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- **March 23:** The [Alameda County Transition Faire](#) is an opportunity for students and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, service providers, and school district staff to learn about adult services. The Faire includes an educational showcase of adult service programs and a variety of educational workshops. [Registration](#) is required by March 11.
- **April 27:** Save the date for [Congreso Familiar](#), a free conference in Spanish for families of individuals with special needs. Workshops, food, music and fun for the entire family. For more information contact Angela Gattis at (925) 313-0999 extension 206 or agattis@careparentnetwork.org.
- **May 11:** [Lions Special Kids Day](#) is a free event for children and adults with emotional, developmental and physical disabilities, their parents, siblings and caregivers only. [Registration](#) is required.
- **May 24:** The Center for Independent Living in Berkeley offers free trainings, advocacy classes, services and events that increase awareness, collaboration and opportunity among people with disabilities. [Scavenger Hunt, A Travel Training Adventure](#) is fun event centered around teaching students how to navigate in the community.

Legislative Information



- **March 6 at 2:30 pm** is the **Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1** hearing at the Capitol building, which is an opportunity to provide input on the amount of funds that will be spent on services for individuals with I/DD. The agenda can be found [here](#). The **Senate Budget Subcommittee #3** hearing will be held on **May 2** at the Capitol Building, more information will be shared as it becomes available.
- Resources are available to provide some background and context for the budget:
 - ⇒ Assembly Members Frazier and Holden have written a letter requesting an [8 percent across-the-board rate increase](#) to provider reimbursement rates.
 - ⇒ A two-minute video explaining how the lives of Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities are being impacted by the low prices paid to disability service providers can be found [here](#).
 - ⇒ The LAO has released the [2019-20 Budget: Analysis of the Department of Developmental Services Budget](#) The California Budget & Policy Center has created a useful document [Dollars and Democracy: Understanding How the State Budget Process Relates to the Policy Bill Process](#).

Opportunities and Announcements



- The Housing Authority of Contra Costa has announced the **opening of Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Waiting Lists for 4 properties**. The waiting list will be open from April 1 at 10 am through April 5 at 4 pm. Information is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Further details on the PBV program can be found [here](#).
- **March 14-15: UCSF Health Professionals Conference** 2-day interdisciplinary conference addressing a variety of topics, including the impact of trauma and immigration on child development and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **Care Parent Network** is offering a new parent support group in Concord. Share the [flyer](#) with anyone who may be interested!

Grants and Research



- **Kaiser Permanente** Diablo Area has released their [2019 Community Benefit Request for Proposals](#). Local non-profit, public health, and human service organizations that improve the health of low-income, under-served communities in Central and East Contra Costa County and the Tri-Valley Area of Alameda County are invited to apply. The health funding priorities are: 1) healthy eating active living, 2) access to care and coverage, and 3) mental health and wellness. Applications are due by March 22.
- [Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program](#): Two new grant opportunities have been announced. One is to fund a [research project](#) aimed at improving community living and participation, and the other is to fund a [development project](#) with the same aim. Both grant opportunities close on March 25.
- **Stanford Medicine and Stanford Children's Health** are currently recruiting for two research studies. The first is to examine the effectiveness of a [Developmental Reciprocity Treatment Program](#) in targeting social communication abilities in children between the ages of 2 and 5 years with autism. The second is to identify brain imaging predictors of benefits from [Pivotal Response Treatment](#) (PRT) targeting language abilities in children between the ages of 2 and 4.

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