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### Oregon Office on Disability and Health Promotes CDC's Right to Know Campaign through "Sisters of Change"



SW Washington Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, the Oregon Office on Disability and Health and others come together for a fun and educational event for women with disabilities

In the spirit of Breast Health Awareness Month and as part of the Oregon Office on Disability and Health's (OODH) promotion of the CDC's "Right To Know" campaign, OODH, along with the Women with Disabilities Health Equity Coalition, Oregon's Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Lane Independent Living Alliance (LILA) and the "Sister of Change", co-sponsored and co-conducted the first annual "Sisters of Change" event October 9th and 10th in Eugene Oregon.

On Saturday, October 9th, thirty-six women with various disabilities, the majority 40 years and older, enjoyed an evening of hands-on breast health games and education as well as a healthy dinner and wonderful

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June 14-16, 2011  
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## Digest Submissions

**Would you like to share important updates or innovative practices from your program?**

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prizes! Sheila Thomas, Executive Director of LILA said, "The response I've had from people who attended the event has been overwhelmingly positive. It was a great mix of education, fun, socialization and great food! People who have family members with breast cancer said they learned things that they had not previously known and are very grateful to have been at the event!"

Part two of the "Sisters of Change" event, was held the following morning, Sunday, October 10th, at Eugene's first annual Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure". All 36 women received free registration to participate in the race. Roxie Mayfield, who coordinated the event on behalf of LILA, reported that Sunday brought a cold, windy, and rainy morning but despite the weather about half of the women decided to battle the elements and participate in the 1 mile walk. "For those who attended," says Roxie "it was a great experience, and we hope next year the weather will cooperate!"

"Sisters of Change" is a group of women living with diverse disabilities in Eugene Oregon who want to make a difference in the lives of other women with and without disabilities by bringing awareness to the importance of having regular mammograms.

## Iowa Healthy Child Development Initiative Produces Three New Training Modules

Iowa's University Center for Excellence in Disabilities and Developmental has recently added an online training component to the Iowa Healthy Child Development Initiative. The initiative, funded by the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, educates primary health care providers, both pre-service and in practice, about state-of-the-art developmental surveillance, screening, referral and intervention for children, birth to age 5. The training covers identification of social-emotional risk factors in the young child and detection of parental risk factors that may affect the child's development, as well as more traditional development problems including autism. The three new online training modules listed below are available to the public via the internet at no cost at: Iowa Healthy Child Development:

**Orientation to Contemporary Child Health Care in**

information from your project including information about your staff, network wide requests, upcoming or past events, available positions, new research developments, and resources.

Articles can be submitted using the [online form](#) or emailed to [Danielle Edson](mailto:Danielle.Edson).

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### Iowa

by Steven Wolfe, MD, and Alfred Healy, MD  
**Healthy Social, Emotional and Behavioral Development**

by Scott Lindgren, PhD, and Alfred Healy, MD  
**Autism: Screening, Treatment and Vaccine Controversy**

by Nate Noble, DO, and Royann Mraz, MD

For more information about the Iowa Healthy Child Development Initiative, contact Kay DeGarmo at [kay-degarmo@uiowa.edu](mailto:kay-degarmo@uiowa.edu). For more information about access to the online trainings, contact Meredith Field at [meredith-field@uiowa.edu](mailto:meredith-field@uiowa.edu).

### University of Kansas Launches New Interactive Disability Preparedness Website

In the fields of health, safety, and disabilities the need to collect and disseminate best practices on addressing the disaster-related needs of people with disabilities is frequently discussed but rarely attempted due to difficulties in obtaining, presenting, and updating the information. In hopes of addressing these challenges, the Research and Training Center on Independent Living at the University of Kansas has developed a new interactive website and corresponding social media sites. The [website](#) and corresponding Facebook and Twitter pages were launched October 2010. The purposes are to highlight and seek out best practices and be a stimulus for addressing unmet needs and identifying possible solutions. To do this requires interaction and contributions from people in the three fields (health, safety, disability) through the website's forum or social media features. Our research team had previously studied the impacts of disasters on people with disabilities through two research grants. We are now translating this information into educational efforts, and leadership roles in local preparedness efforts. These efforts include assisting in 1) creating a county-level information center with emphasis on vulnerable populations, including a call center to be activated during county-level disasters, 2) organizing a community coalition to foster preparedness through various projects designed to minimize the impact of

disasters on vulnerable populations, and 3) creating online training through the TRAIN system and other resources on important topics such as seasonal flu and pandemic preparedness. We have highlighted these practices on the home page of the new website.

### University of Minnesota's Institute on Community Integration Research Study on Health Care Coordination for Individuals with Physical Disabilities

The University of Minnesota's Institute on Community Integration is conducting a research study on health care coordination for individuals with physical disabilities. We are looking for people who are currently are or recently have been health care coordinators to participate in the study. Participants will be asked to respond to an on-line survey about health care coordination. The survey takes about 30 minutes. The participants will be asked to retake the survey two - four weeks later. Interested people may email [carecoor@umn.edu](mailto:carecoor@umn.edu) for further information or call 612-626-7335.

### Recently Archived AUCD Webinars

#### **NCBDDD Two-Part Webinar Series**

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Over 180 participants listened in as the Friends of NCBDDD hosted a two part series in November and December with NCBDDD. Part one in the series featured Dr. Coleen Boyle. Dr. Boyle serves as Acting Director of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) at CDC. Dr. Boyle joined NCBDDD's Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities in 1988, first as Section Chief and later as Branch Chief and Division Director. In part two of the series, NCBDDD's three divisions joined us. Dr. Gloria Krahn, Director of the Division of Human Development and Disability, Dr. Coleen Boyle, Acting Director of NCBDDD representing the Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, and Dr. Hani Atrash, Director of the Division

of Blood Disorders all discuss their strategic priorities and goals. Both recordings are now available online for viewing.

**Resource Center Highlight:**  
***Amputee Coalition of America***  
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The webinar archive is now available for our most recent Resource Center Highlight Series held in December. This highlight features Pat Isenberg, MS, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Quality of Life at the Amputee Coalition of America.

**Quarterly Topical Webcast:**  
***Built Environment, Disability, and Healthy Aging***  
[ARCHIVE](#)

The webinar archive is now available for our most recent Topical Webcast held in December. This webcast was held in conjunction with the AARP Public Policy Institute and the EPA Aging Initiative and the Collaborative on Health and Environment at AAIDD. It features Kathy Sykes, Senior Advisor in the Aging Initiative Office of Public Engagement at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency along with Dr. Rodney Harrell, Senior Strategic Policy Advisor for Housing and Livable Communities at AARP as they discuss and examine the built environment, disability, and healthy aging.

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