



# ADA TODAY



## Newsletter

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### AIDS 2012

The District will proudly host AIDS 2012: XIX International Conference on AIDS this July. This will be the first time in more than 20 years that this important gathering will take place in the United States. The conference will be held from July 22-27, 2012, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. [To the Conference website](#)

### **XIX International AIDS Conference "AIDS 2012"** **Turning the Tide Together** **Washington D.C. USA, 22 - 27 July 2012**

**The International AIDS Conference** is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward.

**The AIDS 2012 program** will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types – from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging and plenary sessions – will meet the needs of various participants. Other related activities, including the Global Village, satellite meetings, exhibitions and affiliated independent events, will contribute to an exceptional opportunity for professional development and networking.

#### **AIDS 2012 – Conference theme**

The conference theme, “Turning the Tide Together”, reflects a unique moment in time, emphasizing that the HIV epidemic has reached a defining moment. By acting decisively on recent scientific advances in HIV treatment and biomedical prevention, the momentum for a cure, and the continuing evidence of the ability to scale-up key interventions in the most-needed settings, we now have the potential to end the HIV epidemic.

Capturing the current sense of hope and the renewed optimism that a change of course in the epidemic is possible, “Turning the Tide Together” also serves as an urgent call to action. It acknowledges that seizing this potential and actually turning the tide on HIV and AIDS will require commitment and action on many levels: that each and every stakeholder in the HIV and AIDS response must play their role.

“Turning the Tide Together” evokes both the scale of the task in hand and the power of AIDS 2012 to mobilize governments, NGOs, policy makers, scientists, civil society organizations, journalists and people living with HIV to join forces and build the necessary momentum to turn the tide on HIV and AIDS. For more information go to: <http://www.wupy.org/opportunities/events/667-aids-2012.html>

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, May 24, 2012**

**Ida Mae Campbell Foundation “*Breaking Down Stigma*”**

St. Elizabeth Hospital Auditorium – 10:00AM – 2:00PM

1100 Alabama Avenue SE – Washington, DC

May is Mental Health Awareness Month—Take Care of Your Stress. Join the Center and our Sponsors to help celebrate our diverse community and mental health stability. This is an opportunity to receive great mental health information, network, and attend educational workshops. For more information visit:

[www.idamaecampbell.org](http://www.idamaecampbell.org)

**Thursday, May 24, 2012**

**National Association of State Directors of Development Disabilities Services**

Transition to Employment: Evidence-based Policies and Practices

This webinar is a collaborative effort between AUCD's Council on Research and Evaluation (CORE) and the National Association of State Directors of Development Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). The webinar will focus on the following objectives: 1. Examine post-school employment outcomes for transition-age youth with intellectual disabilities, autism and other developmental disabilities; 2. Gain an overview of recommended and promising practices that increase employment outcomes for students with significant intellectual and developmental disabilities; 3. Discuss how research findings can be used to develop public policy to improve transition outcomes. Read more at:

[http://www.aucd.org/template/event.cfm?event\\_id=3144&id=379&parent=379](http://www.aucd.org/template/event.cfm?event_id=3144&id=379&parent=379).

**May 30, 2012 - June 1, 2012**

**2012 National Transition Conference: College and Careers for Youth with Disabilities**  (click there)

Location: Washington, DC

This important conference will provide a forum for the development of an action agenda, bring together critical partners in the transition community to exchange innovative ideas and approaches; demonstrate knowledge gained from policy implementation; share transition practices and research findings; and promote and facilitate the development of networks and relationships.. Read more at

<http://www.transition2012.org/>.

**June 18, 2012**

**Contemporary Practices in Early Childhood Intervention**

NATIONAL 4-H Youth Conference Center 7100 Connecticut Ave Chevy Chase, MD 20815

**Conference Partners**

- Georgetown University, Center for Child and Human Development, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
- Strong Start: District of Columbia's Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program
- District of Columbia Developmental Disabilities Council
- University Legal Services, Protection and Advocacy Services of the District of Columbia
- Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities

**Purpose**

Contemporary Practices in Early Childhood Intervention will provide early intervention providers, child care providers, and families with information on what is considered best practice in services for infants and toddlers with disabilities. [Click here for the Agenda](#) or go to

<http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/training/June%202012%20Agenda.pdf>

## Federal News

### **Federal Administration for Community Living Advances the Interests of People with Disabilities**

NASDDDS strongly supports the Obama administration's decision to create the Administration for Community Living (ACL) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This new agency, announced on Monday April 16, will encompass the Administration on Aging (AOA), the Administration on Developmental (ADD), and the Office on Disability ((OD). Read more at <http://www.nasddds.org/pdf/FederalAdministrationForCommunityLivingAdvancesTheInterestsOfPeopleWithDisabilities.pdf>

### **Current U.S. Unemployment Statistics for Persons with Disabilities, Not Seasonally Adjusted**

15.8% - Unemployment rate for people with disabilities

8.5% - Unemployment rate for persons with no disability, not seasonally adjusted

19.9% - Percentage of people with disabilities in the labor force

69.2% - Percentage of people with no disability in the labor force

Source: [February 2012, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) (click there)

### **Disability Employment Practices Vary, SHRM/Cornell Research Finds**

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) has released the first in a series of three studies conducted in collaboration with, and commissioned by Cornell University. Read more at <http://www.shrm.org/hrdisciplines/Diversity/Articles/Pages/disabilityemploymentpracticesvary.aspx>

### **Are Employees Comfortable Disclosing Disability?**

Americans with disabilities are most likely to disclose their disability when they need an accommodation or have a supportive supervisor and are least likely to do so if they fear they will lose a job, or fail to gain one, by doing so. Read more at

<http://www.shrm.org/hrdisciplines/Diversity/Articles/Pages/ComfortableDisclosingDisability.aspx>

### **Health Care Providers Settle HIV Discrimination Complaints with Justice Department**

The U.S. Department of Justice has reached settlements with two health care providers that refused services to people with living HIV in violation of the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#) (ADA). Two men with HIV were denied medical services by a podiatrist and a chiropractor because of their HIV. On a visit to one of the clinics a receptionist told one individual that the doctor would not see him because they could not treat people "like him." Read more at: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2012/May/12-crt-614.html>

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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.

