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Upcoming Events



- **November 20:** Developmental Disabilities Council Board of Directors meeting from 10am to noon. A presentation on **Health Career Pathways** will be made by Shannon Ladner-Beasley from Contra Costa Health Services. Meeting is held at RCEB 4th floor conference room, 1320 Willow Pass Road in Concord. *Note: this meeting is the 3rd Weds of the month due to Thanksgiving holiday* There will be no Council meeting in December.
- **December 3:** Free [Disaster Summit](#) in Contra Costa County, training for nonprofits and community based organizations. Learn to navigate the "Circles of Preparedness", starting with your own personal preparedness and safety, then moving outwards to your agency's preparedness, then learn how to form an awesome response team using the fundamentals of Incident Command System (ICS) for Community Responders, and finally see a panel about how to partner with government agencies to form a powerful whole community response. Focus will be on preparedness for Access and Functional Needs (AFN) populations, because preparedness is for *everyone!* This event will also be offered in Alameda County on December 2.
- **March 14, 2020:** Save the date- **Alameda County Transition Faire**. This informational faire is an opportunity for students with developmental disabilities and their families, teachers, case manager and staff to learn more about the transition process and adult services located in Alameda County and beyond. Registration opens in January 2020, contact sandi.soliday@acgov.org with questions.
- **March 28, 2020:** Save the date- **Autism Star Conference**, a family-focused conference for parent, guardians and caregivers of children with autism, birth to 21 years old. 8am to 3pm at Contra Costa Community College, San Pablo. Registration opens in January 2020, contact palbeno@careparentnetwork.org with questions.

Parent and Family Resources



- The Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area and the Alzheimer's Association invites you to participate in the [Down Syndrome and Dementia Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group](#), the third Thursday of the month from 6 to 7pm.
- **Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)** is a national non-profit organization with over 200,000 members and supporters in the United States. The mission is to offer support for families, allies and people who are LGBTQ, educate ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ, and advocate in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ. Parents interested in attending a support meeting in the Claycord area can reach out to Kathleen.Krentz@krentz.biz for meeting details.

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- Each year, **Care Parent Network** identifies families of children with special needs who are also in great financial need at the holidays. They depend on generous community donors to help provide gifts for these families. If you are able, consider [sponsoring a Care family](#) for the holidays. **Contact Care by November 15.**
- **Ability Now Bay Area** posted a job opening for Executive Director. See the [position announcement](#) and [job description](#) for more info.
- The **Department of Developmental Services (DDS)** is reaching out to families and stakeholders to hear directly about their experiences with, and perceptions about, crisis and other "safety net" services. In addition to three roundtable discussions taking place throughout the State, there is also an [online survey](#) available thru November 15. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your input.
- With a grant from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the California Supported Living Network (CSLN) is starting the **PAVE Project**. The PAVE Project is a **Person Centered, Advocacy, Vision and Education Project**, with the goal of ensuring quality-based outcomes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They are looking for people receiving services, self-advocates, family members, and staff to join the [PAVE Project Advisory Group](#). The deadline to apply to participate is November 22.

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- **Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) resources:** To track power outages in your area, to go [PG&E](#). Governor Newsom launched a [website](#) for Californians impacted by wildfires and utility-directed power shutoffs. You can call a non-emergency hotline between 9am-9pm at 1-833-284-3473 to access safety resources. To receive PSPS text alerts by zip code, text "ENROLL" to 97633.
- The California Health and Human Services Agency has compiled useful tools including information about food and services for people with disabilities. Here is a tool to make an [emergency plan](#), and an [emergency supply kit check list](#). Also, a new [consumer page](#) provides various resources available for those in de-energization areas.
- A recent [article](#) in the San Francisco Chronicle reports on how PG&E may provide funding for batteries and hotel vouchers for people with disabilities affected by PSPS events.

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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