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Have a Wonderful Spring and Happy Reading!



What Are We Reading online articles worth clicking

Like many Americans, in between searching YouTube videos for talking pets and watching episodes of The Walking Dead (get in the house, Carl!), we occasionally read something educational online. There is a wealth of articles on the web that address a range of disability issues and we compiled a list of four that might be worth your time.

Because web addresses can take up a whole paragraph and are easy to enter incorrectly, we recommend entering the title of the article into your favorite search engine.

1) The New York Times recently published the article *A Chance to See Disabilities as Assets* by Peggy Klaus. The article addresses how the planning and time management skills that go into handling your disability can be presented as assets to potential employers.

2) Intellectualdisability.info posted the article *Family Issues* by Ray Jacques. This article was first published in *Psychiatry*; Volume 2:9, September 2003 and reprinted with permission from the Medicine Publishing Company. The article addresses how research is shifting away from the dysfunction families deal with when caring for someone with a disability towards the amazing resourcefulness of the families. This is an extensive and informative article.

3) Medical News Today adapted the article, from a 2012 article, in *A Greater Ability To Process Information Draws People With Autism To IT* from the *Journal of Abnor-*



mal Psychology. The title of the article says it all!
4) *Parenting with a Disability* is an article excerpted from *The Parenting Book for Persons with a Disability: From Planning Your Family to Raising Adolescents*. So much research goes into parenting a child with a disability. But what about when it is the parent who has the disability? The article also contains other resources for parents with disabilities.

5) *The Impact of Childhood Disability - The Parent's Struggle* by Ken Moses, PH.D. is an excellent and very popular article about what a parent goes through when finding out and coming to terms with their child's disability.

If you have an online article that you think our readers would benefit from reading then please email the link to caretx@dsswtx.org. After reviewing, we may post a summary and link to them in our next edition of Care, TX. You may also mail articles to:

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Discover solutions at Abilities Expo! The Community has spoken! Abilities Expo is the trusted source where people with disabilities, their families, seniors, vets, caregivers and health-care professionals gain knowledge and empowerment (and have a little fun!). For more than 30 years, Abilities Expo has also provided an excellent forum for companies with disability products and services to reach out and enhance the lives of this Community. The conference is August 3-5, 2012 in Houston.

Visit <http://www.abilitiesexpo.com/houston/index.html> for more information.

Camp Summit now has online registration! Life just got a little easier! Go to www.campsummittx.org to register online.



The mission of Camp Summit is to provide barrier-free outdoor experiences that promote personal growth and foster independence for children and adults with disabilities.
A remarkable place. For remarkable people.



The State of Texas has released its Spring Calendar of Events pertaining to disability issues. It includes national, statewide and virtual events. There are also events listed by city. Go to

<http://governor.state.tx.us/disabilities/committees/calendar/> to download the calendar.

2012 Texas Statewide Independent Living Conference.
April 22 - 24. Held at the Dallas Marriott City Center, Dallas.
Cost: Varies; Registration is necessary. For more information, visit <http://www.txsilc.org/conference/>.



Special Education Clinics 2012—Austin
Feb. 7, April 10, May 8; 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Location: Disability Rights Texas
7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 171-E, Austin

Join Disability Rights Texas for a FREE Special Education Workshop on "Understanding Your Child's Special Education Rights." The free workshop includes a free 1-on-1 meeting with a lawyer or advocate, free childcare, and free pizza. Registration is required to hold your spot and to secure free childcare during the program. To register, please call Mark Trowbridge at 454-4816 x2757.



2012 Texas Assistive Technology Network Conference
June 12 - 14, 2012
Region 4 Education Service Center
Houston, Texas
<http://www.texasat.net/>
Come to Houston to experience what assistive technology can offer you, your staff and district regarding accommodations, process and consideration, technical expertise and training. Come see, touch and learn about assistive technology interventions which could increase your students' success.

8th Annual TxP2P Parent Conference
Friday & Saturday, June 29-30, 2012
Embassy Suites, Spa & Conference Center
1001 McCarty Lane, San Marcos, TX
<http://www.txp2p.org/training/conference.html>

Texas Parent to Parent



Texas Parent to Parent's annual conference is the only statewide conference created and designed by parents of children and youth with disabilities, chronic illness, and other special health care needs to meet the needs of the entire family affected by disability. The two-day annual meeting offers more than 60 sessions for parents, family members, self advocates and professionals. Highlights include programs for siblings, Teen Transition Summit for teens facing adulthood, a family gathering time, sessions in Spanish, exhibits, and skilled child care. The knowledge shared with parents at the conference empowers them to advocate for their child's needs and give them a rare opportunity to connect with their peers.

We re Movin on Up and down!

Lifespan Home Care is expanding up into the Panhandle and down into the Valley. In the coming months we are opening offices in Harlingen, Lubbock, and Amarillo. We are incredibly excited (and a little overwhelmed....oh! the paperwork) about this opportunity to bring our services to more of our fellow Texans.

Please welcome aboard our new Case Managers in those offices:

Cynthia Osorio (Harlingen)
Norma Rodriguez (Harlingen)
Lorena Torres (Amarillo/Lubbock)

