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| International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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| ODR would like to wish you a very happy International Day of Persons with Disabilities!This annual observance on December 3rd was originally proclaimed in 1992 by the United Nations to promote the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities in every society around the world.Learn more about the International Day of Persons with Disabilities by visiting, [www.un.org/en/events/disabilitiesday/](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjA2Ljk4NzExMDYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIwNi45ODcxMTA2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzM5NTA0JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&100&&&http://www.un.org/en/events/disabilitiesday/)  |  | International Day of Persons with Disabilities Logo |

Upcoming EventsUSICD Gala

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| The U.S. International Council on Disabilities (USCID) will host its fifth annual gala on December 6, in celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.At its gala, USICD will honor leaders of the disability rights movement whose impact has been felt on the international stage. This year, USICD will present the Dole-Harkin award Senator John S. McCain III posthumously, Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), and the International Advocate award to Rosemary Kayess from Australia.**When:** Thursday, December 6th at 6:00 PM**Location:** 601 New Jersey Ave, NWTickets are available at, [www.eventbrite.com/e/usicd-gala-to-celebrate-the-international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-tickets-51225540972?aff=ebdssbdestsearch](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjA2Ljk4NzExMDYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIwNi45ODcxMTA2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzM5NTA0JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&101&&&https://www.eventbrite.com/e/usicd-gala-to-celebrate-the-international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-tickets-51225540972?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)  |  | USICD flyer for celebration |

Holiday Market - Gallaudet

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| The annual Holiday Market at Gallaudet is a festive opportunity for the community to get together and shop for gifts for loved ones by Deaf artists.**When:** Friday, December 7th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**Location:** Gallaudet University, JSAC, 800 Florida Ave NW Contact GUHolidayMarket@gallaudet.edu for more information |  | Holiday Market Flyer for Gallaudet |

Person Centered Thinking Training

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| Improve service delivery for people with long-term support needs, Social workers can obtain 14 Continuing Education Units (CEUs), Participants acquire core skills to assure that person-centered service plans focus on what is important to and for people,You get to be a part of systems change in the District!**When:** December 10 (Part I) & December 11 (Part II) from 9:00a AM - 4:30 PM**Location:** Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), 441 4th Street NW **Registration:** To register, everyone should contact Lee Anne Brantley at leeanne.brantley@dc.govTo learn more about PCT visit [dds.dc.gov](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjA2Ljk4NzExMDYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIwNi45ODcxMTA2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzM5NTA0JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&103&&&https://dds.dc.gov/) |  | Person centered graphic |

Public Hearing: Open Movie Captioning Requirement Act

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| The Committee of the Whole will hold a Public Hearing on the following Legislation, "The Open Movie Captioning Requirement Act of 2018" (B-22-957).The proposed Bill would require that an "entity holding a business license with an 'Entertainment: Moving picture theatre'... shall provide open movie captioning at specified times" and that a "violation" would be deemed "discriminatory practice".The DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities will provide testimony at this Hearing.**When:** Tuesday, December 11th at 12:30 PM**Location:** Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Room 500For more information with regards to the Public Hearing and Bill visit, [dccouncil.us/event/committee-whole-public-hearing-41/](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjA2Ljk4NzExMDYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIwNi45ODcxMTA2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzM5NTA0JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&104&&&http://dccouncil.us/event/committee-whole-public-hearing-41/) |  | DC Council Seal |

Commission on Persons with Disabilities - December Meeting

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| Join the Commission on Persons with Disabilties (DCCPD) for this month's meeting. The public are encouraged to join. This month's meeting is by teleconference.**When:** Thursday, December 20th at 10:00 AM**Location:** Teleconference, The Open Conference Line Number is 866-628-2987. Participant Code: 8488992.For more information or to request a reasonable accomodation, please contact Julia Wolhandler at julia.wolhandler@dc.gov or 202-727-2890.To learn more about the DCCPD visit, [odr.dc.gov/DCCPD](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjA2Ljk4NzExMDYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIwNi45ODcxMTA2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzM5NTA0JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&106&&&https://odr.dc.gov/DCCPD). |  | DC Flag, stars and stripes |

Call for Applications: 2019 Hamilton Relay High School Scholarship

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| As the Telecommunications Relay and/or Captioned Telephone service provider for DC, Hamilton Relay acknowledges that opportunities for higher education affect the future of DC’s high school students.The Hamilton Relay Scholarship is an opportunity for graduating high school seniors in the District, who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or have difficulty speaking to assist in their goals of continuing their education.All candidates are required to submit an application, write an essay under the topic of communication technology and provide a letter of recommendation in order to qualify.The scholarship deadline is January 18, 2019, and applications must be received or postmarked by this date. The scholarship is in the amount of $500 and the winner will be determined on or before February 28, 2019.Please visit, [https://hamiltonrelay.com/corporate/whats\_new/index.html?topic=details&ni=624](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjA2Ljk4NzExMDYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIwNi45ODcxMTA2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzM5NTA0JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&107&&&https://hamiltonrelay.com/corporate/whats_new/index.html?topic=details&ni=624).If you have any questions about Hamilton Relay or the Hamilton Relay Scholarship Program: Please contact Renate Buttrum, Regional Outreach Coordinator, at 443-518-6949 or renate.buttrum@hamiltonrelay.com. |  | Hamilton relay logo |

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| Olmstead CornerThe District of Columbia works with various agencies to create a comprehensive working plan to serve qualified individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Supreme Court’s holding in Olmstead. The Newest Agency Reports are published on our website and continue to be update every quarter. You can view the Agency Quarterly Report and Plan at, [odr.dc.gov/page/olmstead](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjA2Ljk4NzExMDYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIwNi45ODcxMTA2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzM5NTA0JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&108&&&https://odr.dc.gov/page/olmstead). |
| ODR SpotlightTestimony on Straws

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| Director McCollough testified on Friday, November 9th before the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, Council of the District of Columbia, and the Honorable Mary Cheh, Chairperson. The testimony given was on Bill 22-902, the "Sustainable Straws and Stirrers Amendment Act of 2018". The full testimony is available for viewing at, [odr.dc.gov/release/sustainable-straws-and-stirrers-amendment-act-2018-testimony-mat-mccollough](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjA2Ljk4NzExMDYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIwNi45ODcxMTA2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzM5NTA0JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&109&&&https://odr.dc.gov/release/sustainable-straws-and-stirrers-amendment-act-2018-testimony-mat-mccollough). |  | colorful drinking straws |

Letter of Support

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| Open Caption symbol, OCOn Monday, November 26th The DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities sent a letter of support for the Open Movie Captioning Act of 2018 (B22-0957) to Councilmembers Allen, Bonds, Nadeau, and Grosso. The full letter of support is available, [odr.dc.gov/SupportLetter-B220957](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjA2Ljk4NzExMDYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIwNi45ODcxMTA2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzM5NTA0JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&112&&&https://odr.dc.gov/SupportLetter-B220957). The Commission plans to provide testimony on Tuesday, December 11th at 12:30 PM in support of the Act. |

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| Looking BackDiscovering Deaf Worlds Gala

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| On November 3rd, Director McCollough had the honor of speaking on behalf of Mayor Bowser at the Annual Discovering Deaf Worlds Gala.Discovering Deaf Worlds is dedicated to creating a world that recognizes the abilities of persons who are Deaf and hard of hearing in developing countries to acquire an education, maintain a job, raise families, and live autonomously. |  | Mat speaks at podium with ASL interpreter |

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| Mat speaks with audience members |

*Mat speaks with former ODR staff member*The Invalid Corps - Film Screening

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| The Invalid Corps recruitment posterOn Wednesday, November 7th, ODR in partnership with the DC Public Library had the privilege of showing the film, The Invalid Corps: A Forgotten History of Disabled Veterans by Producer Day Al-Mohamed. We were honored to have Lance Corporal Sharod Wade from the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs join us and speak about their agency.Created in 1863, the Invalid Corps was made up of men with disabilities who obtained their disabilities in the line of duty. They were the only defenders of Washington, DC against Confederate General Jubal Early and his 15,000 fighting men in July of 1864.For more information about the Invalid Corps and the film please visit, [invalidcorpsfilm.nrbrown.com/](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMjA2Ljk4NzExMDYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTIwNi45ODcxMTA2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzM5NTA0JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&113&&&https://invalidcorpsfilm.nrbrown.com/). |

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*A collage of pictures including speakers and audience*International Visitors

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| ODR had the privilege of hosting Delegates from Georgia through the National Democratic Institute.We also met with His Royal Highness, Prince Mired Raad Zeid Al-Hussein, from the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of Jordan.ODR discussed disability rights laws and regulations and their implementation as well as the history of the disability community both in the District and Nation-wide. |  | His Royal Highness with ODR staff |

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| Delegation from Georgia with ODR staff |

*Delegates from Georgia with ODR Staff* |
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