

Additional Information and Updates from our Community Partners

RAISING SPECIAL KIDS NEWSLETTER The newest issue with a featured article on Cultural Competence is available at: <http://www.raisingpecialkids.org/default.asp?pagelid=12&parentid=0> Joyce Millard Hoie, MPA
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Prescott Fine Arts Associations 2nd
ANNUAL COURTYARD SALE will be on April 29, 2006, (Prescott, AZ) at 8:00 a.m. It's about the deals and we're talking DEALS, DEALS, DEALS on everything anybody absolutely has to have! Support the Arts by shopping at this yearly courtyard sale. The address is 208 North Marina Street at Willis in Prescott, on the north side of the building. Be early for the best selection! For more information, please call the PFAA Box Office at 445-3286.

The National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY) has launched a new Research Center, designed to provide research evidence on a wide range of educational practices. The Research Center is located at:



The Arizona Technology Access Program* in collaboration with Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services Arizona Postsecondary Access Coalition (AzPAC) Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities Rehabilitation Services Administration Statewide Independent Living Council announces...

The 9th Annual Assistive Technology Summer Institute Training in the Saguaros

Assistive Technology: It's hot, it's cool; use it at work, home and school!

July 31 – August 1, 2006
Wigwam Resort and Golf Club
Litchfield Park, Arizona

A limited number of parent/consumer scholarships for reduced registration fees are available. For conference and registration information, contact Martha Lewis at 602-728-9534, martha.lewis@nau.edu or go to www.nau.edu/ihd/aztap

*AzTAP is a program of Northern Arizona University's Institute for Human Development

ACTION ALERT From the National Down Syndrome Society April 3, 2006

TELL HOUSE MEMBERS TO OPPOSE BUDGET CUTS TO DISABILITY SERVICES

On March 29, 2006 the House Budget Committee approved a budget resolution that could result in significant funding cuts for services that are critically important for individuals with disabilities and their families. This resolution proposes funding cuts of \$9 billion in fiscal year 2007. The cuts would go even deeper over the next five years. Many amendments were rejected that would have restored some of the funding.

The full House is expected to vote on the budget resolution sometime this week. We need your help to protect disability programs and services. Please contact your House Representative TODAY and urge him or her to vote against the budget resolution unless amendments are approved that would sufficiently increase funding.

The message is: Pass a House Budget Resolution that sets discretionary spending limits at sufficient levels to increase funding for programs and services for people with disabilities and their families. Reject the Budget Resolution's instructions that would force Congress to cut funds from critical disability entitlement programs.

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