



D.A.W.N., Inc.

Membership Notice

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Disabled Advocates Working for Northwest, Inc.
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If you would like to receive this notice on tape or via e-mail, please call the office (973 361-5666 or TTY 973 361-6032) with your request, or e-mail your request to (info@dawncil.org). Thank you.

The next membership meeting will be:

February 6th Time - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Parsippany Library Presentation - Rutgers Extension Service – Topic is Budgeting

Reminder: In order for us to make the necessary arrangements for special accommodation needs (interpreter, personal assistant, braille, etc.), it is essential that you notify the office at least two weeks prior to an event.

Format Change:

The newsletters will now be released every other month. Because of this change, you will receive a newsletter this month and then not until the end of March and every other month thereafter. Dates of events will be listed in advance so be sure to retain this information.

Happy New Year to all!

I hope this finds you all Healthy and looking forward to a year filled with Peace and Happiness. I wanted to take this opportunity to let you all know the outcome of your efforts towards our Annual Holiday Fundraiser and our membership drive. Thanks to the support of members like yourself, both activities have proven to be the most successful that this organization has experienced.

- Our annual fundraiser realized a net profit of over \$1600.00
- Our yearly membership dues increased by over 40%.

Without your support this would not have been possible. As you know, all the proceeds realized from these activities are used directly towards services provided to our members.

This is a very exciting end to my first year as the Executive Director. I would like to thank all our members, the Board of Directors and Staff for all your support this year and I am looking forward to a very bright future for us all. I would also like to thank the many businesses that supported us through out the year with donations. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Sincerely,
Carmela

A Sincere Thank You to Our Benefactors

We would like to take this time to extend our most sincere appreciation to the following individuals, groups, and organizations for their invaluable support. For without their continued support and funding Centers for Independent Living could not exist.

- A & A Fine Foods
- Ashley Farms
- Boston Market of Succasunna
- Budd Lake Diner
- Robert Butvilla
- Cambiotti's Tomato Pie Café
- Carmine's
- Casio, Inc.
- Circuit City
- Costco Warehouse
- County of Morris
- County of Sussex
- County of Warren
- Rajni & Dipti Desai
- Dino's Ristorante & Pizzeria
- Disney Company
- Drive-Master Co., Inc
- Elefante Nurseries
- Glass Gardens, Inc.-Shop Rite Supermarkets
- The Great A& P Tea Company, Inc.
- Indian Spring Water and Coffee Company
- Jersey Cares' Volunteers
- Kopelson & Westreich
- Lake Hopatcong Elks 2109
- Mama's Pizza
- Mary & John's Deli
- Medical Mission for Children St. Joseph's Children's Hospital
- Mimmo's Fine Italian Cuisine
- Rich & Dawn Murray

- Nabisco
- New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
- New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Odd Job Trading
- Pathmark Stores, Inc.
- Savioli Ravioli
- United Way of Morris County
- United Way of Sussex County
- Valentino's Pizzeria & Restaurant
- Wakefern Food Corporation-Shop Rite Supermarkets
- Sussex Meat Packing
- Walmart Stores
- J. Shelby Wells

For Sale:

Power-wheelchair in excellent condition - a Quickie model number P100 comes with a charger. Although the original cost was over \$4,000.00, it is being offered for \$1,500.00. If you are interested please call: (908) 876-4822 and ask for Ed (Senior).

Access to Telecommunications:

Federal Communications Commission required all 50 state to have 711 dialing in place by October 1, 2001. To call a relay operator just dial 711. Many university PBX systems need to be programmed to recognize 711, contact your campus telecommunication systems manager.

The traditional (TTY) relay service provides telephone-interpreting service between people who can hear and those who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, or speech-disabled. The Relay operator "relays" the message back and forth between the TTY caller and the hearing caller. This service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There are no restrictions imposed on Relay calls. Confidentiality for relay users and operators is assured by both state and Federal law. And, many sates offer translation of other languages, as well as ASL (American Sign Language).

Local calls are free, and rates for long distance calls are reduced to allow for longer transmission time. Callers may also request a male or female operator. For more details go to:

<http://www.fcc.gov/cib/dro/trs/con-trs.html>

The relay service now offers several new features: Video Relay Interpreting: Available in Texas and limited service is available in North Carolina now and other states very soon. Texas Video Interpreting Service (TVIS) is a new service that provides a bridge between people using American Sign Language and those using spoken English.

Speech to Speech (STS): A service mandated by the Federal Communications Commission that enables people with a speech disability to use their own voice, voice prosthesis, or communication device to make a phone call. The service became available nationally March 1, 2001

Voice Carry Over Relay (VCO): People who can speak clearly but have difficulty hearing can place or receive calls through the relay service. Many people in this category are people who lost their hearing after they learned to speak. With VCO, no typing is required, except by a relay operator. A relay operator types every word that the other person says and the words appear as text on the VCO user's TTY or VCO phone. That makes this kind of relay call very easy to use.

FREE Assistive Telephone Equipment: At least 40 states have equipment programs where consumers who have speech and hearing disabilities may receive free equipment such as TTYs, which might normally cost \$400 - \$500, teleBraille, video conferencing products. For details: <http://www.tedpa.org> Application for Tenth Annual TTY Program for TTY, VCO, and amplifier are available from the State of NJ Dept of Human Services Div of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. For information call (609) 984-7281 or (800) 792-8339 both numbers are Voice and TTY.

Web-site for the Friendly Society of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

The Friendly club via-email is njdeafclub@yahoo.com or check out the web-site <http://www.ohsoez.com> or for Jimmy's Haunt on South Street in Morristown www.jimmyshaunt.com

'Staying Sharp' Booklets:

Advice on keeping your brain fit is available in booklets from the AARP Andrus Foundation and the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives. This is a series of four booklets on "Staying Sharp" and is available in English and Spanish. To order one or all booklets write to AARP Fulfillment EEO1513, 601 East Street NW, Washington, DC 20049. Be sure to include the appropriate stock number or numbers.

	English	Spanish
Memory and Aging	D17451	D17452
Quality of Life	D17453	D17454
Depression	D17455	D17456
Chronic Health Issues	D17457	D17458

Or you can download them from www.andrus.org

Are You Missing Out on Benefits?

For consumers with disabilities there is information about benefits available but frequently overlooked. In most states there are over 40 different benefits available. Here are just 10 to check out: Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Food Stamps, Pharmacy Assistance, Property Tax Relief, Veterans Benefits, Health Insurance Counseling, Employment Services, Home Energy Savings, Home Delivered Meals. Some of the 10 apply to senior consumers some to people of all ages. For more information check out the Benefits Checkup Web-site at: www.benefitscheckup.org (no phone number available) or the National Council on Aging Web-site at: www.ncoa.org phone number (202) 479-1200. If you do not own a computer you may have access to one through your local Public Library or you are welcome to use the computer in our office.

New Brochure for Parents of Visually Impaired Children:

The Guild is offering a brochure (available in Spanish) aimed at providing families with some important ideas on how to help a blind or visually impaired child get a good start in life.

For information, contact Linda Gerra at (212) 769-6308. Brochures are available without charge by calling (212) 769-6268 or writing to Victoria Keller, Public Relations Department, The Jewish Guild for the Blind, 15 West 65th Street, New York, NY 10023. Orders may also be sent via e-mail, kellerv@jgb.org

Disabled Parents of Teens Needed for Survey:

Through the Looking glass is conducting a nationwide project to learn more about families in which a parent with a disability is raising a teen (11-17-years old). Although there are more than 10 million families in which one or both parents have a disability, relatively little is known about the experiences of these families. This project is funded by the National Institute on Disability Research and Rehabilitation, part of the Department of Education.

Parents and the teenagers are welcome to participate in the survey. Surveys are available in a variety of formats including Spanish, over the phone, and in a version specific to deaf parents. For information call Nancy Freed, (510) 848-1112 ext. 174, toll free (800) 804-1616.

Through the Looking Glass, the National Resource Center for Parents with Disabilities, is a non-profit organization in Berkeley, California that serves families in which a parent or child has a disability.

ADA Issues:

The snow is starting to accumulate and in some parking lots this can cause a problem for disabled parking. If the disabled parking slot has not been cleared or not cleared properly, please notify the facilities manager first and ask that the space be cleared. Should this issue then not be resolved contact the local police department as this is a violation of ADA A4.6.3 Snow, by law, must be removed within 48 hours of the ending of a storm.

If anyone is interested in assisting with the evaluation of places of public accommodation as it relates to the ADA please contact us (973 361-5666 voice or 973 361-6032 TTY) and we will provide the appropriate checklist.

For more information regarding these issues or other ADA questions you can call ADA Information Line 1-800-514-0301 (voice) 1-800-514-0383 (TDD) or go to their [web-site at http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada](http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada)

Rockaway Mall: Health Expo

Saint Clares is having a community Health Fair all day on Saturday, January 19th and Sunday January 20th at the Rockaway Mall. There will be: chair massages, body fat analysis, bp screening, aging sensitivity, and so much more.

Lakeland Hills Family YMCA (973) 334-2820:

Medieval Feast Family Night on Friday, February 1st from 6 to 8 p.m. includes games and crafts, bird costumes, music and fun. Stew super with cornbread available for \$3 per person. Space is limited. Sign up at the member services desk.

Valentine's Open Swim on Saturday, February 9th from 6-8 p.m. Members and non-members are all invited to enjoy the pool for FREE! Bring your family, friends, or sweetheart. Bathing caps required for shoulder-length hair or longer. Please register at the Member Services Desk.

HomeChoice:

Please join the Housing Partnership for Morris County (Fannie Mae, JP Morgan Chase) in celebrating HomeChoice, a mortgage program for people with disabilities. Attending with be special guest Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen. This meeting is being held on Wednesday, January 16, 2002 from 8:45 a.m. -- 10:00 a.m. Join them for a Continental Breakfast at Ken's Trackside Restaurant at 3 South Bergen Street in Dover. RSVP by January 14th at (973) 653-9222.

VITA - volunteer Income Tax Assistance:

VMC has many dedicated volunteers who continue to participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) which is designed to assist individuals in preparing their tax returns. After a three-day training by qualified VITA counselors and successful completion of an examination, VITA volunteers are certified to help low-income residents, senior citizens and persons with disabilities at several locations throughout Morris County.

Bi-lingual counselors are needed as well as bi-lingual volunteers to assist other counselors. Also, volunteers are needed to help coordinate services and help with publicity throughout Morris County.

If you or your organization needs more information about the VITA program, or you would like to volunteer, contact Harriet or Mary at Volunteers for Morris County at (973) 538-7200. For site locations, visit our web-site at www.volunteermorris.org

Calendar of Events (Transportation Provided)

January

Thurs. 17th - Dinner Out at Red Lobster in Succasunna

February

Wed. 6th - Members Meeting at Parsippany Library – Presentation: Budgeting :
Thurs. 14th - Dinner Out at the Ming Court in Wharton

March :

Wed. 6th - Members Meeting at Parsippany Library – Presentation - Personal Disaster Preparedness,
American Red Cross

Wed. 20th - Perkins Family Restaurant Route 46 in Mount Olive:

Monthly: Dawn's Board Meeting (Anyone may attend) is held the last Thursday of the month 4:00 p.m. -
7:00 p.m., at the Dawn office. Call to confirm the date, time and location of meeting.
Phone (973) 361-5666, TTY (973) 361-6032, Fax (973) 361-7086

REMINDER(S): (1) Call the office (973 361-5666) no later than one week prior to
an event to schedule transportation; and (2) If you need a special accommodation (assistant, interpreter,
braille, etc.), please inform us at least two weeks prior to an event. (3) Call your county's transportation
department two days prior to an event to establish your pick-up time. (4) To assist the scheduler and to
show consideration for your fellow travelers, if you need to cancel pick-up, call transit at least two days in
advance, or as soon as possible.