



MAYOR'S ALLIANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEWSLETTER • APRIL 2001

Fair Housing Seminar

A fair housing seminar will be held Monday April 30th at the Tampa Port Authority on Channelside Drive. The seminar is being sponsored by the Mayor's Alliance for Persons with Disabilities, the Fair Housing Offices of the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County, the Office of the ADA Coordinator of Hillsborough County, the County Alliance for Citizens with Disabilities and Self Reliance the Center for Independent Living in Hillsborough County. The Fair Housing Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and the Florida Housing Code are the topics that will be covered. The seminar will be of interest to Apartment Managers, Agency Personnel and individuals that are affected by these three topics. For more information regarding the seminar call (813) 274-5856/City of Tampa or 272-6554/Hillsborough County.

Asher Dance Eclectic Performance

Tampa's alluring and visually exciting new dance company will stage three performances Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 20th, 21st, and 22nd. The dance company incorporates the talents of able-bodied dancers as well as those in wheelchairs and other physical disabilities. The performance of dynamic jazz and modern choreography integrates both populations into one close knit dance company. All performances will be held at the James Monroe Middle School in South Tampa. For more information call 786-6291.

County Directory Available

The 2001 Hillsborough County Services Directory is now available. The directory has 84 pages of county programs and services that are available to residents of Hillsborough County. The booklet contains addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers,

email addresses and descriptions of offices, agencies and programs. Also included is a directory of County Commissioners. The directory is free and single copies can be obtained at the County Center, County Court House or any library branch. For more information call 272-5314

Able Trust to Host 4th Symposium on Disabilities

The St. Petersburg Hilton will be the location of the Able Trust's fourth Symposium on Disabilities. The event scheduled for September 11 - 14 will feature educational workshops, a keynote lunch, general sessions and the 2001 Ability Awards Banquet. Several nationally known experts on disabilities and the problems surrounding persons with disabilities

3rd Wednesday every month Mayor's Alliance Board Meeting

Sandy Freedman Tennis Complex
59 Columbus Drive, Davis Islands
Everybody Welcome!

The Mayor's Alliance Board now meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30p.m. This is a change from the 2nd Wednesday of the month, which was the regular meeting day. Chairman Norman Mallory felt that the change in day would facilitate a larger turnout to the meetings. The meeting will now be held prior to the accessibility meeting at the same location, the Sandy Freedman Tennis Center on Davis Island. For more information regarding joining the board of the Mayor's Alliance please contact Chairman Mallory at 988-4985 or Herb Gold at 254-1111. Please remember everyone is welcome at the Board meetings.

are scheduled to attend. For more information regarding the symposium call Kristen Knapp at (888) 838-2253 or email her at kristen@abletrust.org.

Tourettes Syndrome & Attention Deficit Disorder (ADHD) Information Needed

A study is underway at USF to identify genes that contribute to the occurrence and development of disorders such as Tourette and ADHD. Dr. Fiona Crawford is looking for volunteers to participate and aid in her research on these childhood disorders. Currently the study needs participants who have been diagnosed with a condition such as Tourette or ADHD, and also individuals who have never suffered from these disorders. Applicants are asked for basic information, such as gender, age, etc., and a blood sample or a cheek swab. This material will be used to examine the genetic and biochemical components involved in childhood disorders. All research data is encoded and is confidential. If you are interested in participating in these studies contact Dr. Crawford at (813)974-3669.

Talking Book Library to Hold Open House

The Hillsborough County Talking Book Library invites everyone to visit their new home at the Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library, 3910 S. Manhattan Avenue in Tampa. Approximately 1,600 people and 80 institutions now participate in the Talking Book Program. The library has many books and magazines on tape for those people who are sight impaired. An open house will be held at the new facility on Friday, April 6th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information regarding the Talking Books Program call 272-6024.

Dates to Remember

2nd Monday every month - 7pm

The Mayor's Hour

Live cable telecast on CH-15 Time-Warner in Tampa and Hillsborough County and CH-17 on Adelphia cable. Your chance to ask Mayor Greco a question or express your concern, live in the studio or by phone. To call in a question to the Mayor call 274-8328. To be part of the studio audience call Mindy Snyder at 274-7033. Program repeats on Sundays pm, Mondays at 7pm and Fridays at 3pm.

1st Monday every month - 3pm

Employment & Job Fair

Committee Meeting

Hilton Hotel Reservation Center, 7920 Woodland Center Blvd. for more information call Cindy Stephens at 984-6840 or Kathy McGlone at 243-7522.

3rd Wednesday every month - 2pm

Accessibility Committee Meeting

Sandy Freedman Tennis Complex 59 Columbus Drive, Davis Island.

3rd Tuesday every month - 2pm

Florida Council for the Blind, Greater Tampa Chapter

USF Westside Conference tn. Section B. 3RD TUES. EVERY MONTH, 6:30pm, Tampa Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) Group, Jefferson High School.

1st Thursday every month

Therapeutic Focus Group

All Peoples Life Center, call 744-5978 for more information.

4th Wednesday every month - 2pm

County Alliance Meeting

Tampa Lighthouse for The Blind, 1106 W. Platt St. For more information call Elizabeth Mueller at 273-3611 or Debra Guest at 558-5557.

3rd Thursday every 3rd month - 2pm

(next meeting 4/19)

HARTLINE ADA Consumer Forum

Hartline Offices, 4305 East 21st Avenue. For more information contact Lauren Skiver at HARTLINE 623-5835, ext.1171.

Get Involved! Join the Alliance Board!

For more information call 254-1111.

Support Groups

City of Tampa Office of Human Rights	274-5835
Hillsborough County Information Line	272-5900
Self-Reliance Cross Disability Support Group	975-6560
VA Spinal Cord	972-2000 ext. 6388 Heather Mahoney
Brain and Head Injury Support	908-1375 Bob Barrett
Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Group	287-2939 or 800-922-0170
Statewide Advocacy Network on Disabilities, Inc. (STAND) Offering education and resource services to persons with disabilities	258-5700 Patricia Miller
Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST) Learn about assistive technology	251-7591
Amputees Together	870-3323
Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)	935-6540 Ben Ritter
All People's Life Center 6105 East Sligh Avenue (east of 56th St.) Fully accessible recreation center	903-2248 Al Orr

Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Chairperson: Norman Mallory	988-4985
Treasurer: Connie Hayden-McPeak	276-5555
Secretary: Kelly Hickman	974-8927
Past Chairperson: Chuck Porter	276-2029 ext. 7659
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Bob Ellis	974-2002
Employment Committee Chairperson: Cindy Stephens	984-6840
Awareness Committee Chairperson: Chuck Porter	276-2029 ext. 7659
Mayor's Representative: Herb Gold	254-1111




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