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WELCOME

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I hope the first few editions of this Newsletter have given you some useful information that offers activities or events throughout our state. I also hope you are utilizing our website so that you may know more about what is happening throughout our Agency and State for people with disabilities, their families, and friends. Over the next several months we will be working to make our website even more user friendly. I hope you take the time to visit the site. I welcome any suggestions you may have that may assist you in accessing information throughout the site. In each Newsletter I will continue to give you a useful tip as well as keep you abreast of any changes we have made. This month we have changed some of the Quick Links that are located at the top and center of the opening webpage. We have made a link which will take you directly to Dr. Buscemi's latest budget update memos. I hope you find this helpful. As we move toward Fall, I hope you and your family have enjoyed a wonderful summer and I look forward to hearing from you. Feel free to contact me via email at Nhall@ddsn.sc.gov or by phone at 803-898-9650.

Remember: DDSN is coming to Facebook. Details will be in September's Newsletter. We hope you will join us on Facebook. .

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- The 3rd annual **SPLASH BASH**, Shaw Air Force Base, Lake Wateree Recreation Area, 2030 Baron Dekalb Road, Camden, SC. Health South Columbia will provide adaptive services for people with disabilities. August 21, 2010 from 9:00am-5:00pm. For Free registration contact: Michelle Azarigian-Rogers, 803-401-1347.
- **Five Guys Restaurant** owner, Sean Moore, has pledged to match up to \$20,000.00 in contributions to donate to Special Olympics to enable more people to be able to train and compete in Special Olympics. The promotion is from August 1st through September 23rd, 2010.

EVENTS OF INTEREST CONTINUED:

- **Beyond the Silence**, sponsored by the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, will be held on August 20, 2010 at the Marriott Resort and Spa in Hilton Head, SC. For further information visit their website at: www.sccadvasa.org.
- **Building Your Own Care Notebook Workshop** to help teach you how to maintain an ongoing record of your loved ones care, services, providers, and notes. To be held on August 31, 2010 at 10:00am in the Special Care Center, 14 Medical Park, Suite 300A, Columbia, SC. This event is free however you must register by calling either Sandra Jagan at 803-434-1310 or Maggie Ortiz at 800-578-8750.
- **Healing Farms Ministries Community Nights** continue on the second Wednesday of each month. Join them at the Juvo Center for a meal and fellowship time from 6:00-8:00pm. Upcoming Dates: September 8th and October 13th. For further information on these events visit their website at: <http://www.healingfarm.org/>
- **Workshop on Teaching Verbal Behavior and Solving Challenging Behaviors** on September 16th-17th, 2010 from 8:00am-4:30pm at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. For registration and further information visit the website at: www.winstonswishfoundation.com
- **Improving the Response to Children Who are Maltreated and Have Disabilities** These trainings are being sponsored by the Children's Law Center. Dates are: September 17th at the Marriott Hotel in Charleston, SC; September 24th at Midlands Tech Airport Campus, Columbia, SC; October 1st at Florence Civic Center, Florence, SC and October 8th Younts Conference Center, Furman University, Greenville, SC. For further information contact Kelly Hamilton at 803-777-1158 or via email hamilk@mailbox.sc.edu.
- **The Family Resource Center** will hold its 13th Annual Conference on Disabilities and Special Needs on September 25, 2010 at The Citadel in Charleston, SC. The topic, "Supportive Schools are Safe Schools" will be presented by Dr. Catherine Moffett, Ed.D., Director of Bully-Free Virginia. The Olweus Bullying Prevention program will be highlighted. The Family Resource Center was organized to promote opportunities for learning, inclusion, and empowerment for individuals with disabilities and special needs, their families, and their communities. For more information please visit www.frcdsn.org or you may call (843) 266-1318.

- **South Carolina Autism Society** 2010 Annual Conference October 8th and 9th, 2010 at the Columbia Conference Center. For further details visit their website at: www.scautism.org or call 1-800-438-4790.
- **South Carolina Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities(SCAAIDD)** one day conference on October 19th at Brookland Conference Center, 1066 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, SC. For further information visit their website at: www.scaaid.org.
- **SC Adult Sibling Leadership Network Conference** Their first Conference will be held October 23, 2010. For further details contact Melanie Burnett, PRO-Parents at 803-772-5688 Ext. 106 or 1-800-759-4776 or visit the website at: www.scadulthoodnetwork.org.
- **South Carolina Autism Society** hosts their 8th Annual Fun In the Fall Golf Tournament on Monday October 25, 2010 at Woodcreek. For further information contact Susie Phillips at: 803-750-6988 or 1-800-438-4790 ext. 104. You can also visit their website at: www.scautism.org .
- **Strides for Autism** sponsored by the SC Autism Society will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC at the Grand Park on November 6, 2010. Registration begins at 8am and the walk begins at 9am-Rain or Shine. For further details visit their website at: www.scautism.org or call 1-800-438-4790.
- **WORKSHOP ON FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS AND TREATMENT OF SEVERE BEHAVIOR DISORDERS** November 11th-12th, 2010 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. For registration and further information visit the website at: www.winstonswishfoundation.com.

IN THE KNOW

- ❖ Have you heard of **Team Triumph**? It is an athletic ride for people with disabilities who would normally not be able to experience outdoor endurance events. Visit their website at: <http://www.myteamttriumph.org>.

- ❖ The [SC Assistive Technology Exchange](http://www.scatapexchange.net) has numerous items available that you may find of interest. Visit their website at: www.scatapexchange.net.
- ❖ Did you know you can take independent study courses online for Emergency Management at: <http://training.fema.gov>. For further information email them at independent.study@dhs.gov or via phone at 301-447-1200.
- ❖ Have you visited the [South Carolina Disability Resource Library](http://muscls.musc.edu/screens/opacmenu_s5.html)? The library contains information for families, consumers, and staff members. View the catalog at: http://muscls.musc.edu/screens/opacmenu_s5.html or contact: Steve Wilson, Coordinator, CDR Library, via phone at: 803-733-1501, email: steve.wilson@usmed.sc.edu or Web site: <http://uscm.med.sc.edu/CDR>.
- ❖ [The College Transition Connection](http://www.collegetransitionconnection.org), Inc. has updates for the participating colleges in their program on their website at: www.collegetransitionconnection.org. They help South Carolina colleges and universities create model programs for our young adults with intellectual disabilities. The College of Charleston, Coastal Carolina, Clemson University, University of South Carolina, and Winthrop University currently participate in this program.

US SENATE DECLARES NATIONAL DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

In a show of bipartisan support and for the third consecutive year, the US Senate unanimously approved Senate Resolution 558 declaring this week in recognition of the direct support professionals that provide an invaluable service to the millions of Americans living with disabilities.



Randy Jones, an artist from Blythewood, SC recently made a presentation to Senator Crieghton Coleman of Winnsboro. The painting titled “Deer in the Woods in the Early Morning” is a large watercolor that depicts a nature scene from South Carolina. Senator Coleman has been a diligent advocate for individuals with Special Needs in South Carolina. Mr. Jones works in Winnsboro with the Fairfield County DSN Board. He is a very gifted artist. Mr. Jones has been attending art classes with Lisa Harvey. They are making plans for a Fall Show at a local gallery as well as entering the State Fair Juried Art Show.

DDSN WEBSITE TIP OF THE MONTH

DDSN has added a quick links on reporting abuse. This link can be located at the top and center of the homepage. Open this link and you will find a quick reference guide for reporting abuse, the notice regarding the Omnibus Protection Act, and the DDSN directive 534-02-DD on Procedures for Preventing and Reporting Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation of People Receiving Services from DDSN or a Contract Provider Agency.