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Upcoming Events



- **October 11:** The Office of Developmental Primary Care at UCSF will be hosting a free, public screening of the award-winning documentary, [Deej](#), followed by a Q & A with DJ Savarese. Deej is a documentary about autism and inclusion. The screening will take place at UCSF on Friday, October 11th. Registration is not required, and more details are available [here](#).
- **October 18:** The [Transition Fair at Willow Creek Center](#) is a unique opportunity to meet with the people who provide adult services in Contra Costa County and find out more about available programs. A panel of students and parents will also discuss their successful transition from school to adult life. This event is free and open to all.
- **October 19: Special Connections Summit** free for parents and caregivers of children with special needs, ages 3 and up. Summit includes workshops, childcare, resources, raffle, lunch and entertainment. More information is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), register [online](#). Event to be held at Contra Costa College, from 8 am to noon.
- **October 23:** Join us at the next **Developmental Disabilities Board of Directors Meeting**. All are welcome, stay tuned for meeting agenda.
- **October 26:** Registration is now open for [Vision for the Future: Educational Options for Students with Disabilities](#). This conference is for parents and students ages 14 and older to learn about options after high school including vocational programs, adult education, community college, university, and lifelong learning.
- **October 27: Special Needs Sibling Panel** Hosted by Emily Holl, director of the Sibling Support Project, the discussion will look at the issues faced by brothers and sisters of people with special needs and how parents and caregivers can best support them. Presented by SEED Lafayette.
- **October 30:** 6th Annual [Disability and Access and Functional Needs Forum](#) – this emergency preparedness forum focuses on keeping people with disabilities and access and functional needs safe and healthy during disasters. Speakers include first responders sharing information about their experience and lessons learned in the 2018 Butte County fire, and the 2018 Sonoma County floods. Event is free, and online registration is required.

Parent and Family Resources



The [Community Empowerment Project](#) is a joint project of two peer parent agencies; Family Resource Navigators (FRN) and Care Parent Network (CPN) that began in March 2019. The mission of the Community Empowerment Project is to build trust and empower families of children 0-21 with developmental disabilities (ie. Regional Center eligible) who identify as African American in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Stay tuned for more details for a information and resource conference in the spring of 2020. Also, Care Parent Network offers a monthly support group for African American moms. For meeting dates and location contact Chereese at CLeBlanc@careparentnetwork.org.

Emergency Prep and Response



Recently community members with Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs (D/AFN) were invited to role play at a search and rescue evacuation exercise. [Click here](#) to read about the exercise, and see photos of the role players in action!

As you think about your own emergency preparation, consider making (or updating) your Go Bag. [What's a Go Bag?](#) It's a bag that first responders are trained to look for when evacuating people from their homes. Have your essentials all in one place in case you ever need to leave home in a hurry!

And remember, there is still time to register to attend the free [D/AFN Forum](#) on October 30.

Did You Know?



- California will become the first state in the country to provide mental health awareness training for all 911 dispatchers. See the [press release](#) from Assemblymember Chu for details.
- If you want to enjoy a yummy, casual breakfast out on a Sunday, and support individuals in our special needs community as they learn restaurant skills such as taking orders, delivering food and bussing tables, have [Breakfast at Stable Cafe!](#) They serve breakfast monthly, will the next date being this coming Sunday, October 13, from 8 am to noon. [Reservations](#) are required.

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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