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| **September 2018** |

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| Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the ABA

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| **Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) of 1968**, legislation that required accessibility accommodations in federal buildings and federally-funded entities for individuals with physical disabilities. Passed by Congress in 1968, it marks one of the first efforts to ensure access to the built environment. Happy 50th Anniversary to the ABA! Learn more about the ABA, [https://www.access-board.gov/the-board/laws/architectural-barriers-act-aba](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwOTIwLjk1MTU4MzYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDkyMC45NTE1ODM2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzA2Mjk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&100&&&https://www.access-board.gov/the-board/laws/architectural-barriers-act-aba)  |  |  |

Upcoming EventsDeaf Celebration Day

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| Deaf Celebration Day**In recognition of September being Deaf Awareness Month, please join us by celebrating our 3rd Annual Deaf Celebration Day.** This event is open to everyone; bring your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and family members!**When:** Saturday, September 22nd, 3 - 6 p.m. Doors open at 2:30.**Location:** Gallaudet University, The Museum at Chapel Hall, 800 Florida Ave NE**Register for free,** [**https://deafcelebrationday.eventbrite.com**](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwOTIwLjk1MTU4MzYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDkyMC45NTE1ODM2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzA2Mjk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&102&&&https://deafcelebrationday.eventbrite.com) |

Redefining Inclusion**Join Syracuse University’s Lawrence B. Taishoff Center for Inclusive Higher Education** as they bring their message of lifelong inclusion for people with disabilities to Washington, DC. Hosted in partnership with the Syracuse University Alumni Association and will feature the DC premiere of Dan Habib’s new documentary, “Intelligent Lives”. **When:** Wednesday, September 26th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**Location:** National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor**Register for free:** [http://cusecommunity.syr.edu/s/1632/17/interior.aspx?sid=1632&gid=2&pgid=3341&cid=6371&ecid=6371&crid=0&calpgid=430&calcid=1194](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwOTIwLjk1MTU4MzYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDkyMC45NTE1ODM2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzA2Mjk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&103&&&http://cusecommunity.syr.edu/s/1632/17/interior.aspx?sid=1632&gid=2&pgid=3341&cid=6371&ecid=6371&crid=0&calpgid=430&calcid=1194) Commission on Persons with Disabilities - September Meeting

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| **Join the Commission on Persons with Disabilities for their September Meeting.** This month's meeting is in-person. All public members are encouraged to join. For a reasonable accommodation request, please contact Julia.wolhandler@dc.gov. **When:** Thursday, September 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**Location:** 441 4th Street NW, 11th Floor |  |  |

Congratulations New Commissioners!

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| **Congratulations to newly appointed Commissioners,** Edward James, Jeremy Mann, and Mary Wade. Congratulations to re-appointed Commissioners, Dr. Silvia Martinez and Travis Painter. All were sworn in amongst 355 appointees to various Boards and Commissions on Tuesday evening by Mayor Muriel Bowser at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.To learn more about the Commission on Persons with Disabilities visit, [https://odr.dc.gov/page/dc-commission-persons-disabilities](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwOTIwLjk1MTU4MzYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDkyMC45NTE1ODM2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzA2Mjk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&105&&&https://odr.dc.gov/page/dc-commission-persons-disabilities)For more photos from the September 2018 Swearing in Ceremony visit our Facebook Page: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/disabilityrights/photos/?tab=album&album\_id=1862462117123087](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwOTIwLjk1MTU4MzYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDkyMC45NTE1ODM2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzA2Mjk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&106&&&https://www.facebook.com/pg/disabilityrights/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1862462117123087) |  |  |

Metro South Asian Deaf Association 15th Anniversary

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| **Join the Metro South Asian Deaf Association 15th Anniversary / Regional Conference****When:**Friday, September 28th to Saturday, September 29th**Location:** Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave, NE**Registration available at,** [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/msada-15th-anniversary-regional-conference-tickets-43561009151?aff=ebdssbdestsearch#tickets](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwOTIwLjk1MTU4MzYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDkyMC45NTE1ODM2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzA2Mjk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&107&&&https://www.eventbrite.com/e/msada-15th-anniversary-regional-conference-tickets-43561009151?aff=ebdssbdestsearch#tickets) |  |  |

Office of the Tenant Advocate's 11th Annual Tenant Summit

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| **Come visit ODR's booth at this year's 11th Annual Tenant and Tenant Association Summit.** Tenant Rights Advocates are encouraged to attend!**When:** Saturday, September 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**Location:** Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave, NE**Register for free:** [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/11th-annual-tenant-tenant-association-summit-registration-49188307552](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwOTIwLjk1MTU4MzYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDkyMC45NTE1ODM2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzA2Mjk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&109&&&https://www.eventbrite.com/e/11th-annual-tenant-tenant-association-summit-registration-49188307552) |  |  |

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| AnnouncementsDisability Mentoring Days

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| **ODR and the Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) are seeking job seekers, college, and high school students with disabilities** to participate in the 2018 Disability Mentoring Days (DMD) program with the District of Columbia Government.The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) is the national sponsor of the event and we partner with AAPD to coordinate the DMD activities in DC. **For more information and to apply, please visit,** [**https://odr.dc.gov/publication/disability-mentoring-days-2018**](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwOTIwLjk1MTU4MzYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDkyMC45NTE1ODM2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzA2Mjk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&111&&&https://odr.dc.gov/publication/disability-mentoring-days-2018)  |  |  |

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

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| **September is recognized as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.**Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background.We aim to open the conversation and educate the public and advocates surrounding mental health and continue to fight stigma, attitudes and misconceptions associated with it.Local resources includes the Department of Behavioral Health which offers the Access HelpLine:  1-888-793-4357 where individuals can call to get emergency psychiatric care, help with problem solving, and to find out what services are available. <www.dbh.dc.gov>For national resources, visit [nami.org](nami.org%20) |  |  |

National Preparedness Month

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| Ready DC Logo**September marks the annual observance of National Preparedness Month.** This provides an opportunity to remind us that we all must prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year. Take time to learn lifesaving skills − such as CPR and first aid, check your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as flood, earthquakes, and tornados.**Learn how you can be prepared Through Ready DC,** [**https://ready.dc.gov/page/people-disabilities-and-access-and-functional-needs**](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwOTIwLjk1MTU4MzYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDkyMC45NTE1ODM2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzA2Mjk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&114&&&https://ready.dc.gov/page/people-disabilities-and-access-and-functional-needs) |

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| Olmstead Corner |
| Olmstead Corner**On August 20, 2018, the DC Office of Disability Rights and the DC Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) hosted the 10th Annual Olmstead Community Integration Conference.** The theme for this year’s Conference was Creating Wellness and Improving Quality of Life.  We hosted nearly ninety (90) attendees and twenty-three vendors, who collaborated to help the community explore together what wellness truly means. Additionally, ODR presented the first Laura E. White award to Mr. Iden D. Campbell-McCollum, recognizing his commitment to community integration and  to helping others stay well and live successfully in the community.For more information about DC’s Olmstead Community Integration Plan, “DC—One Community for All,” you may [click here](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwOTIwLjk1MTU4MzYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDkyMC45NTE1ODM2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzA2Mjk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&115&&&https://odr.dc.gov/page/olmstead-community-integration-plan-dc-one-community-all) to read about the District’s Plan and learn what DC is doing to help people with disabilities live successfully in the community.  If you have questions about Olmstead and what it might mean to you as a District resident, you may email olmstead@dc.gov or contact the District’s Olmstead Coordinator, Jessica Hunt, ODR’s Attorney Advisor. *Director Mathew McCollough stands with Serena Lowe, Senior Policy Advisor at the Administration for Community Living**Iden Campbell McCollum and Director Mathew McCollough with the Laure E. White Award**Commissioner Shakira Hemphill of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities speaks at the Podium*For more photos from the 10th Annual Olmstead Conference visit our Facebook Page, [https://www.facebook.com/pg/disabilityrights/photos/?tab=album&album\_id=1862481740454458](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwOTIwLjk1MTU4MzYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDkyMC45NTE1ODM2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MzA2Mjk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&116&&&https://www.facebook.com/pg/disabilityrights/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1862481740454458)  |
| For Information about ODR’s Newsletter call (202)724-5055 or visit the web at odr.dc.gov.441 4th Street NW, Suite 729 North, Washington DC 20001, Phone: (202)724-5055Fax: (202)727-9484 E-mail: ODR.Complaints@dc.govMISSION STATEMENTThe 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. |

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