horizons Village, City of Hartford Commission on Disability

Don't forget to check out the unique display of visual arts created by individuals with disabilities. The display can be viewed in the side room that is to the left of the registration table as you enter the Expo Center, just before the Focus on Employment section.

The Collaborative extends its appreciation to Elanah Sherman who took the lead in organizing the display.

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