

Self Advocacy News

SCAT Same-Day Transportation Service

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If you have not received a Robo-call or email regarding this service, we want to inform consumers (and service providers) that there is finally a same day taxi-like transportation service available in Greensboro. It is called the SCAT I-Ride. What's great about the service is that when you are picked up you can go directly to your destination. There are no stops to pick up other passengers. The cost is quite affordable at only \$6 per trip. You must pay with a debit card or credit card when the reservation is made. Guests will be charged the same price but PCAs ride free. If you have a child you must provide your own booster seat. The service will be available from 7 AM to 7 PM. The reservation telephone number is 336-663-1693. To use the I-Ride you are required to have your SCAT Client ID number when you make your reservation. If you do not have it call SCAT reservation line at 336-333-6589". Call I-Ride or visit rideGTA.com for more information.

Welcome Aboard Shana!

Joy A. Shabazz Center for Disability Rights would like to welcome Ms. Shana Ayscue as our new Executive Assistant. Her role will be to assist the Executive Director in the functionality of the Center. She has once worked for a nonprofit organization that provided services to individuals with developmental disabilities where she served as an Administrative Assistant to two program directors. She is a graduate of the University of Phoenix where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with concentrated certificate courses in marketing and industrial relations. She also completed extensive training in government contracting. With over 35 years of experience in business consulting, management, mentorship and technology services, she exemplifies the true meaning of "determination and perseverance." Ms. Ayscue also held various management positions in the hospitality, medical, construction, and technology industries. She is very pleased to join the Shabazz Center's Team and looks forward to contributing her knowledge, skills, and talent to the growth, vision, and mission of the Center.



Shana Ayscue

Disability Integration Act

*Disability Integration
Act: Senate Bill
S.117 and House Bill
H.R. 555*

Institutionalization of persons with disabilities has been a key factor in ensuring that people with disabilities do not become independent and self-sufficient. Since the Americans with Disabilities Act became law and the Medicaid program Money Follows the Person was instituted, more seniors and people with disabilities have been able to transition from nursing homes into a community-based setting. To do so is arduous and expensive. Senate Bill S.117 and House Bill H.R.555, known as the Disability Integration Act is a civil rights bill that will enhance disability independence by prohibiting states, local governments and insurers from refusing to provide community-based services to people with disabilities.

As stated by The Leadership Conference the Act will require “states and insurance providers that pay for Long-Term Services and Supports to change their policies, provide community-based services first, and offer home and community-based services to people currently in institutions”..

A Message from the National Council on Independent Living



H.R. 259, the Medicaid Extenders Act, was [recently] signed into law. The bill includes three months of funding for the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program. As we know, three months is not enough to sustain the work of MFP, but it does provide a much needed extension while we continue our advocacy for a longer renewal. This is certainly something to be celebrated! Thank you to all of you for your work to get this done.

Also included in the bill is an extension of the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid spousal impoverishment protections. Spousal impoverishment protections protect a portion of a married couple’s income and assets when one individual needs Medicaid long term services and supports. Historically, spousal impoverishment protections only applied if one spouse was institutionalized, but a provision of the Affordable Care Act changed that so they also apply to Medicaid HCBS. That provision expired, so this bill provides a needed short-term extension (through March 31, 2019) while advocacy for a long-term extension continues.

Thank you for all of your work to get this bill passed!

Burgess's Corner: Using Correct Language

I have been with Joy A Shabazz Center for Disability Rights for over 25 years and during that time, I would like to think that my work has at least made a small positive impact in the struggle for equal rights for persons with disabilities. However, I must confess that I have never really thought that using politically correct language was that important until I watched the memorial service for President George H. W. Bush. I was proud to hear the phrase "Persons with Disabilities". It was as if I had heard it for the first time. Then the realization of how important the usage of correct language is hit me hard. How proud I am to be an American.

President Bush signed the ADA into law on July 26th 1990 which gave so many people the opportunity to live up to their potential and participate in the main stream of society. Everyone of us has the ability to make a positive difference in another person's life and we should appreciate one another. Having a disability should not be confused with the most important characteristic of the individual because we all have limitations. So let's focus on the ability of people in the coming year. Happy New Year!

Sexuality and Disability

Sexuality and disability can be a touchy subject for many. People with disabilities are simply not looked upon as sexual beings. People tend to wonder why would anyone with a significant disability, physical or otherwise, even want to engage in a physical relationship with a willing partner. The same thing was once said about seniors and this has long been proven false. In fact, people with disabilities are very much in touch with their sexuality. They are proving the misguided view that people with significant disabilities do not or cannot have normal relationships wrong. The notion that people with disabilities do not engage in sexual intimacy with their partners, is but a fading myth.

They have come to realize that they have the same right to sex and intimacy as nondisabled people. One need only look at the myriad of websites, blogs and videos to realize that disability and sexuality education and awareness is being openly promoted. Learn more about this sensitive topic. Check out these websites:

<https://sexualityanddisability.org/>

<https://www.etivision.org/blog/blog/i-can-do-that-too-relationships-and-sexuality-for-people-with-disabilities>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzCG_VPqC-s

Shabazz Center and Adaptables Speak to Students at UNCG Housing Hangout

On Friday Feb 1. 2019 The Joy A Shabazz Center for Disability Rights and the Adaptable's gave a presentation to the UNCG Housing Hangout group to over 60 students and community providers who met on the campus to discuss this months topic, Disability Housing .

Disability advocate Jeanine Moran shared a historical perspective of the Independent living movement starting with a 4 minutes 38 seconds YouTube video of her personal super hero ED ROBERTS (go to)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1n379TcS-U&feature=youtu.be>

The overall response of students and service providers to the Centers presentations were positive. This event also provided an opportunity for networking. Many agencies made contact with community resources.

Housing Hangouts are held every first Friday on various housing community needs and initiatives . The upcoming schedule is at:

<https://chcs.uncg.edu/about/housinghangout/>

Free Over The Counter Medicine GiveAway!

Date: Saturday, March 30, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Cost: **FREE**

Bring: Friends, Family & Neighbors

Where: Zion Baptist Church

807 Piedmont Street

Reidsville, NC 27320

Event Details:

- ◆ **Take Home FREE Over the Counter Medicine Items!**
- ◆ Find out more about NC MedAssist *Free Pharmacy Program*
- ◆ Free Health Screenings

OTC Items Include: cold, cough and flu medicine, Band-Aids, pain and allergy relief, vitamins and children's medicine, and much more while supplies last!

No ID Required—Must Be 18 or Older



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