



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

ADA Information and Complaint Line

The Department of Justice operates a toll-free ADA Information Line to provide information and publications to the public about the requirements of the ADA. To obtain general ADA information, get answers to technical questions, order free ADA materials, or ask about filing a complaint, call: 800-514-0301 (voice), 800-514-0383 (TDD).

Disabled Access Credit (DAC)

The DAC, created in 1990, is an incentive program to assist small businesses in complying with the ADA. DAC provides a credit for 50 percent of eligible expenses up to \$5,000 a year, including expenses associated with making their facilities accessible and with purchasing assistive technologies. Utilization of the credit has been limited because small businesses are often not aware of it. Contact your own tax accountant or the IRS to learn how you and your business can benefit by the DAC.

Need Help Within The State Of Florida?

The "Clearinghouse on Disability Information" is now in operation. You can now call toll free 1-877-232-4968 or 1-877-ADA4YOU and connect with needed services in State government or find assistance with disability issues throughout the state. The "Clearinghouse" is now part of the ADA Working Group established in Tallahassee by Governor Bush.

Information Available about Reasonable Accommodations for Individuals with Various Disabilities

The best source of information about reasonable accommodations usually is the individual with a disability. If an applicant or employee with a dis-

ability is not certain what he or she needs, an excellent resource is the Job Accommodation Network (JAN). JAN is an international toll-free consulting service that provides information about job accommodations and the employability of people with disabilities. Calls are answered by consultants who have instant access to the most comprehensive and up-to-date information about accommodation methods, devices and strategies. JAN preserves the confidentiality of communication between caller and consultant. For those who want to explore possible accommodations JAN operates SOAR, a Searchable On-Line Accommodation Resource <<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/soar/index.html>>. JAN also has publications that provide accommodation ideas grouped by disability. Employers can access JAN by calling 800-JAN-7234 or by visiting JAN's web site at <www.jan.wvu.edu/english/homeus.htm>.

New Address and Phone Number For Jack Humburg

Jack Humburg, the Florida ADA Community Network Administrator, has a new office address and phone number. Jack can now be reached at Boley Centers, 445 31st Street N., St. Petersburg, FL 33713, phone (727) 821-4819 Ext. 5717. His new email address is <jackhumburg@boleycenters.org>.

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!

Some Numbers to Think About

One out of five adults with disabilities has not graduated from high school, compared to less than one of ten adults without disabilities. Unemployment rates for working-age adults with disabilities have hovered at the 70 percent level for at least the past 12 years, while rates are significantly lower for working-age adults without disabilities. 71% of people without disabilities own homes, but fewer than 10% of those with disabilities do. Computer usage and Internet access for people with disabilities is half that of people without disabilities. People with disabilities vote at a rate that is 20 percent below voters without disabilities. In local areas, disability issues seldom surface in election campaigns and inaccessible polling places often discourage citizens with disabilities from voting.

Pukka Pyramid Players Win Statewide Competition

Florida Pyramid's talent competition was recently held at Cape San Blas State Park. The park located in the Florida panhandle area, is designated for the disabled and is completely wheelchair accessible. Pukka Pyramid Players from Tampa won the Gold for "Best Costume" and "Most Creativity." The group has taken the gold cup two out of the four years that it has entered. The players are available for shows at workplaces and clubs. To book the program call Petra at 237-4220.

Show Information Available on Audio Carts

The Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center has Audio Carts available for patrons with impaired sight who wish information regarding shows at the Center. To obtain a copy of the Audio contact Henry Adams at (813) 222-1085.

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

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	800-FIGHTMS
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

Chairperson: Norman Mallory	988-4985
Treasurer: Connie Hayden-McPeak	276-5555
Secretary: Kelly Hickman	974-8927
Past Chairperson: Chuck Porter	276-2029 ext. 7659
Advocacy and Accessibility Co-chairpersons:	
Norman Mallory	988-4985
Ben Ritter	935-6540
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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