



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

Alliance Member Appointed to Select Task Force

Secretary of State Katherine Harris has appointed Gloria Mills, a member of the Mayor's Alliance, to the Select Task Force on Voting Accessibility in Florida. The group is to review and certify new voting equipment and make sure it is user-friendly. They will then make proposals to the State Legislature based on their findings. Mills is also the legislative chairwoman of The National Federation of the Blind.

Atlanta to Host World Congress and Exposition on Disabilities

The Georgia International Convention Center, in Atlanta, will be the location of the 2001 World Congress and Exposition on Disabilities (WCD). The Conference is scheduled from September 28th to the 30th. This is an educational event with over 65 conference sessions that are CME and CEU accredited. The WCD is intended to educate, and provide a useful exchange of ideas for persons with disabilities and those involved in their care and development. For more information on the congress call toll free (877) 923-3976 ext 847.

Florida Speech Relay Now Operating

If you have a speech disability you can now use the Florida relay system without a TTY. Speech To Speech (STS) enables people with speech disabilities to communicate by voice through a communication assistant (CA). People with speech disabilities can dial toll free to reach a patient, trained CA who is familiar with many speech patterns and has excellent language recognition skills. The CA will make phone calls and repeat words exactly in a 3-way phone call. In order to use this system in Florida call 1-877-955-5334.

Ticket to Work Conference Coming to Tampa

The Ticket To Work Conference called "ALL ABOARD" is coming to the Doubletree Hotel on Cypress Street, Tuesday, October 2. This conference will give everybody the information needed to put the new "Ticket To Work" and "Work Incentives" programs being introduced by the Social Security Administration to work. For information regarding this conference call Barbara Butz at (850) 421-6606 or register online at allaboard@askcapstone.com.

New Toll Free Hot Line for State Agencies

Gov. Bush recently announced a new phone information service for Florida residents that are disabled. This service utilizes one toll-free phone number for information on a variety of state programs. Instead of calling individual divisions or departments of state government, residents of the state that are physically or mentally disabled can now call 1-877-232-4968.

Able Trust to host 4th Symposium on Disabilities

The Able Trust's 4th Symposium on Disabilities will be held at the St. Petersburg Hilton, September 11 - 14. The event will feature educational workshops, a keynote lunch, general sessions and the

Mayor's Alliance Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday every month
at 1:00 p.m. (New day & time)

Sandy Freedman Tennis Club
59 Columbus Drive, Davis Islands

Everybody Welcome!

2001 Ability Awards Banquet. For more information regarding the symposium call Kristen Knapp at (888) 838-2253 or email her at kristen@abletrust.org.

Come On In, the Water's Fine

Splash Bash 2001 takes place Saturday, September 15 from 10am to 4pm at the All People's Center. This is an opportunity for people with disabilities to experience exciting water sports such as water skiing, canoeing and swimming. Cost is \$3 per person and includes lunch. For more information call Melinda at 744-5978.

Southern Deaf Showcase Scheduled this Month

The Friends of the Deaf Service Center is presenting a showcase of information essential for persons who are hearing impaired. The showcase is scheduled September 21st - 22nd at the Harborview Center in Clearwater. For more information please call (727) 399-0243/voice or TTY.

Long Term Care Conference At USF

A one day conference "Long Term Care In The 21st Century: Meeting The Needs of a New Generation" will be held at the USF's College of Public Health on Monday, September 10th starting at 8am. Several leading experts are committed to attend this conference including the current President of the University of Miami, Dr. Donna Shalala and Florida's United States Senator Bob Graham. Among the items to be discussed are current programs, critical needs for long term care recipients and providers, and the analyzing of long term care designs for future generations. For more information call Senator Graham's Tallahassee office at (850) 907-1100.

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. Repeats on Sundays pm, Mondays at 7pm and Fridays at 3pm.

1st Monday every month - 3pm

Employment & Job Fair Committee Meeting

Corporate Square, 7402 N. 56th Street, Building 800, Suite 850. For more information, call Cindy Stephens at 984-6840.

3rd Wednesday every month - 2pm

Accessibility Committee Meeting

Sandy Freedman Tennis Complex 59 Columbus Drive, Davis Islands

3rd Tuesday every month - 2pm

Florida Council for the Blind,

Greater Tampa Chapter

USF Westside Conference tn. Section B

3rd Tuesday 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 E. 21st Ave. 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
Family Network on Disabilities	1-800-825-5736 Jan Labell
VA Spinal Cord	972-2000 ext. 7886 Karen McGoff
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	844-7591
Spinal Cord Injury Unit, Tampa General Hospital	844-4286
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
Tampa Bay Polio Survivors Support Group	779-8158 Lonnie Hazelwood, President

Officers & Committee Chairpersons

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