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ALABAMA DISABILITIES ADVOCACY PROGRAM
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The Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP) is part of the nationwide federally funded protection and advocacy (P&A) system. ADAP provides advocacy services to Alabamians with disabilities to protect, promote and expand their rights.

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IEP Transition Trainings: Just in Time for Spring IEP Season!

ADAP and the State Dept. of Education are co-hosting a series of **trainings** in north Alabama on writing IEPs for transition-aged students.

These weekend and evening trainings will be held in Florence, Huntsville, Jacksonville and Tuscaloosa. The Florence training is tomorrow, Saturday, March 15th at 10:30 at the Florence Public Library. For more information, click [here](#).

More dates and locations may be added later. Let us know if you want to schedule one in YOUR community!

Alabama Recovery Conference April 7-9, 2014 Shocco Springs Conference Center

The Annual Alabama Recovery Conference has become one of the highlights of the year for many consumers in Alabama. Over 800 attendees from around the state gather for three days of education and fellowship. The conference features nationally known speakers and a number of workshops on consumer issues and interests. Social activities include a talent show and dance. Most of the attendees are consumers, and the conference often includes consumers from other states and international attendees.

The Alabama Recovery Conference is planned and coordinated by consumers and is a project of the Office of Consumer Relations of the Mental Illness Division and Substance Abuse Services of

the Alabama Department of Mental Health and the Alabama Directions Council. The Office of Consumer Relations, which is staffed by consumers, coordinates the conference with the assistance of the Alabama Directions Council. The Directions Council is made up of local support group leaders, drop-in center leaders, and statewide consumer organizations and is made up entirely of consumers.

How to Register: <http://www.adap/2014recoverybrochure.pdf>

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Medicaid Managed Care

To implement Alabama's change to a Medicaid managed care system, the state is applying to the federal government for a waiver that permits Alabama to run its Medicaid program according to different rules. The Alabama Medicaid Agency will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 18 at 10 a.m. at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens to accept comments from the public.

For more information about this hearing and the waiver application, click [here](#).

ADAP is closely tracking the waiver application process to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to necessary and quality healthcare. ADAP welcomes questions from families and advocates about this important issue.

The ADA National Network is hosting a new sessions for the Accessible Technology Webinar Series titled "Introduction to ARIA."

Event Date/Time: Thursday, March 27th, 2014 - 1:00 PM CDT - 2:30 PM CDT

Location: Online Webinar

Find out what the Accessible Rich Internet Application (ARIA) is and how it is important to accessibility in web design. See demonstrations of the effect ARIA roles, particularly landmark roles, can have on the accessibility of your web pages. Learn how easy it is to add ARIA landmark roles to your code in both standard HTML pages and in WordPress themes.

Time: 1:00-2:30PM CT

Speaker: Virginia DeBoltConsultant

Registration Required: Yes

Cost: Free

Link: <http://adagreat.powweb.com/Registration/>

Deadline: Wednesday, March 26, 2014



HAVE PRESENTATION. WILL TRAVEL.

Are you a member of a group that needs a speaker for an upcoming meeting? If so, ADAP can fill this need. ADAP staff provides education/training sessions on a wide variety of disability-related topics including, but not limited to: the Americans with Disabilities Act, Medicaid waivers, guardianships, special education, general disability rights, and transition services for youth who will soon become adults. We will also speak on specifically requested, disability-related topics. If you are interested in making arrangements for ADAP to come speak at one of your meetings, please contact Vicki Hubbard, one of ADAP's Legal Assistants, by calling 205-348-5093, or emailing her, vhubbard@adap.ua.edu or adap@adap.ua.edu.



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