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**Canada**

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11/19/10	<a href="http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/new-report-pleases-anti-poverty-groups-109151709.html">http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/new-report-pleases-anti-poverty-groups-109151709.html</a>  <a href="http://action.web.ca/home/crru/rsrscs_crru_full.shtml?x=130467">http://action.web.ca/home/crru/rsrscs_crru_full.shtml?x=130467</a>	<p>New report pleases anti-poverty groups...</p> <p>The report, entitled Federal Poverty Reduction Plan: Working in Partnership Towards Reducing Poverty in Canada*, recommends the federal government commit to an action plan and get out its chequebook. Suggestions include establishing a fund to support provincial and territorial poverty-reduction initiatives, raising the child tax benefit by nearly 50 per cent, providing income programs for people with disabilities and increasing funding for First Nations child welfare agencies...</p> <p>Jim Derksen, a spokesman with the Council of Canadians with Disabilities**, was pleased the report urged a federal basic income program for the disabled.</p> <p>* Federal poverty reduction plan: Working in partnership towards reducing poverty in Canada 40th Parliament, 3rd Session</p> <p>Author(s) House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA)</p> <p>Publication date 17 Nov 10</p> <p><a href="http://action.web.ca/home/crru/rsrscs_crru_full.shtml?x=130457&amp;AA_EX_Session=9f8c07ca4978f3726de324d7ebf57057">http://action.web.ca/home/crru/rsrscs_crru_full.shtml?x=130457&amp;AA_EX_Session=9f8c07ca4978f3726de324d7ebf57057</a></p> <p><a href="http://www2.parl.gc.ca/Content/HOC/Committee/403/HUMA/Reports/RP4770921/403_HUMA_Rpt07_PDF/403_HUMA_Rpt07-e.pdf">http://www2.parl.gc.ca/Content/HOC/Committee/403/HUMA/Reports/RP4770921/403_HUMA_Rpt07_PDF/403_HUMA_Rpt07-e.pdf</a></p> <p>** <a href="http://www.ccdonline.ca/">http://www.ccdonline.ca/</a>  <a href="http://www.campaign2000.ca/">http://www.campaign2000.ca/</a></p>
11/20/10	<a href="http://www.news-medical.net/news/20101120/Ontario-Brain-Institute-initiates-new-venture-to-help-people-with-neurological-disorders.aspx">http://www.news-medical.net/news/20101120/Ontario-Brain-Institute-initiates-new-venture-to-help-people-with-neurological-disorders.aspx</a>  <a href="http://www.insidetoronto.com/community/health/article/903583--sunnybrook-is-home-to-new-ontario-brain-institute">http://www.insidetoronto.com/community/health/article/903583--sunnybrook-is-home-to-new-ontario-brain-institute</a>  <a href="http://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2010/11/supporting-brain-research.html">http://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2010/11/supporting-brain-research.html</a>	<p>Ontario took a major step to help the one million people in the province with neurological disorders and the 2.6 million Ontarians who will be affected by a neurological condition in their lifetime...</p> <p>The Ontario Brain Institute will bring the province's top brain researchers together with people who know how to commercialize good ideas. Together, they will turn health care discoveries made in the lab into products and services to help people who are affected by brain diseases and disorders...</p> <p>The Ontario Brain Institute is part of the government's Open Ontario Plan to export our expertise to the world, create jobs and provide quality care at home...</p> <p><a href="http://neuroscience.utoronto.ca/Assets/UTNP+Digital+Assets/reat/OBI_FC.pdf">http://neuroscience.utoronto.ca/Assets/UTNP+Digital+Assets/reat/OBI_FC.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.baycrest.org/News_and_Media/default_14464.asp">http://www.baycrest.org/News_and_Media/default_14464.asp</a>  <a href="http://www.baycrest.org/">http://www.baycrest.org/</a></p>

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11/26/10	<a href="http://www.news.ontario.ca/mcss/en/2010/11/one-window-to-access-to-information-and-services.html">http://www.news.ontario.ca/mcss/en/2010/11/one-window-to-access-to-information-and-services.html</a>	<p>One-Window Access For Developmental Services...</p> <p>Ontarians who have a developmental disability are one step closer to having a better, more streamlined way to apply for services and supports.</p> <p>New regional contact points for adults who apply for developmental services are being created across the province. These regional contact points will be a single window to provide information, confirm eligibility for services and supports, determine service and support needs and link people to services and supports in their community.</p> <p>The move to regional contact points responds to feedback from people with a developmental disability and their families, by offering a system that is more streamlined and easier to navigate. The one-window approach will eliminate the need to apply at multiple places for services and supports or fill out different application forms.</p> <p>The nine regional contact points will open for business in July 2011. They are a key part of Ontario's plan* to modernize services and supports for people with a developmental disability.</p> <p><a href="http://www.news.ontario.ca/mcss/en/2010/11/ontarios-new-regional-contact-points-for-developmental-services.html">http://www.news.ontario.ca/mcss/en/2010/11/ontarios-new-regional-contact-points-for-developmental-services.html</a></p> <p>About 50,000 Ontarians have a developmental disability. Ontario invests \$1.6 billion each year to help people with a developmental disability live, work and participate in a wide range of activities in their communities. Find out more about the kinds of services and supports that are available.</p> <p><a href="http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/developmental/servicesAndSupport/index.aspx">http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/developmental/servicesAndSupport/index.aspx</a></p> <p>* Improving Ontario's developmental services system</p> <p><a href="http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/developmental/improving/index.aspx">http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/developmental/improving/index.aspx</a></p> <p>Ministry of Community and Social Services</p> <p><a href="http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/index.aspx">http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/index.aspx</a></p>
12/04/10	<a href="http://www.naturalnews.com/030611_maple_syrup_health.html">http://www.naturalnews.com/030611_maple_syrup_health.html</a>	<p><i>[A plug for a Canadian product!]</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.maplesyrupfederation.com/home.aspx">http://www.maplesyrupfederation.com/home.aspx</a> - DHB]</p> <p>A recent study found over 20 compounds in pure maple syrup that support health, 13 of which are first-time discoveries. Several of these new compounds exhibit anti-cancer, anti-bacterial, and anti-diabetic properties. Maple syrup also has a powerful vitamin and mineral profile which furthers its health promoting capacity.</p> <p>According to an article in the Science Daily, the study took place at the University of Rhode Island with Navindra Seeram who specializes in medicinal plant research. His aim is to educate the public about the benefits of diverse plant and berry foods along with natural products...</p> <p>As seen in the Journal of Medicinal Food, maple syrup has been shown to prevent diabetes and is a potent ally in slowing cancerous cell growth. Maple syrup has high levels of</p>

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**Other Countries**

**Australia**

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**Ireland (includes Northern Ireland)**

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**New Zealand**

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12/8/10	<a href="http://www.voxyc.co.nz/policies/speech-report-human-rights-disabled-persons-nz-hon-tariana-turia/5/74921">http://www.voxyc.co.nz/policies/speech-report-human-rights-disabled-persons-nz-hon-tariana-turia/5/74921</a> <a href="http://www.community.net.nz/communitycentre/news/national/disabilityrights.htm">http://www.community.net.nz/communitycentre/news/national/disabilityrights.htm</a> <a href="http://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/039report-human-rights-disabled-persons-nz039">http://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/039report-human-rights-disabled-persons-nz039</a> <a href="http://www.voxyc.co.nz/policies/turia-disabled-people-have-their-say/5/74824">http://www.voxyc.co.nz/policies/turia-disabled-people-have-their-say/5/74824</a>	<p>Launch of report, Banquet Hall, Parliament, Wellington 'Report on the Human Rights of Disabled Persons in NZ' ...</p> <p>As a nation I am really clear that New Zealand must continue to earn its reputation as a forward thinking world leader in putting the rights of disabled people centre stage, by making sure the voices of disabled people are heard. To this end I am very proud to launch this very impressive report, Disability Rights in Aotearoa New Zealand 2010.</p> <p>See:</p> <p><a href="http://www.hrc.co.nz/home/hrc/newsandissues/commissionwelcomesdisabilityreport.php">http://www.hrc.co.nz/home/hrc/newsandissues/commissionwelcomesdisabilityreport.php</a>  <a href="http://www.hrc.govt.nz/">http://www.hrc.govt.nz/</a>  <a href="http://www.dpa.org.nz/downloads/Disability_Rights_in_Aotearoa_New_Zealand_final.pdf">http://www.dpa.org.nz/downloads/Disability_Rights_in_Aotearoa_New_Zealand_final.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.dpa.org.nz/index.html">http://www.dpa.org.nz/index.html</a>  <a href="http://www.beehive.govt.nz/portfolio/Disability-Issues">http://www.beehive.govt.nz/portfolio/Disability-Issues</a></p>

**Scotland**

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8/1/2010	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/CBS">http://www.youtube.com/user/CBS</a>	British musical savant Derek Paravicini <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ak2jxmhCH1M&amp;feature=player_embedded">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ak2jxmhCH1M&amp;feature=player_embedded</a> [very interesting presentation]
11/4/10	FYI – found in news search	Employers' Forum on Disability is the world's leading employers' organisation focused on disability as it affects business. Our mission is to enable companies to become disability confident by making it easier to recruit and retain disabled employees and to serve disabled customers. <a href="http://www.efd.org.uk/">http://www.efd.org.uk/</a>
11/4/10	<a href="http://apt.rcpsych.org/cgi/content/abstract/16/6/440">http://apt.rcpsych.org/cgi/content/abstract/16/6/440</a>	Advances in Psychiatric Treatment (2010) 16: 440-447. doi: 10.1192/apt.bp.108.006494 © 2010 The Royal College of Psychiatrists Mental capacity assessment and ‘best interests’ decision-making in clinical practice: a case illustration Asit B. Biswas and Avinash Hiremath Asit B. Biswas is a consultant psychiatrist in learning disability with the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust and a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Avinash Hiremath is a locum consultant psychiatrist in learning disability with the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust.  Correspondence Dr Asit Biswas, Leicester Frith Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester LE3 9QF, UK. Email: <a href="mailto:asitbiswas@yahoo.co.uk">asitbiswas@yahoo.co.uk</a> Mental capacity refers to a person’s ability to make decisions, which may include consenting to medical treatment. People are presumed to have this capacity. Individuals may lack capacity because of an impairment or disturbance that affects the way their mind or brain works. Legal frameworks are in place for acting and making decisions on behalf of individuals who lack the mental capacity to do so for themselves, in their best interests. A case illustration is used to outline the principles involved under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 for England and Wales. We describe in detail the assessment of capacity to consent to treatment in this case and good practice in making best interests decisions in everyday clinical practice.
11/15/10	<a href="http://www.newswales.co.uk/?section=Health&amp;F=1&amp;id=20008">http://www.newswales.co.uk/?section=Health&amp;F=1&amp;id=20008</a>	A website offering young people affected by mental health problems the chance to get advice and share their experiences has gone live. . The YoungMinds website ( <a href="http://www.vik.org.uk">www.vik.org.uk</a> ), aims to involve youngsters in campaigns to shape future mental health policy and improve services. YoungMinds' national panel of young people with mental health problems, Very Important Kids (VIK), has produced the content and been involved at every stage of creating the new website to ensure it provides the information that young people need... For more information about the charity go to <a href="http://www.youngminds.org.uk">www.youngminds.org.uk</a>

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11/18/10	<a href="http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2010/11/18/5146237.htm">http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2010/11/18/5146237.htm</a>	<p>UK Government: New guidance on producing information for people with learning disabilities</p> <p>he government has launched new guidance to improve the standard of information for people with learning disabilities. There are an estimated 1.5 million people with learning disabilities in the UK. This guidance will help central and local government organisations understand how they can communicate with all disabled people, including people with learning disabilities.</p> <p>The guidance focuses on creating Easy Read, which uses simple words and pictures to communicate complex messages. People with learning disabilities are involved in developing the publications to make sure they are easy to understand. This guidance demonstrates the government's commitment to ensuring everyone can understand information that affects their everyday lives and can participate in their own community...</p> <p>Valuing People Now worked with disabled people, their organisations and the Office for Disability Issues to develop the new guidance...</p> <p>* Valuing People Now is the strategy that aims to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities. The Department for Health (DH) has recently launched the new accessible webpages for people with learning disabilities</p> <p><a href="http://www.valuingpeoplenow.dh.gov.uk/">www.valuingpeoplenow.dh.gov.uk/</a> * The Office for Disability Issues (ODI) leads the government's vision of achieving equality for disabled people. ODI is a cross-government organisation that works with government departments, disabled people and a wide range of external groups.</p> <p>* The publication 'Making written information easier to understand for people with learning disabilities: Guidance for people who commission or produce Easy Read information' is available to download from the Valuing People Now website: <a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/valuingpeoplenow">www.dh.gov.uk/valuingpeoplenow</a> and the ODI website: <a href="http://www.odi.gov.uk/formats">www.odi.gov.uk/formats</a> * More information about delivering accessible and inclusive communications is available on the ODI website: <a href="http://www.odi.gov.uk/communications">www.odi.gov.uk/communications</a></p>
12/1/10	<p><a href="http://www.zdnet.co.uk/blogs/communication-breakdown-10000030/bsi-publishes-first-british-web-accessibility-standard-10021199/">http://www.zdnet.co.uk/blogs/communication-breakdown-10000030/bsi-publishes-first-british-web-accessibility-standard-10021199/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.computing.co.uk/ctg/news/1929567/bsi-code-aims-improve-web-access-elderly-disabled">http://www.computing.co.uk/ctg/news/1929567/bsi-code-aims-improve-web-access-elderly-disabled</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.eweekurope.co.uk/news/new-bsi-standard-makes-web-accessible-14633">http://www.eweekurope.co.uk/news/new-bsi-standard-makes-web-accessible-14633</a></p>	<p>The British Standards Institution* has developed the first UK standard for web accessibility, in a bid to help website owners make their sites usable for disabled and older people. BSI published the BS 8878 Web Accessibility Code of Practice** on Tuesday. The standard builds on guidance published in 2006, and adds to other sources of similar advice, such as the W3C's Web Accessibility Initiative***. The new guidance also comes as the Equality Act 2010 forces information providers to make their web products accessible, BSI pointed out in a statement...</p> <p>The BBC's Jonathan Hassell, who chairs the committee that was responsible for developing BS 8878, noted in the statement that the standard "provides an end-to-end guide which identifies the key decisions web production teams make which affect whether</p>



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		<p>or not their products will include or exclude disabled and older people".</p> <p>* <a href="http://www.bsigroup.com/">http://www.bsigroup.com/</a>  <a href="http://shop.bsigroup.com/">http://shop.bsigroup.com/</a>  ** <a href="http://shop.bsigroup.com/en/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030180388">http://shop.bsigroup.com/en/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030180388</a>  *** <a href="http://www.w3.org/WAI/">http://www.w3.org/WAI/</a></p> <p>Also see:  UK E-accessibility access plan  <a href="http://www.culture.gov.uk/publications/7798.aspx">http://www.culture.gov.uk/publications/7798.aspx</a>  <a href="http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/11-p110a-e-accessibility-action-plan-update-january-2011.pdf">http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/11-p110a-e-accessibility-action-plan-update-january-2011.pdf</a>  Web Content Accessibility Guidelines:  <a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/">http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/</a>  <a href="http://www.w3.org/WAI/GL/">http://www.w3.org/WAI/GL/</a>  The Equality Act 2010  <a href="http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_act_2010.aspx">http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_act_2010.aspx</a></p>
12/10/10	<a href="http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2010/dec/10/disability-survey-anxiety-common-barrier">http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2010/dec/10/disability-survey-anxiety-common-barrier</a>	<p>A major disability survey has been released identifying the most common barriers towards daily life...</p> <p>The Life Opportunities Survey* by the ONS** asked 18,000 people about eight key areas of life to identify the most common "social barriers" they face...</p> <p>One of the biggest issues that emerged from the survey is the effect of "anxiety and lack of confidence" on daily and common activities.</p> <p>The results state that 19% of adults with impairments cite "anxiety and lack of confidence" as a barrier to employment whereas this drops to only 4% for adults without impairments...</p> <p>The comprehensive study also looks at differences between adults with impairments and those without in a variety of situations such as work, home life and financial situations such as loan repayment.</p> <p>* <a href="http://www.statistics.gov.uk/pdfdir/los1210.pdf">http://www.statistics.gov.uk/pdfdir/los1210.pdf</a>  ** <a href="http://www.statistics.gov.uk/">http://www.statistics.gov.uk/</a></p>
3/14/11	<p>LDHealthNetwork  UK Health and Learning Disability Network is hosted by the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities  <a href="http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk">http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk</a></p>	<p>This is to inform you of the launch of "Positive Practice, Positive Outcomes: A handbook for professionals in the criminal justice system working with offenders with a learning disability (2011)."</p> <p><a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_124743">http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_124743</a></p> <p>Alternatively try: <a href="http://sn.im/263lru">http://sn.im/263lru</a></p> <p>This handbook is designed to help staff working in the Criminal Justice System understand and support offenders who may have a learning disability. It is an updated version of the 2007 handbook by the same name.</p> <p>The handbook covers general information about learning disabilities (and similar conditions) as well as information specific to the criminal justice system. It provides practical, realistic, recommendations and best practice examples for staff</p>

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		<p>working with offenders. It includes case studies and examples of successful programs of work with this particular group of offenders. The handbook can be used as a stand-alone summary of all the relevant information criminal justice staff should be aware of concerning offenders with known or potential learning disabilities. It can also act as a useful addition and summary for any learning disability awareness training staff are receiving. The booklet "Staying Positive: The Criminal Justice System and Learning Disabilities" has also been launched as an accompaniment to the "Positive Practice" handbook. This is an Easy Read booklet for people with Learning Disabilities and Learning Difficulties. The booklet is designed to give people with learning disabilities some information about the Criminal Justice System. It also explains to the reader that criminal justice staff have been given their own handbook ("Positive Practice, Positive Outcomes") explaining to staff the needs of offenders with learning disabilities.</p> <p>A very short-summary of the main messages and values of "Positive Practice, Positive Outcomes" is included in "Staying Positive". The "Staying Positive" booklet is NOT an easy read version of "Positive Practice, Positive Outcomes." It is designed for anybody with a learning disability or learning difficulty (in the general community or as an offender).</p> <p><a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_124747">http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_124747</a></p> <p>Alternatively try: <a href="http://sn.im/263m11">http://sn.im/263m11</a></p> <p>The documents are also hosted on the Valuing People Now website. These documents were a joint publication between Offender Health and Valuing People Now (Dept of Health).</p> <p><a href="http://www.valuingpeoplenow.dh.gov.uk/content/offenders">http://www.valuingpeoplenow.dh.gov.uk/content/offenders</a></p> <p>"Positive Practice, Positive Outcomes"</p> <p><a href="http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/docs/pp.pdf">http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/docs/pp.pdf</a></p> <p>"Staying Positive"</p> <p><a href="http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/docs/sp.pdf">http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/docs/sp.pdf</a></p>
3/15/11	LDHealthNetwork	<p>Reaching and Supporting Diverse Communities: a guide to meeting the needs of people with learning disabilities, and family carers, from newly arrived, Black, Asian and other Minority Ethnic (BME) communities.</p> <p><a href="http://www.hft.org.uk/Family_Carer_Support/BME_Resource_Guide">http://www.hft.org.uk/Family_Carer_Support/BME_Resource_Guide</a></p>
3/17/11	LDHealthNetwork	<p>Autism: a guide for criminal justice professionals</p> <p><a href="http://www.autism.org.uk/working-with/criminal-justice.aspx">http://www.autism.org.uk/working-with/criminal-justice.aspx</a></p> <p>Or <a href="http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/docs/aut.pdf">http://www.ldhealthnetwork.org.uk/docs/aut.pdf</a></p>
3/31/11	LDHealthNetwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPRU is pleased to announce that the 2010 Annual Report is now available.</li> </ul> <p>The annual report contains details of the work of all four research teams in SPRU, 39 projects in total covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• social care services</li> <li>• disability - children and adults</li> <li>• welfare</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the care system</li> <li>• safeguarding</li> <li>• poverty</li> <li>• well-being</li> <li>• employment.</li> </ul> <p>We also feature our work on including disabled young people in the research process, the successful conclusion of a major piece of research on home care re-ablement, our workshop around methods of interviewing research participants and the video about SPRU that we made during the year. I hope you will enjoy reading this review of our year, it is available via this link:  <a href="http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/pubs/pdf/SPRU2010.pdf">http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/pubs/pdf/SPRU2010.pdf</a>          Social Policy Research Unit          University of York  <a href="http://www.york.ac.uk/spru">www.york.ac.uk/spru</a></p>
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11/4/10	<a href="mailto:e-clips@hcbs.org">e-clips@hcbs.org</a> Clearinghouse clips	<p>Care Management Practices in Integrated Care Models for Dual Eligibles  <a href="http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3371">http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3371</a>            Summary: State-authorized health plans whose members are qualified to receive both Medicare and Medicaid benefits face administrative challenges. This study examines care management practices in four health plans that serve persons who are dually eligible. The authors describe how health plans operationalize their integrated care management approaches and identify a common framework for integrating care.            Source: AARP Public Policy Institute  <a href="http://www.hcbs.org/files/196/9754/health-dual0910.pdf">http://www.hcbs.org/files/196/9754/health-dual0910.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.aarp.org/health/medicare-insurance/info-09-2010/health-dual0910.html">http://www.aarp.org/health/medicare-insurance/info-09-2010/health-dual0910.html</a>  <a href="http://www.aarp.org/">http://www.aarp.org/</a></p>
11/4/10	<a href="mailto:e-clips@hcbs.org">e-clips@hcbs.org</a> Clearinghouse clips	<p>Survey of State Disability Policy 2010  <a href="http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3383">http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3383</a>            Summary: States play among the most critical roles in responding to and ameliorating disability unemployment. Find examples of state policy related to disabilities, a selection of state programs and initiatives, descriptions of select federal policy, and primary source documents. Topics covered include housing, employment, community integration, long-term care, health, disability awareness and benefits counseling.            Source: Council of State Governments (CSG)  <a href="http://www.csg.org/">http://www.csg.org/</a>  <a href="http://www.hcbs.org/files/196/9781/Disability_Survey.pdf">http://www.hcbs.org/files/196/9781/Disability_Survey.pdf</a></p>
11/4/10	<a href="mailto:e-clips@hcbs.org">e-clips@hcbs.org</a> Clearinghouse clips	Trends in Disability, Community Living, and Caregiving:

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		<p>Analysis of Data from the National Long-Term Care Survey  <a href="http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3372">http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3372</a>  Summary: Disability rates among older Americans have declined, and the ways in which community-dwelling older people with disabilities managed their conditions have substantially changed over the 20 years covered by this survey. Among those receiving human assistance, the vast majority were helped by family caregivers, who are increasingly taking full responsibility for providing care. Find detailed analyses of the data in two research reports that provide insight into the factors driving these changes.  Source: AARP Public Policy Institute  <a href="http://www.aarp.org/relationships/caregiving/info-09-2010/0927-ltc-health.html">http://www.aarp.org/relationships/caregiving/info-09-2010/0927-ltc-health.html</a>  <a href="http://www.hcbs.org/files/196/9758/caregiving2010.pdf">http://www.hcbs.org/files/196/9758/caregiving2010.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.hcbs.org/files/196/9757/disability2010.pdf">http://www.hcbs.org/files/196/9757/disability2010.pdf</a></p>
11/4/10	<p>Intersection: Navigating the Road to Work, the electronic newsletter of the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth  <a href="http://www.ncwd-youth.info/">http://www.ncwd-youth.info/</a></p>	<p>Youth-Led, Youth-Focused Website Launches to Support Teens and Young Adult with Mental Health Challenges  Voices4Hope is a website created by a group of young adults with mental health challenges that work in the Transitions Research &amp; Training Center (RTC). The goal of this site is to connect young adults with mental health challenges across the country so they can talk to each other about things that are important to living happy and independent lives.  Visit the Voices4Hope website at  <a href="http://voices4hope.wikispaces.com">http://voices4hope.wikispaces.com</a>  Learn more about Transitions RTC at  <a href="http://www.umassmed.edu/cmhsr/TransitionsRTC.aspx">http://www.umassmed.edu/cmhsr/TransitionsRTC.aspx</a></p>
11/8/10	<p>Disability.gov  &lt;disability.gov@service.govdelivery.com&gt;</p>	<p>Disability.gov Research &amp; Statistics in Health Update: Developing Quality of Care Measures for People with Disabilities  This report summarizes recommendations from a meeting of experts held by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to begin the process of evaluating measures to assess quality of health care for people with disabilities. People with disabilities need the same screening, preventive and wellness services as people who do not have disabilities. They also may need for these services to be delivered in ways that accommodate their disabilities. The 43 page report is available in PDF format.  <a href="http://www.ahrq.gov/populations/devqmdis/devqmdis.pdf">http://www.ahrq.gov/populations/devqmdis/devqmdis.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.ahrq.gov/populations/devqmdis/">http://www.ahrq.gov/populations/devqmdis/</a>  <a href="http://www.ahrq.gov/">http://www.ahrq.gov/</a>  For more information visit this link:  <a href="http://www.disability.gov/health/research_%26_statistics">http://www.disability.gov/health/research_%26_statistics</a></p>
11/21/10	<p>Disability.gov  &lt;disability.gov@service.govdelivery.com&gt;</p>	<p>Institute on Disability &amp; Human Development (IDHD)  IDHD is located at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The Institute is a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service, and offers several community-based programs and services, including Developmental Disabilities Family Clinics.</p>

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		<a href="http://www.idhd.org/FamilyClinics.html">http://www.idhd.org/FamilyClinics.html</a> For more information visit this link: <a href="http://www.disability.gov/state/illinois/health">http://www.disability.gov/state/illinois/health</a> <a href="http://www.idhd.org/">http://www.idhd.org/</a>
11/26/10	Disability.gov <disability.gov@service.govdelivery.com>	Disability.gov Employment Research & Statistics Update: The Impact of the Great Recession on Workers with Disabilities - October 2010 This report describes how people with disabilities fared worse in the Great Recession than the general population. Data from the Current Population Survey (CPS) indicate that between October 2008 and June 2010, job losses among workers with disabilities far exceeded those of workers without disabilities. This resulted in the proportion of employed U.S. workers identified as having disabilities declining by 9 percent. The impact of the 2007–09 recession on workers with disabilities <a href="http://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2010/10/art2exc.htm">http://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2010/10/art2exc.htm</a> You are subscribed to Employment Research & Statistics for Disability.gov. For more information visit this link: <a href="http://www.disability.gov/employment/research_%26_statistics">http://www.disability.gov/employment/research_%26_statistics</a>
12/5/10	Disability.gov <disability.gov@service.govdelivery.com>	Web Application Accessibility Video This video describes the importance of building well-designed web applications to make websites accessible to everyone, anywhere, especially now that so many people use mobile devices to access the Internet. <a href="http://www.doit.wisc.edu/accessibility/video/web_applications.asp">http://www.doit.wisc.edu/accessibility/video/web_applications.asp</a> You are subscribed to Accessibility for Disability.gov. For more information visit this link: <a href="http://www.disability.gov/technology/accessible_technology">http://www.disability.gov/technology/accessible_technology</a>
12/5/10	Disability.gov <disability.gov@service.govdelivery.com>	Federal Interagency Conference on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) - June 13 - 15, 2011 The Third Federal Interagency Conference on TBI will be held June 13-15, 2011, in Washington, DC. This conference will bring together for the first time civilian and military research efforts on TBI. <a href="http://tbi-interagency-conference.org/">http://tbi-interagency-conference.org/</a> For more information visit this link: <a href="http://www.disability.gov/health/news_%26_events">http://www.disability.gov/health/news_%26_events</a>
12/22/10	<a href="mailto:e-clips@hcbs.org">e-clips@hcbs.org</a> Clearinghouse clips	Toolkit for Making Written Material Clear and Effective <a href="http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3448">http://www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/3448</a> Summary: Use this health literacy toolkit to make written material in printed formats easier for people to understand and use. Though the main focus is on material intended for use by individuals eligible or enrolled in programs, the guidelines also apply to material created for people who serve or assist them. The toolkit has 11 parts, including guidelines for writing and design, methods for testing with readers, and guidelines for translation. <a href="http://www.cms.gov/WrittenMaterialsToolkit/">http://www.cms.gov/WrittenMaterialsToolkit/</a> <a href="http://www.cms.gov/">http://www.cms.gov/</a>

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2007	located in Internet search for other resources.	Deinstitutionalisation and Community Living: Outcomes and costs - a report of a European Study. Volume 1: Executive Summary in English; French; German Volume 2: Main report Volume 3: Country reports <a href="http://www.kent.ac.uk/tizard/research/DECL_network/Project_reports.html">http://www.kent.ac.uk/tizard/research/DECL_network/Project_reports.html</a>
11/16/10	<a href="http://www.iewy.com/11333-european-disability-strategy-2010-2020-%E2%80%93-frequently-asked-questions.html">http://www.iewy.com/11333-european-disability-strategy-2010-2020-%E2%80%93-frequently-asked-questions.html</a>  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/news/justice/101115_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/news/justice/101115_en.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.euractiv.com/en/socialeurope/eu-disability-strategy-help-80-million-citizens-news-499775">http://www.euractiv.com/en/socialeurope/eu-disability-strategy-help-80-million-citizens-news-499775</a>	European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 – frequently asked questions Why does the EU need a new strategy on disability? Around 80 million Europeans have a disability, representing one out of six people in the EU. They have the right to participate fully and equally in all aspects of life, both in the economy and society as a whole, but in practice continue to face barriers in everyday life, both physical and in terms of attitudes. People with disabilities are on average poorer than other Europeans, are less likely to have a job, and face more limited access to goods and services such as education, healthcare, transport, housing and technology. The European Commission is committed to removing these barriers. The European Disability Strategy sets out the Commission’s actions in eight key areas over the next decade. What are the main goals of the strategy? The overall aim is to empower people with disabilities so that they can enjoy their rights and participate fully in society. The European strategy identifies actions at EU level to supplement national measures. It also identifies the support needed for funding, research, awareness-raising, statistics and data collection. The strategy focuses on eliminating barriers across eight main areas: accessibility, participation, equality, employment, education and training, social protection, health, and external action. For each area, key actions are identified and include a timeline. These areas were selected on the basis of the overall objectives of the EU Disability strategy, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD), the related policy documents from EU institutions and the Council of Europe, as well as the results of the EU Disability Action Plan 2003-2010, and a consultation of the Member States, stakeholders and the general public... The Commission will consider proposing a European Accessibility Act in 2012. This will set out a general accessibility framework in relation to goods, services and public infrastructure using different instruments such as standardisation, public procurement or state aid rules. The Commission will continue to support research on new technologies, such as assistive devices.

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		<p>There will be numerous actions to address the obstacles that people with disabilities face in exercising their political rights, such as developing and disseminating standards on accessible election facilities and campaign material.</p> <p>The Commission will work to ensure that the European Platform Against Poverty, a flagship initiative under the Europe 2020 Strategy, will contribute to reducing the threat of poverty for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Making sure that the European Social Fund will continue to offer significant – and optimised – support to projects related to persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Intensifying efforts to gather knowledge and data in order to better tackle challenges in the employment situation of people with disabilities and propose remedies.</p> <p>The Commission will develop policies for inclusive and quality education and training within the framework of the Youth on the Move initiative.</p> <p>Work towards the mutual recognition of disability cards and related entitlements. The Commission will continue to promote the use of the European model of disability parking card.</p> <p>Promoting the rights of people with disabilities in the EU's external action, including the enlargement process and development programmes.</p> <p>What effect will the Strategy have on Europe's economy?</p> <p>The EU market for assistive devices – which has an estimated annual value of €30 billion – is still fragmented and the devices are expensive. Policy and regulatory frameworks do not reflect the needs of the people with disabilities and the manufacturing industry. More standardisation would improve economies of scale and traders could more easily offer their products and services across borders. This would produce positive knock-on effects for Europe's economy. In the US, stepping up the use of public procurement has been very successful in making public infrastructure more accessible in a cost-effective way. The approach can serve as model for the EU.</p> <p>Creating a more inclusive society brings market opportunities and fosters innovation. There is a strong business case for making services and products accessible to all, given the demand from a growing number of ageing consumers. Over a third of people aged over 75 have disabilities that restrict them to some extent...</p> <p>The Commission has been working to achieve the closest cooperation possible with Member States, NGOs and the other European institutions. The High Level Group on Disability has been at the centre of this cooperation. As the EU and the Member States will continue implementing the UNCRPD, they will put in place focal points, coordination mechanisms and a framework including at least one independent mechanism to support implementation of the Convention.</p>
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		<p>What budget is planned to support disability policies?</p> <p>Until 2013, the current programmes such as the European Social Fund, the Progress programme, the 7th Framework programme for research and others will continue to provide funding for the implementation of disability-related initiatives.</p> <p>The next EU Multiannual Financial Framework will be presented in the first half of 2011. It will provide support after 2013 for the implementation of actions included in the strategy.</p> <p>More at: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&amp;catId=89&amp;newsId=933&amp;furtherNews=yes">http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&amp;catId=89&amp;newsId=933&amp;furtherNews=yes</a>  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/social/home.jsp?langId=en">http://ec.europa.eu/social/home.jsp?langId=en</a>  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=429&amp;langId=en">http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=429&amp;langId=en</a>  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/justice/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/justice/index_en.htm</a></p>
3/7/11	Disabled Peoples International's (DPI's) E-news	<p>WWDA Report</p> <p>A copy of Women with Disabilities, Australia's (WWDA's) Performance Report for the period ending December 2010 is now available. Included in the Report are achievements toward the organization's Strategic Goals, along with results of a survey to elicit members' views on how WWDA represents the views of women with disabilities to government. To read Report, follow first link at <a href="http://www.wwda.org.au/wwdarepts.htm">http://www.wwda.org.au/wwdarepts.htm</a></p>
3/14/11	Disabled Peoples International's (DPI's) E-news	<p>Global Fund for Women (GFW)</p> <p>On 8 March 2011 in Geneva, GFW advisors and grantee partners from the Americas met with the United Nations' (UN's) Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders to discuss how to improve the security of women human rights defenders. With rampant government and law enforcement corruption, women human rights defenders are at great risk, facing marginalization, prejudice, violence and threats on their lives. To read go to <a href="http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/storage/documents/news/rights_defenders.pdf">http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/storage/documents/news/rights_defenders.pdf</a></p> <p>Expanding Opportunities for Women and Girls with Disabilities in Education and Employment</p> <p>A Panel Discussion on STEM: Expanding opportunities for women and girls with disabilities in education and employment was earlier this month at the 55th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.</p> <p>Globally, women make up three-fourths of persons with disabilities in low and middle income countries. Between 65% and 70% of these women live in rural areas. Estimates of the percentage of children with disabilities not attending school is extremely variable, however, in general, children with disabilities are less likely to start school and have lower rates of staying and being promoted in school than their peers without disabilities. The correlation between low educational outcomes and having a disability is often stronger than the correlations between low education outcome and other characteristics such as gender, rural residence or poverty. Girls with disabilities have the lowest</p>



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		education participation rates in the world and knowledge of STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) is especially deficient. To read more go to <a href="http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?navid=47&amp;pid=1556">http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?navid=47&amp;pid=1556</a>
3/21/11	Disabled Peoples International's (DPI's) E-news	Disability Law Handbook The Southwest ADA Center is pleased to announce the availability of the Disability Law Handbook in Spanish as well as English. The Handbook answers questions about the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), the ADA Amendments Act, the Rehabilitation Act, and others. To read in English, go to <a href="http://www.swdbtac.org/html/publications/dlh/index.html">http://www.swdbtac.org/html/publications/dlh/index.html</a>
3/24/11	Gladnet	The launch of the WHO/World Bank World report on disability will be held on 9 June, 2011. The World report on disability will be available for download at <a href="http://www.who.int/disabilities/world_report/en/">http://www.who.int/disabilities/world_report/en/</a> Promotional films related to the World report on disability are available here: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/who#grid/user/50649F9C524CBAC4">http://www.youtube.com/user/who#grid/user/50649F9C524CBAC4</a>
4/2/11	Disability-Research Discussion list is managed by the Centre for Disability Studies at the University of Leeds ( <a href="http://www.leeds.ac.uk/disability-studies">www.leeds.ac.uk/disability-studies</a> ).	a report done for the European Commission. The study 'is on the challenges and good practices in the implementation of the UN CRPD' - VC/2008/1214. It authors were the European Foundation Centre and a date on the report is October 2010. I give the first paragraph below from the Executive Summary which is 11 pages long. The document is available from: <a href="http://www.study-uncrpd.eu/files/repository/20110126162849_VC20081214_FIN_AL_REPORT_101010.pdf">http://www.study-uncrpd.eu/files/repository/20110126162849_VC20081214_FIN_AL_REPORT_101010.pdf</a> Word copy <a href="http://db.tt/TFjocZm">http://db.tt/TFjocZm</a>
		Various international sources: United States International Council on Disabilities <a href="http://www.usicd.org/template/index.cfm">http://www.usicd.org/template/index.cfm</a> Rehabilitation Council of India <a href="http://www.rehabcouncil.nic.in/index.htm">http://www.rehabcouncil.nic.in/index.htm</a> WHO - Social determinants of health <a href="http://www.who.int/social_determinants/en/">http://www.who.int/social_determinants/en/</a> Eldis website. Our aim is to share the best in development policy, practice and research. Browse the latest editorially selected content from over 7,500 development organisations - all available free to download. <a href="http://www.eldis.org/">http://www.eldis.org/</a> Disabled Peoples' International <a href="http://www.dpi.org/">http://www.dpi.org/</a> Disability News, Information and Resources - Disabled World <a href="http://www.disabled-world.com/">http://www.disabled-world.com/</a>