

# The Council's Corner

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## Upcoming Events



- **July 13:** [Good Health & Mental Wellness in Teens/Adults with Down Syndrome](#). Presented by Dr. Brian Chicoine, Medical Director of the Adult Down Syndrome Center of Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois. Registration fee is \$25, and registration is available online at link above.
- **August 3:** Save the date for [Congreso Familiar](#), a conference dedicated to promoting education and leadership skills within Spanish speaking families who have children or family members with disabilities. Registration is now open for community partners who wish to participate in the [information fair](#).
- **September 15:** "Leave your troubles on the shore" and catch a new friend at the [C.A.S.T. for Kids](#) fishing event in Bethel Island. This is a no-charge fishing event for special needs children and their families.
- **September 25:** Regular Council Board meetings will resume after a summer break. Please plan to join us then!

## News and Action Alerts



- Have you heard? [Tommy Hilfiger](#) has released a line of **adaptive clothing** which includes items with easy closures, fits for prosthetics, easy of movement and seated wear.
- **Barbie** has become a little more diverse with the addition of two dolls with disabilities. See this [Mighty article](#) for details.
- **PG&E** has released a [fact sheet](#) with information about the Public Safety Power Shutoff program. As we head in to the summer months, review the program and reach out to PG&E with questions or concerns, particularly if your household requires power for medical devices. You can also [sign up](#) for notifications and alerts.
- **Able Accounts**, which allow people with disabilities save money without risking the loss of government benefits are catching on, but slowly. This [SF Chronicle article](#) explains.

## Opportunities and Announcements



- Do you use **accessible public transportation**? Do you support people who do? Do you want to use that experience and knowledge to shape ongoing planning in our community? Contra Costa Transportation Authority is conducting the Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan to ensure that transportation services to seniors and persons with disabilities are being delivered in a coordinated manner. They are accepting nominations from individuals who are interested in serving on advisory committees. Submit your self-nomination directly to the study contacts indicated on the [Oversight Committee Structure](#).
- Are you interested in **becoming a leader**, or a better leader, in your organization and the intellectual and developmental disabilities field? If so, the [California Leadership Institute](#) might be a good opportunity for you. This intensive, week-long Leadership Institute is being offered in El Cajon, the week of September 8. Registration fees go up after July 15.
- The [California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities](#) (CCEPD) is seeking a person with a disability and a business representative to serve as representatives to the Committee. The CCEPD advances **employment for people with disabilities** by making policy recommendations to the Secretary of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency and the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency.
- As **Self-Determination** rolls out statewide, local advisory committees continue to provide oversight, create and distribute best-practices and training materials, and make recommendations for improvement for this new program. Local advisory committees for both [RCEB](#) and [GGRC](#) are recruiting to fill open seats.
- A critical observation from 2018 major disasters and those that came before is that the needs of individuals with I/DD who are reliant on complex community support systems to remain independent and live in the community are not adequately addressed during disaster and emergency preparedness planning. In response, a **grant opportunity** has been forecast for the National Technical Assistance Resource Center on Disaster/Emergency Preparedness, [Response & Recovery for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities](#).

## At the Library



- [Discover & Go](#) offers access to cultural learning all over the Bay Area by offering free tickets to various museums and other venues to library card holders. Now you can also get **free BART tickets** to select venues from July through October! Click on the Discover & Go banner at [ccclib.org](#) for details and to request tickets.
- while you're at [ccclib.org](#), the **Annual Book Giveaway** banner will give you details about the opportunity to stock up on free books for your summer reading! The [book giveaway](#) will be July 16-20 in Pleasant Hill.

Please forward any news, opportunities events, or alerts [here](#) for distribution to the council!

For more information on the Contra Costa Developmental Disabilities Council and its mission, please visit us on the web at <http://cchealth.org/groups/ddc> or contact:

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