

DP Connections



We are dedicated to . . .

Partnering with individuals and the community to enhance, advocate for and support personal choices, independent living and community inclusion.

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Services

- ◆ Advocacy
- ◆ CyberPals Program
- ◆ Employment Network
- ◆ Home Care Partners
- ◆ Peer Support
- ◆ Information & Referral
- ◆ Independent Living Skills Training
- ◆ Person First Day Program
- ◆ Nursing Home Transition

Centers for Independent Living are private, non-profit, consumer-controlled, community-based organizations by and for people with all types of disabilities with the goals of maintaining civil rights options, controlling choices, and the freedom to participate fully in our communities.

Here We Grow Again!
Pathways Thrift Store
is moving!

Our new location is in
JACKSON PLAZA

between

ROSES

and the bowling alley

We will be moving
in November 2016.

Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pathways.thrift



THE CHARACTERISTICS OF DISABILITY

My Purpose...Independence

- D** Determination...to be all I can be in fulfilling my purpose
- I** Initiative...to bring determination to the front of my purpose
- S** Steadfast...to know my purpose has priority in my quest
- A** Attitude...to know others see my quest through my actions and my mind set
- B** Beauty...to know that my actions and my mindset demonstrate the attributes of the person within
- I** Indestructible...to know that the person within cannot be broken or defeated in my quest
- L** Limitations...to know my restrictions can become strength to defeat any adversary to my purpose
- I** Influence...to know my strength can encourage others to reach for more
- T** Tolerance...to know that the quest for more is a lifelong journey, not an immediate result
- Y** Yes!!!...to know my journey is sustained by the characteristics of my disability, as I fulfill my purpose in attaining independence in my daily life

Gale Anglin
Author
June 17, 2009



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Prepare to Vote November 8th !

Voting is everyone's right.

Let's get out and make our voices heard!

Reasons to Vote

Our future depends on
YOU
casting a ballot!



This is your
country!

Own It!

**SHARING YOUR VOICE IS
THE MOST IMPORTANT
THING!**

Voting gives you
the right to voice
your opinion!

**DON'T LET
ANYBODY
STOP YOU!**



There's nothing more important than to vote.

Lots of people died so you can do that!

**It's your right!
You can do it!**

YOU have a responsibility!

*Stay involved in the political
life of our country.*

**The system of
government only
works if
You
participate!**

*Every election is
important, but this one
is REALLY
important!*

It is imperfect and frustrating at times, but it is important that YOU DO IT!

Make the DisAbility Vote Count



2016 General Election
Tuesday, November 8

Early Voting Dates
October 20 - November 5

Mail-in Absentee Ballot
(Deadline to request)
November 1



Disability Rights, NC has launched a new website to assist individuals with disabilities know their voting rights and how to vote.

Check it out!

www.accessthevote.nc.org



You can register!



You can learn how to vote!



Learn how to report violations!





NC DMV WILL REFORM MEDICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

June 10, 2016, Raleigh, NC – **Today, U.S. District Court Judge Terrence W. Boyle approved a Consent Judgment resolving Disability Rights NC’s 2014 lawsuit over discrimination in the North Carolina driver licensing program.** The lawsuit alleged that drivers with disabilities were subject to unnecessary and repeated road tests and medical examinations, and had restrictions on their driver licenses that were based on inaccurate assumptions about their driving ability. The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles has agreed to reform its driver licensing system to ensure that drivers with disabilities are not discriminated against based on disability. These changes will benefit thousands of drivers who are subject to the **DMV’s Medical Review Program in addition to the individuals named in the complaint.**

The Consent Judgment resolves the complaints of seven individuals with disabilities and Disability Rights NC. It is enforceable by the Court and requires that the DMV:

- End repeated medical reviews of individuals with a non-degenerative condition, such as cerebral palsy, a spinal cord injury, or a missing limb.
- End the use of assistive technology, such as hand controls or a walker, as an automatic basis for being road tested or undergoing a medical review.
- Provide avenues to appeal and challenge requests for medical review and driving restrictions.
- **Improve access to information about the basis for the DMV’s actions and give drivers access to copies of their Medical Review Program records.**
- Remove drivers who have a non-degenerative condition and request removal from the Medical Review Program. The DMV has committed to remove drivers proactively in some cases.
- Provide information about how to appeal and challenge requests for medical review and driving restrictions, and request removal from the program.

To implement the changes which require legislative or rule changes, the DMV and Disability Rights NC are jointly pursuing changes to the N.C. General Statutes and Administrative Code.

The Medical Review Program was created as a mechanism for the DMV to identify unsafe drivers. Doctors, family members, and others may suggest that a driver is no longer capable of safely driving, and the DMV may require that individual to undergo medical screening. The Plaintiffs in this case are capable, safe drivers with a physical disability who were nonetheless referred to the Medical Review Program. “The DMV has recognized it was time to close the book on the way things have been done. Going forward, North Carolina drivers with disabilities can expect to be treated with the same dignity and respect as all other drivers. Most importantly, they will have legal recourse if their rights are being violated,” said Vicki Smith, Executive Director of Disability Rights NC.

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Disability Rights North Carolina is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Raleigh. Its team of attorneys, advocates, paralegals and support staff provide advocacy and legal services at no charge for North Carolinians with disabilities to protect their civil rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal and state laws.

Pathways Thrift Store

Shirley Wilson, Store Manager

**We need Volunteers
To help us move**

Please call Shirley at 828-631-5533

★★MOVING SALE!★★

Check with us often throughout October
for *special sales* as we clean out and get ready to move!

Check our website and Facebook page
for our

★Grand Opening Day★
coming soon!

Everything is NOW 50% off.



CyberPals

Centers for Independent Living & CyberPals Computer Program

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CyberPals is a computer program offered through DisAbility Partners for people with disabilities. We accept donated computers from people and businesses in the community who are upgrading their technology and need to find a good home for the computers they are replacing. The donated computers are refurbished and are made internet ready for sale to consumers with disabilities at an affordable price.

Computer training is available to groups or on an individual basis. This is one of the many services DisAbility Partners offers to assist people with disabilities to live in the community of their choice. Our Independent Living Specialists are ready to help you set goals and work with you to be successful. Call: 828-631-1167 to schedule an appointment.

Good to Know:

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Aside from skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women. About 1 in 8 women in the US will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime. Also, about 40,000 women die from breast cancer annually, so the earlier it is detected, the better the chances for survival.

BCCCP (*Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program*) offers *free or low cost*:

- Breast Exams
- Cervical Exams
- Pap Smears
- Mammograms
- Blood Pressure/Cholesterol Screenings
- Health Counseling
- Education
- Referrals



For more information about BCCCP or the Wise Woman Program, visit the BCCCP page at buncombecounty.org or Contact the Buncombe County Department of Health at:

(828) 250-6006

DOWNLOAD YOUR FREE BREAST HEALTH GUIDE

<http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month>

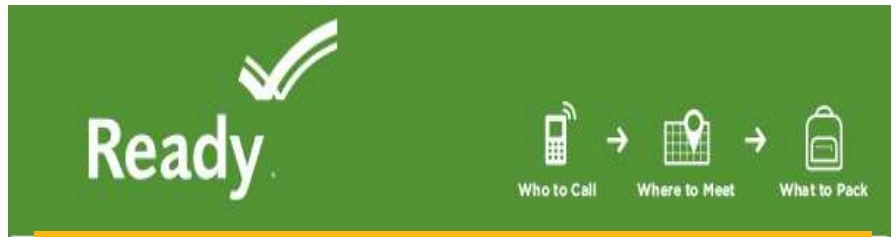


Includes tips on how to be breast health aware
& questions to ask your doctor.

WEATHER THE STORM
DOWNLOAD THE FEMA APP



- Receive alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations.
- Get safety reminders, read tips to survive natural disasters, and customize your emergency checklist.
- Locate open shelters and where to talk to FEMA in person (or on the phone).
- Upload and share your disaster photos to help first responders.



FEMA states: "It's officially fall and many people are going pumpkin picking, heading out to apple orchards, and drinking pumpkin spice lattes. But, did you know that the start of fall isn't the end of hurricane season? It actually doesn't end until after Thanksgiving."

Here is an app that can help you to be prepared in case these storms enter your area.

If you do not have an emergency kit or family plan, or if you want to learn about steps you can take now to prepare your family for severe weather, visit ready.gov.

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