

Braille Literacy Month, Talking Prescription labels,
Guardianship & Estate Planning, Adaptive Basketball and
more...

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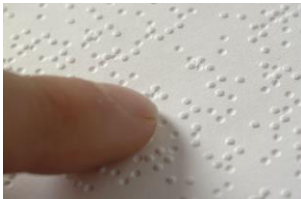


Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living

Communication Pulse...

your lifeline to disability news and resources

January 2019



January - Braille Literacy Month

National Braille Literacy is recognized each year to help promote the importance of the Braille system to the blind and visually impaired community.

Why is Braille Important? The National Federation for the Blind (NFB) estimates that only 10% of students who are blind are actually learning to be literate in reading. Being proficient in Braille is an important part of being literate, but more so in future independence and employment as an adult. For more information on Braille and braille literacy check out the following links and websites:

- [Braille Works](#)
- [The Carroll Center for the Blind](#)
- [Paths to Literacy](#)
- [American Council of the Blind of Ohio](#)
- [American Foundation for the Blind](#)

White Canes considered durable medical equipment

A rule proposed by the Ohio Department of Medicaid to provide coverage of **white canes as durable medical equipment** was finalized making Ohio the first state in



the country to provide coverage for the tool used by individuals that are blind or have low vision. The Medicaid rule 5160-10-30 includes coverage for ambulation aids under durable medical equipment, which previously covered canes, crutches or walkers but excluded coverage of white canes.

The **rule will take effect January 1, 2019**, and individuals should check with local providers on availability of Medicaid eligible white canes.

ScripTalk Labels and Talking Prescription Reader

Do you or a loved one have trouble reading prescription labels?
Are you worried that you don't remember your prescription instructions correctly?
Are you looking for a way to safely and independently manage your medications so you don't have to rely on family and friends to read prescription information to you?

ScripTalk Labels and Reader may be your answer...[CLICK HERE](#) for more information!



Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit (LFPT)

has heard your requests and is excited to announce a

new flex route (Loop) pilot the

first Saturday of each month from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

[Check out the attached](#) for more information and take advantage of the new Saturday service to ensure that it becomes a permanent Saturday route!

Guardianship and Estate Planning

Saturday, January 12th, 2019

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

DSACO Office | 510 E. North Broadway | Columbus, OH

Fee: \$10

Attorney and DSACO parent, Derek Graham, Esq., will provide an overview of guardianship and estate planning, with a focus on information important to people with disabilities and their families.

He will cover the following topics:

- When guardianship is necessary
- The various types of guardianship
- Alternatives to guardianship
- Eligibility requirements for public assistance benefits
- Recommended components of a Will
- The various types of disability (special needs) trusts
- How trusts help maintain eligibility benefits



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Career-focused Mentoring for Youth: The What, Why, and How

The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) at the Department of Labor offers a factsheet on "Career-Focused Mentoring for Youth: The What, Why, and How." The factsheet discusses mentoring during the transition from school to work, with guideposts explaining how mentoring activities can be used to support career preparation by assisting young people in meeting their transition-related and developmental needs.

When asked to describe an ideal employee, attributes such as being a hard worker, a team player, and a good communicator are frequently cited by employers as being even more important than technical expertise. According, however, to a recent survey of 461 employers conducted by the Conference Board, Corporate Voices for Working Families, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, and the Society for Human Resources, many new entrants to the

workforce lack these important skills. These business leaders reported that while the three "R's" are still fundamental to every employee's ability to do the job, knowledge of applied skills is even more important.

[Check out the ODEP website for more information.](#)

Tricks for Getting Through The FLU Season!

It is that time of year again and no one likes being sick or having family members who don't feel well. Check out [Nationwide Children's Hospital Health e-Hints](#) for expert advice on handling winter ailments!

Adaptive Sports Basketball Program there is still time to join in the fun!

Practices are on Monday's from 5:00 - 6:00pm



Location: Hocking Valley Industries located at 15663 State Route 595, Logan

For questions or to register contact Jeff Williams at SOCIL

740-380-1475 or jwsocil@sbcglobal.net

[See flier for more details.](#)

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Kroger card!**



Did you know that just by doing your regular grocery shopping at Kroger you could **help SOCIL earn funds** to conduct activities, such as Adaptive Sports, Kids In College Scholarships, peer support groups, and more? By registering your Kroger card in the **Kroger Community Rewards program**, each time you shop and scan your card, SOCIL will receive a percentage of your purchase amount. [Click here for easy instructions on how to register your Kroger card.](#) Ask your family and friends to assist us too!

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