

# The New Hampshire Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD)

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## Message from Charles J. Saia, Executive Director

### Dear Readers:

On July 11, 2014, Governor Hassan signed into law HB1635, which emanated as a result of the settlement between the Federal and State Government and those citizens of New Hampshire with mental illness. We applaud and thank the Governor in her efforts with the implementation of this bipartisan piece of legislation, which seeks to strengthen and better our system of mental health care. Additionally, we extend our thanks to the legislators, advocates and other interested parties for their work in this law. The full text of the law may be found at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2014/HB1635.pdf>.

With Best Regards,

Chuck Saia

## Legislative Wrap Up

As the New Hampshire legislative session wraps up here are some bills pertaining to people with disabilities. For more information on the bills please go to [http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/quick\\_search.html](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/quick_search.html)

**HB1174:** Bill to establish a commission to identify and recommend changes to New Hampshire laws and rules on the payment of subminimum wages to persons with disabilities.

**HB1568:** This bill will make it a crime to impersonate a person with a disability in order to receive a service animal.

**SB396:** This bill will place stricter limits upon the use of restraint practices against children, especially children with disabilities, and will call for a timelier reporting of any incident to parents.

## Reports, Articles, Presentations

### **The Olmstead Decision's Role in Community Integration for People with Disabilities with Medicaid**, June 2014-issue brief

[http://kaiserfamilyfoundation.files.wordpress.com/2014/06/8602-olmstead\\_s-role-in-community-integration-for-people-with-disabilities-under-medicaid.pdf](http://kaiserfamilyfoundation.files.wordpress.com/2014/06/8602-olmstead_s-role-in-community-integration-for-people-with-disabilities-under-medicaid.pdf).

### **An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) case study**

[http://www.newenglandada.org/sites/default/files/RhodeIslandTitleIICaseStudy.pdf?utm\\_source=Access](http://www.newenglandada.org/sites/default/files/RhodeIslandTitleIICaseStudy.pdf?utm_source=Access)

### **“Cost of Not Caring-Mental Illness in America”**

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/06/25/usa-today-mental-health-america-series/11334699/> This series by USA Today covers the discrimination and stigma faced by people with mental illness.

### **Disaster Preparedness Conference**

On June 11, 2014 the GCD, the New England ADA Center, and Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) presented at the New Hampshire Emergency Preparedness Conference. The conference had over 600 attendees. The goal of the conference was to “promote and strengthen interdisciplinary partnerships to increase New Hampshire’s ability to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from all hazards.” In addition to the presentation the GCD had an exhibitor table. The GCD Accessibility Specialist staffed the GCD table answering questions and providing additional information and resources on accessibility. Information on: Person First Language, Service Dogs, the Client Assistance Program (CAP), the NH Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program, SILC was provided. To go along with the presentations a Resource Guide was developed, and distributed during the presentation and at the exhibitor table. A link to the presentation ***Fostering Connections with People Living with Disabilities*** and the corresponding Resource Guide can be found at

[http://www.nhemergencyprepconference.com/uploads/Fostering\\_Connections\\_Final.pdf](http://www.nhemergencyprepconference.com/uploads/Fostering_Connections_Final.pdf)

## Events and Trainings

### **New Hampshire Health Protection Insurance Program (NHHP)**

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/nhhpp/index.htm> Applications for the NHHP may be submitted starting July 1, 2014, with coverage for the NHHP starting on August 15, 2014. Applications may be submitted online at [www.nheasy.nh.gov](http://www.nheasy.nh.gov), by calling the Medicaid Service Center at 1-888-901-4999 You can also visit a New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) district office see <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/contactus/districtoffices.htm> for a listing of the offices. You can also visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

**Webinar on Accessible Event Planning July 18, 2014 from 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM**

For more information and to register go to <http://www.edi.cornell.edu/register/index.cfm?event=4509>  
**Memory Café at the Nashua Public Library on Friday, July 18 2014, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

This a monthly gathering of people with early memory loss and their caregivers. Each month's program will have activities centered on a theme, along with plenty of time to enjoy free refreshments and socialize with others in the same situation. The theme for July is music. For more information and to register please call 589-4610 or go to [www.tinyurl.com/nplevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/nplevents) and scrolling down to July 18.

### **“Digital Interventions for improving Executive Functioning”, July 18, 2014, Portsmouth, NH**

[http://iod.unh.edu/Services/eventdetail/14-04-30/Digital\\_Interventions\\_for\\_Document\\_Disorganization.aspx](http://iod.unh.edu/Services/eventdetail/14-04-30/Digital_Interventions_for_Document_Disorganization.aspx)

Registration and tuition required to attend this training by the Institute on Disability. Contact 603.228.2084 or email [events.iod@unh.edu](mailto:events.iod@unh.edu)

### **New England ADA Center Poetry Slam, July 23, 2014**

Celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA by attending a Poetry Slam and Art Exhibition by artists with Disabilities. Refreshments will be served from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM, and the poetry slam will take place from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. This event will be at the Institute for Human Centered Design, home of the New England ADA Center, 200 Portland Street, First Floor, Boston, MA 02114. Please RSVP if you are interested in attending to Stacy Hart at [shart@ihcdesign.org](mailto:shart@ihcdesign.org) or 800-949-4232 (Voice/TTY).

### **Webinar-Cancer and Employment Issues, July 23, 2014 from 3-4 pm (EST)**

This **free** webinar is for employers, human resources professionals, and supervisors. Registration is required. **Registration closes July 18, 2014.** For more information and to register please go to <http://kter.org/ktactivities/webcasts/159/>

### **July 2014 Trainings and Events Calendar from the New Hampshire Bureau of Developmental Services** <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/documents/trainingcalendar.pdf>

## **Resource Corner**

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Toolkit** <http://adaanniversary.org/>

**2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design**  
[http://www.ada.gov/2010ADASTandards\\_index.htm](http://www.ada.gov/2010ADASTandards_index.htm)

**Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Standards** <http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-aba-standards/aba-standards>

**Online Guide to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards-Chapters 1-3** <http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/guide-to-the-ada-standards>

**Accessibility Online** is a series of **free** audio conferences and webinars on accessibility including: built environment, communication, technology, transportation, and more. <http://www.accessibilityonline.org/> This training is a collaboration between the ADA National Network and the U.S. Access Board. Webinars are archived for later viewing.

## Disability Awareness

**The ADA Story Teller Project** <http://www.southwestada.org/html/adastoryteller/index.html>  
This website shares the stories of people living with disabilities and the barriers faced and overcame.

**“Rapping with a Spinal Cord Injury”** <http://www.newmobility.com/2014/07/4-wheel-city/>

**“Mission Possible Podcasts”** <https://soundcloud.com/#ticnetwork/mission-possible-oc/recommended> including one feature Oce Harrison, EdD, Project Director New England ADA Center

## Famous People with a Disability

**Did you know Abraham Lincoln had Depression?** To learn more please go to [http://www.nami.org/Template\\_EoY.cfm?Section=Not\\_Alone&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=145757](http://www.nami.org/Template_EoY.cfm?Section=Not_Alone&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=145757)

**David Boies is an attorney who has successfully argued cases in front of the United States Supreme Court.** This famous lawyer also has Dyslexia. Learn more about his story at [http://www.nclld.org/ld-insights/blogs/david-boies-interview-dyslexia?utm\\_source=standalone\\_march\\_26\\_2014&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=image&utm\\_campaign=cultem](http://www.nclld.org/ld-insights/blogs/david-boies-interview-dyslexia?utm_source=standalone_march_26_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_content=image&utm_campaign=cultem) (in audio and Spanish)

## Quotes for the Month

You must make the best out of life with what you have." - Maria Liaskou, person living with a disability

*"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude." Thomas Jefferson*

**"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Thomas Jefferson**

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