

Making Quality A Habit

Putting Person Centered
Practices to Work

Resource Notes

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A Note

Thanks to Julia Kinney for the link to the video. You'll also find: information about a TASH webinar; an email campaign for making sure that Direct Support Professionals have the protective gear they need to continue their work; and, an announcement about the Portland Gathering.

NorCal Archive of all newsletters and resource notes here:

<https://allenshea.com/norcal-gathering-committee-newsletters-and-resource-notes/>



Why your doctor looks different during Covid-19

In the midst of the coronavirus, a lot of things are different - including trips to the doctor or hospital. If you or someone you support is nervous about going to the doctor, this video (produced by Quillo) gives you an idea of what to expect. The doctor or nurse may be dressed differently than usual, but keep in mind they are there to help you - and it's the same helpful person underneath the layers of goggles, face shields, masks, gowns, and gloves! We hope you feel better soon.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLI7IM49LYU&feature=youtu.be>

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During this nationwide health crisis, services and supports for individuals have changed dramatically. We're interested in understanding more about those changes. We'll definitely share what we learn with you, if you're interested. If you'd like to participate, here's a link to a short survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorCalGatheringCommitteeSurvey>

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Upcoming TASH Webinar in May

TASH will be hosting a **free webinar** in May on how people with disabilities and support professionals can respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Disability Employment During and After COVID-19: Making the Post-Pandemic Future of Work Inclusive

1:00-3:00 PM Eastern, May 13th 2020

What will the future of work hold for the many people with disabilities who, after being abruptly sent home from work due to the COVID-19 pandemic, may have lost touch with the services and supports that they depend upon to sustain their employment? How have other people with disabilities been supported to continue to strengthen their work skills, social networks, and access to technology during this time? Have people with disabilities continued to plan for new pathways into employment while engaging in social distancing? And what might this foretell for future shifts in how employment services and supports may be delivered in the United States? These and other important questions to be answered and discussed in a roundtable conversation with national subject matter experts and nationally recognized leaders in the self-advocacy movement. Please join us for this timely webinar.

Email Your Senator

TASH invites you to email **Senator Mitch McConnell [here](#)** and **Senator Chuck Schumer [here](#)** and tell them how the COVID-19 Pandemic is affecting you and why you should be included. Here is a sample letter:

Dear Senator Schumer;

My name is George and I have a disability and I am writing to you to talk about the legislation that is happening around COVID-19. People with disabilities have been left out. As a person with a disability, it really scares me about what is happening out there. My friends have been telling me that their direct support worker is not able to come and support them because they have the virus. Or someone that they support has it or they don't have the right medical equipment.

We need to make sure Direct Support Workers have the right medical equipment to protect them so they can come in and work with us. Also, the pay they receive needs to continue during this time. If we don't have the supports we need, people with disabilities in some cases can't even get out of bed, get food, or in some cases die.

Please help to make sure we are included in the legislation. We all deserve to be included and supported during this virus happening.

Thank you,
George Smith



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Our community and our world are bound up in a bundle of life. We are sustained and nurtured by the connections we have made with one another. In this time of adversity, we hold ever tighter to these connections and move ever closer together. While for now we must maintain our physical distancing, this tightening of our bonds has brought us closer to reveal newly discovered strengths and gifts. It has also revealed important opportunities for growth. Please join us at a time when to gather has never been more critical.

Come share and learn in this very real (albeit virtual) space we call the Portland Gathering and ensure that people with disabilities and those who stand in support of them continue to advance the movement for inclusive and just communities through person centered practices.



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How will it work?

Sessions will be spread out over two weeks, 7/19 - 7/31.

Most sessions will be scheduled Monday - Friday:

- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Pacific**
- 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Mountain**
- 11:00 - 4:00 pm Central**
- 12:00 - 5:00 pm Eastern**

Attend sessions as your schedule allows. Most will be recorded and available for your viewing later, so you won't miss a thing.

Make it work for you!

This year will be an online, two-week event with daily webcasts, a marketplace, and interactive discussion groups. Registration starts 5/15/20 at <https://portlandgathering.org>