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“If you really want to do something, you’ll find a way. If you don’t, you’ll find an excuse.”

Jim Rohn



I would like to thank you for your kind words and suggestions for future newsletter topics, please keep them coming!



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Disability Mentoring Day is an international event, and was created to link students and job-seekers with employers in the community. The mentees get to tour and work hands on with a mentor and the mentors and local businesses get a chance to see the pool of qualified applicants they may have not been exposed to otherwise.

For information on becoming a mentor download the application at:
<http://www.disabilitymentoringday.org/mentor-app.htm>



Call-A-Bus

Call-A-Bus is a ride sharing transportation service for people with disabilities who would otherwise use the Centro Transit Bus if it were not for their disabilities. It is a curb to curb service. Drivers do assist passengers with boarding and exiting the vehicle and securing mobility devices, but cannot perform custodial duties, but care attendants do ride at no cost if they are assisting an individual. The presence of a disability or disabling health condition does not result in automatic approval to use Call-A-Bus; eligibility is based upon the functional abilities of the individual. To determine eligibility you must complete an application that is then signed and verified by a healthcare professional. To get an application, call 442-3420.



Taking a Closer Look- AURORA of CNY

Aurora of CNY offers services to individuals who are blind, visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing. Services include: instruction in daily living skills, independent travel training, early intervention services. Aurora also provides sign language interpreters for a fee, they recommend scheduling 3 days in advance, to schedule interpreter services call 422-7263.



What is TTY?

TTY stands for Text Telephone. It is also sometimes called a TDD, or Telecommunication Device for the Deaf. A TTY is a special device that lets people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech-impaired use the telephone to communicate, by allowing them to type messages back and forth to one another instead of talking and listening. If you don't have a TTY, you can still call a person who is deaf, hard of hearing, or speech-impaired by using the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS). With TRS, a special operator types whatever you say so that the person you are calling can read your words on his or her TTY display. He or she will type back a response, which the TRS operator will read aloud for you to hear over the phone. Toll free TRS services are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Talking with a person who is deaf or uses a hearing aid:

1. Let the person take the lead in establishing the communication mode, such as lip-reading, sign language, or writing notes.
2. Talk directly to the person, even when a sign language interpreter is present.
3. If the person lip-reads, face him or her directly, speak clearly and with a moderate pace.
4. With some people, it may help to simplify your sentences and use more facial expressions and body language.

If you have questions or comments or would like to see a specific topic covered please email lbush@cnyworks.com

Did you know?

In addition to seeing eye dogs, there are hearing dogs?

Hearing dogs are used for home and work by many members of the deaf community. A hearing dog is specially trained to recognize any out of the ordinary sound and alert the owner. They work as alarm clocks, security and they can even detect running water in the home.