



District of Columbia  
Office of Disability Rights



June 2019

# Upcoming Events and Opportunities

## Celebrating Pride

Happy Pride!!!! The DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities is proud to observe Pride Month and reflect on the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people in not only our country but the fabric of the District of Columbia.

Read the full statement by the DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities: [odr.dc.gov/2019Pride](http://odr.dc.gov/2019Pride).



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## Metro's Travel Training Workshop

You're invite to Metro's Travel Training workshop. The workshop is designed to train professionals who support people with disabilities through the travel training process.

**When:** June 5th and 6th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Location:** Metro Headquarters, 600 Fifth Street, NW

For more information or to request a registration form, contact 202-510-9165 or [traveltraining@wmata.com](mailto:traveltraining@wmata.com).





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## Summer Smiles Dental Wellness Day

HSCSN has partnered with Adventure Dental to help promote healthy teeth throughout our city. Summer Smiles will provide members and the community with dental health information, community resources, games, and giveaways in an environment that is uplifting and fun.

HSCSN members, reserve your spot for preventative dental check-ups and lead screenings.



Please contact Customer Care at 202-467-2737 to schedule an appointment at Adventure Dental during one of the following dates and times. Members will be seen every 30 minutes between 10:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Limited appointment space is available.

- Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 3946 Minnesota Avenue, NE
- Monday, July 15, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 1060 Brentwood Road, NE
- Monday, August 12, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 3401 Georgia Avenue, NW
- Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 3946 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Free transportation for HSCSN members.

**For more information, visit:** [hschealth.org/about/calendar/hscsn-summer-smiles-2019](https://hschealth.org/about/calendar/hscsn-summer-smiles-2019).

## Special Education Workshop Series

The Office of the Student Advocate, in conjunction with Ward 1 DC Council Member Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1 Representative Emily Gasoi, State Board of Education, Ward 1 Education Council and OSSE's State Advisory Panel on Special Education (SAPSE), will host our Special Education Workshop Series. This session will answer your questions about navigating special education in DC and provide additional information about you and your student's rights. The environment is child-friendly.



**When:** Saturday, June 8th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Location:** Columbia Heights Educational Campus (CHEC) 3101 16th Street, NW

**For accommodation requests, contact:** [adrienne.rodriquez@dc.gov](mailto:adrienne.rodriquez@dc.gov).

**Register:** [www.eventbrite.com/e/ward-1-special-education-workshop-open-citywide-tickets-61894219276](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/ward-1-special-education-workshop-open-citywide-tickets-61894219276).

## DC Unified Rugby Workshop

The Washington Wolfpack Rugby Football Club and Trust Rugby International invite you to attend their educational workshop to learn about one of the fastest-growing unified sports in the world – unified rugby! Similar to other unified sports, Unified Rugby is a slightly adapted version of the game that allows for players with and without disabilities to play side-by-side.

The event is open to individuals with I/DD, parents, caregivers, new and seasoned rugby players. Only individuals 15 years old and older are invited to attend.

**When:** Saturday, June 8th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

**Location:** Turkey Thicket Recreation Center, 1100 Michigan Avenue, NE

To register for this event, register through [bit.ly/2UQAulo](http://bit.ly/2UQAulo) or email Stephane Leblois at [stephane@tri.group](mailto:stephane@tri.group).



## Hearing Loss and Healthy Aging

Join the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), DC Chapter, and guest speaker, Carrie Nieman MD, MPH of the Cochlear Center for Hearing and Public Health at Johns Hopkins University whose major focus is to understand and address age-related hearing loss from a public health perspective. Dr. Nieman will discuss current efforts, the Center's work, and answer your questions.



The meeting room is looped and real-time captioning will be provided.

**When:** Sunday, June 9th at 2:00 PM

**Location:** DC Public Library, Tenleytown, 4450 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

**For more information, contact:** [hladcchapter@gmail.com](mailto:hladcchapter@gmail.com).

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## 11th Annual DC Housing Expo and Home Show

Registration is now open for the District's largest housing event of the year--the 11th Annual DC Housing Expo and Home Show, hosted by the DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Greater Washington Urban League.



This all-day event celebrates "National Homeownership Month," as promoted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Expo also has a District-centered theme of "[June Housing Bloom](#)," which recognizes how the District produces and preserves affordable housing, spurs development in underserved communities and ensures that residents of all backgrounds can afford to live and thrive in the city.

**New This Year: \$5,000 Furniture Set Giveaway**

**When:** Saturday, June 15th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Location:** Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW, Hall D

**Register:** [www.eventbrite.com/e/11th-annual-dc-housing-expo-and-home-show-tickets-60838599890](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/11th-annual-dc-housing-expo-and-home-show-tickets-60838599890).

For accommodation requests, contact: 202-442-7251 or [pamela.hillsman@dc.gov](mailto:pamela.hillsman@dc.gov).

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## DC Walk 4 Recovery

The DC Walk 4 Recovery 2019 is a walk, vendor fair, music concert and candlelight vigil to address the concerns in regards to recovery for a variety of people who are affected by co-occurring disorders. The second Walk 4 Recovery will take place at the National Mall to bring awareness to co-occurring disorders of addiction, mental health, the opioid crisis, bullying, and suicide.



**When:** Saturday, June 22nd at noon

**Location:** 14th Madison and Jefferson Drive NW. Across from the National Museum of African American History and Culture

**Register:** [www.eventbrite.com/e/dc-walk-4-recovery-2019-tickets-60662805083](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/dc-walk-4-recovery-2019-tickets-60662805083).

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## Building a More Inclusive Business

The DC Office of Human Rights will share critical information about how local civil rights protections may impact your business practices. The comprehensive presentation will include legal requirements in public accommodations, as well as best practices to prevent employment discrimination and create a workplace or business that is welcoming to all. The presentation will cover the DC Human Rights Act, the Protecting Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, the Fair Criminal Record Screening for Housing Act, the Fair Credit Act, the Street Harassment Prevention Act and many others.

**When:** Tuesday, June 25th at 10:00 AM

**Location:** 1100 4th Street, SW, 3rd floor (Room E-300)

**Register:** [dcrasbrc.ecenterdirect.com/events/47132](http://dcrasbrc.ecenterdirect.com/events/47132).



**SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP TODAY!**

For existing and inspiring District businesses, the Small Business Resource Center is here for you!

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## 2019 Vocational Career and Job Fair

The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services  
Department of Education and Workforce Development and  
the Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative are  
hosting a Vocational Career and Hiring Fair.

**When:** Wednesday, June 26th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Location:** R.I.S.E. Demonstration Center, 2730 Martin  
Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE

**Register:** [www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-vocational-career-and-job-fair-tickets-58022717510?aff=eac2](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-vocational-career-and-job-fair-tickets-58022717510?aff=eac2)  
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## DCCPD June Meeting

Join the Commission on Persons with Disabilities for their June meeting which will take place in-person on Thursday, June 27th. Public members are encouraged to attend.

**When:** Thursday, June 27th at 10:00 AM

**Location:** 441 4th Street, NW, 11th floor Conference Center

To learn more about the Commission and their upcoming meetings, visit: [odr.dc.gov/DCCPD](http://odr.dc.gov/DCCPD).



## Job Opportunity - The Equal Rights Center

The Equal Rights Center is hiring an Accessibility Rights Manager or Director. This position will be responsible for coordinating and conducting a variety of disability-related testing investigations.

For more information and how to apply, visit:  
[equalrightscenter.org/wp-content/uploads/accessibility-rights-manager-or-director-2019.pdf](http://equalrightscenter.org/wp-content/uploads/accessibility-rights-manager-or-director-2019.pdf).



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## Call to Action to Promote the All of Us Research Program to People with Disabilities

The **All of Us Research Program** is **your** chance to make an impact and get involved in direct, cutting-edge research to find solutions that could help people with disabilities. For the first time, people with disabilities are being encouraged to participate and are being asked to enroll in a study that can directly impact how health care is received in the future. If we truly believe in the concept of “nothing about us without us,” then we must answer the call when asked to participate.



**What is this Call to Action?** The American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) is calling on YOU to learn more about and consider involvement in the National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) All of Us Research Program. If you are interested in participating in the research program, enroll at [www.JoinAllOfUs.org/together](http://www.JoinAllOfUs.org/together).

For further details and the original outreach flyer, please visit: [odr.dc.gov/Action-AAHD](http://odr.dc.gov/Action-AAHD).

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## Olmstead Corner

### The 11th Annual Olmstead Community Integration Conference

Join the Department of Behavioral Health and the Office of Disability Rights in celebrating the 11th Annual Olmstead Community Integration Conference on August 23rd. This year's theme and focus is, "supporting community integration for justice-involved individuals".

This day-long event is free and will include a diverse group of speakers discussing their own personal experiences of moving from an institute setting into the community. Multiple exhibitors with great resources will be available. The event is free and is intended for everyone.

**When:** Friday, August 23rd at 9:00 AM (Doors open at 8:30 AM)



**Location:** THEARC: Town Hall Education Arts  
Recreation Campus, 1901 Mississippi Avenue, SE

**Register:** [olmstead2019.eventbrite.com](https://olmstead2019.eventbrite.com).

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## Preparedness Corner

### Preserving Our Freedom: Ending Institutionalization of People with Disabilities During and After Disasters

The National Council on Disability and the Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies examined available data from several major storms and disasters and found that people with disabilities are frequently institutionalized during and after disasters due to conflicting federal guidance; a lack of equal access to emergency and disaster-related programs and services; and a lack of compliance with federal law. Their report, *Preserving Our Freedom: Ending Institutionalization of People with Disabilities During and After Disasters*, examines occurrences of institutionalization of people with disabilities, as well as threats of institutionalization that were thwarted, in 2017 and 2018, including during Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, Florence, and Michael, and the California wildfires.



**View the full report:** [ncd.gov/publications/2019/preserving-our-freedom](https://ncd.gov/publications/2019/preserving-our-freedom).

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## Looking Back

**Homeland Security and Preparedness Symposium**



ODR had the privilege of attending the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Symposium hosted by HSEMA and Georgetown University's Emergency and Disaster Management Graduate Program.

Experts from around the Capital region spoke about preparedness and response to complex emergencies. This year there was specific attention on the treats faced by houses of worship and schools. Panelists of houses of worship gave their time to speak to us about their personal experiences and the need for collaborative planning efforts across all public safety and human service disciplines to respond to these incidents.



*From left to right: Reverend Frank Pomeroy, First Baptist Church, Mrs. Sherri Pomeroy, First Baptist Church, Reverend Eric Manning, Emmanuel AME Church, Alan Hausman, Tree of Life Synagogue*

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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.