



January 2019

## Events and Opportunities

### The 2019 ED Games Expo

The [ED GAMES EXPO](#) is the government's annual free showcase of educational games, as well as innovative forms of learning and assistive technologies. Attendees can demo more than 100 games and technologies, while meeting face-to-face with the developers. The games and tech cover a range of topics, such as science, engineering, making, math, reading, vocabulary, and social studies, and to facilitate social skills and support students with or without disabilities. Contact [Edward.Metz@ed.gov](mailto:Edward.Metz@ed.gov) with questions and to RSVP.

**When:** Tuesday, January 8th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM

**Location:** The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F St. NW



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### National Launch: Case for Inclusion

To mark the release for the Case for Inclusion 2019, United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) and the ANCOR Foundation will be hosting a national launch event at the National Press Club. During the event, participants will learn about what the new data reveals for people with I/DD and the providers who support them, including trends that are beginning to emerge. Register today at, [www.eventbrite.com/e/national-launch-case-for-inclusion-2019-tickets-53098907261](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-launch-case-for-inclusion-2019-tickets-53098907261).

**When:** Thursday, January 10th at 8:00 AM



**Location:** The National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW

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## ASL Trivia DC

Teams of five (max) will compete for prizes during ASL Trivia. Enjoy friends, drinks and eats as you compete against other teams in trivia. 21 and up only. For more information and questions please contact, [asltriviadc@gmail.com](mailto:asltriviadc@gmail.com).

**When:** Monday, January 14th at 7:00 PM

**Location:** Biergarten Haus, 1355 H St NE



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## 2019 Hamilton Relay High School Scholarship

The goal of the Hamilton Relay Scholarship is to support students who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or have difficulty speaking in their post-secondary education.

The Hamilton Relay Scholarship is extended to a qualifying high school student living within one of the states where Hamilton Relay is the contracted telecommunications relay and/or captioned telephone service provider. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one eligible applicant. All applicants must meet eligibility requirements and submit required application materials prior to the **January 18, 2019 deadline. Apply now:** [hamiltonrelay.com/corporate/whats\\_new/index.html?topic=details&ni=624](http://hamiltonrelay.com/corporate/whats_new/index.html?topic=details&ni=624).



For further questions and support contact [renate.buttrum@hamiltonrelay.com](mailto:renate.buttrum@hamiltonrelay.com) or 443-518-6949.

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## Ceremony for Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame

The National Disability Mentoring Coalition invites you to attend the Class of 2018 Induction Ceremony for the Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame. This celebration of mentoring will recognize the [Class of 2018](#) which includes ODR's first Director, Eve Hill. Tickets are available at, [www.eventbrite.com/e/ndmcs-hall-of-fame-induction-](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/ndmcs-hall-of-fame-induction-)



[ceremony-and-mentoring-party-tickets-53146257888?aff=ebdssbdestsearch](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ceremony-and-mentoring-party-tickets-53146257888?aff=ebdssbdestsearch).

**When:** Tuesday, January 29th at 5:30 PM

**Location:** Renaissance Washington, 999 9th Street NW

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## Call for Proposals - NCIL

NCIL's Annual Conference is the largest Independent Living event of the year. NCIL regularly hosts over 1,000 people, including grassroots advocates, CIL and SILC leadership, members of Congress, government officials, and representatives from other major organizations that work for justice and equity for people with disabilities. NCIL's Annual Conference Subcommittee encourages workshops that seek to improve the skills and resources of staff to carry out the core services of CILs and operate strong SILCs. NCIL also welcomes applications for Poster Sessions, Film Screenings, and other media that address our priority topics and Independent Living. **Deadline for Submission is Monday, January 28, 2019.** For more information and to submit a proposal visit, [www.ncil.org/call-for-workshop-proposals](http://www.ncil.org/call-for-workshop-proposals)



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## Frameworks for Access and Inclusion

This workshop, put on by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, designed for staff and board leadership in arts organizations will explore disability, accessibility, and inclusion; as well as provide strategies and resources that organizations can use as they strive to actively welcome, support, and include persons with disabilities within their artistic programs and communities. Registration is available at, [www.eventbrite.com/e/organizational-frameworks-for-access-and-inclusion-tickets-54097487040?aff=ebdssbdestsearch](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/organizational-frameworks-for-access-and-inclusion-tickets-54097487040?aff=ebdssbdestsearch).



**When:** Wednesday, January 30th at 9:00 AM

**Location:** 200 I Street SE

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## Polar Plunge - Special Olympics, DC

Join Special Olympics, DC for their 2019 Polar Bear Plunge. Two above-ground swimming pools will be erected at The Yards Park, and participants will "take the plunge" to the cheers of the crowd! Learn more at [give.specialolympicsdc.org/event/dc-polar-plunge-2019/e190968](http://give.specialolympicsdc.org/event/dc-polar-plunge-2019/e190968).



**When:** Saturday, February 2nd from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

**Location:** Yards Park, 355 Water Street SE

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## Grant Opportunity

Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program. The Department of Justice announces funds to establish and strengthen multidisciplinary collaborative relationships; increase organizational capacity to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of violence and abuse; identify needs within the grantee's organization and/or service area; and develop a plan to address those identified needs that builds a strong foundation for future work. \$6,000,000 is available for 15 awards.



Contact Sylvia Pauling at [Sylvia.Pauling@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sylvia.Pauling@usdoj.gov) and learn more by visiting, [www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=310833](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=310833).

**Deadline for submission is February 7th.**

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## Adaptive Bikeshare Program Survey

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is exploring the possibility of offering adaptive bicycles/tricycles as part of an Adaptive Bikeshare Pilot.

Currently, DDOT is collecting data on the potential users' needs to inform future planning, equipment purchases, and staff needs.

DDOT wants to hear from you. The survey will help to gauge interest, determine the type of bicycles, and identify potential rental locations. The survey includes eight questions and should take about 10 minutes to complete.



Take the survey today, [ddot.dc.gov/page/adaptive-bikeshare-program](https://ddot.dc.gov/page/adaptive-bikeshare-program). Input is due by March 1st.

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# Olmstead Corner

## Safe at Home

As part of DC's Olmstead Community Integration Plan, "DC-One Community for All," the District strives to ensure that DC residents with disabilities can make meaningful choices about where they want to live and how they contribute to their communities. For people whose mobility changes as they grow older or who have newly acquired disabilities, making their current apartment or home accessible may present a financial hardship. To help, the District offers, "Safe at Home," a program to provide in-home adaptations for renters or home owners with disabilities to alleviate risk of falls. Safe at Home can provide the following to qualified residents:

- Handrails
- Grab bars
- Bathtub cuts
- Shower seat
- Furniture risers
- Chair lifts... and more!

To find out if you qualify or to learn more about this program, contact DC's Aging and Disability Resource Center at 202-724-5626 or at [dcoa.dc.gov/safe-home](https://dcoa.dc.gov/safe-home).

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# Preparedness Corner

## Hands Only CPR

DC Fire and EMS offers free classes on the basics of Hands-only CPR and AED awareness. Hands-only CPR is a technique that involves chest compressions without artificial respiration. Studies indicate that Hands-only CPR performed immediately may increase a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival. The training instructs participants to focus on their hand placement, tempo and the number of compressions.

To host or attend a hands-only CPR class, please contact us at [hands.onhearts@dc.gov](mailto:hands.onhearts@dc.gov) or call 311.



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# Looking Back

## Testimony on Open Movie Captioning

On Tuesday, December 11th, Jarvis Grindstaff, Commissioner on the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, provided testimony to the Committee of the Whole on B22-0957, The Open Movie Captioning Requirement Act of 2018. The full Testimony and further details on the bill is available at, [odr.dc.gov/release/b22-0957-open-movie-captioning-requirement-act-2018](https://odr.dc.gov/release/b22-0957-open-movie-captioning-requirement-act-2018)



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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the District Office of Disability Rights (ODR) is to ensure that the programs, services, benefits, activities and facilities operated or funded by the District of Columbia are fully accessible to, and useable by people with disabilities. ODR is committed to inclusion, community-based services, and self-determination for people with disabilities. ODR is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the City's obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as other disability rights laws.