



KYBLN's DiversAbility News

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Director's Corner

The goal of the KYBLN is to reach across the Commonwealth of Kentucky to expand employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. We are pleased to announce the official **Kick Off of the Northern Kentucky Chapter** of the KYBLN! Gap, Inc., St. Elizabeth Medical Center, and McHale's Catering and Event Specialists will sponsor a luncheon event on October 28th to announce their chapter of the KYBLN to the region. The lunch will feature Norb Ryan, ADA Coordinator for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, speaking on "Tapping an Untapped Pool of Qualified Workers." This is an exciting way to let businesses in the Northern Kentucky region learn about the benefits of joining the KYBLN and hearing firsthand the advantages of employing individuals with disabilities. Many local businesses and service provider agencies have worked together to get the KYBLN off to a great start in Northern Kentucky. The lunch will be held Tuesday, October 28, 2003, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Marquise Banquet and Conference Center at 1016 Town Drive, Wilder Kentucky. If you would like to join the event, please register at www.kybln.org/nky.

Claudia Ernharth – State Director, Kentucky Business Leadership Network

FEATURED JOB SEEKERS

Outdoor Laborer

Job seeker looking for outdoor work with full-time employment. Candidate has full work history and experience in various related jobs. For more information please contact Bridgette Abner, the employment specialist regarding this job posting at 859-331-0880 x 237 for more information or see job titled 'Outdoor Laborer' on page '6' at the job bank at <http://jobs.kybln.org>

Administrative Assistant

Candidate seeks Administrative Assistant position. Candidate has full work history and word/processing experience. Excellent communication skills in working with others. For more information please contact Cheryl Martinez, the employment specialist regarding this job posting at 859-371-9450 x 311 for more information or see job titled Administrative Assistant on page '6' at the job bank at <http://jobs.kybln.org>

JOB POSTING

The Alliance for Systems Change/Mid-South Regional Resource Center (MSRRC) is looking for a self-starter to join the Center's team of consultants collaborating with State Departments of Education and State lead agencies for early intervention services under Part C of IDEA. See online job posting at <http://www.kybln.org/mid-south.pdf>

NEWS

KYBLN Annual Statewide Conference



The upcoming KYBLN Fall Conference will be at KYBLN Board Member Mike Curd's Holiday Inn North Lexington on Newtown Pike on October 8! Cheryl LaFleur, HR Director, UK Federal Credit Union and Carolyn Wheeler, University of Kentucky IHDl, are putting together an outstanding morning of information and good food. KYBLN Annual Conference details and online registration at <http://www.kybln.org/annual> This program has been approved for recertification credit hour(s) toward PHR and SPHR recertification through the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI). For more information about

certification or recertification, please visit the HRCI homepage at www.hrci.org. Inquiries for more information about the credit hours should be directed to Katie Wolf Smith at 859-257-3586 - kwolf@uky.edu

Blind Pilot Sets Channel Record

A father of four has become the first blind person to fly across the English Channel in a Microlight. Miles Hilton-Barber, 54, achieved his ambition as part of an event to celebrate 100 years of powered flight. Read entire article at http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/3175969.stm

Broadway Hosts First Deaf Musical

NEW YORK (Reuters) - For the first time, a musical featuring deaf performers is being staged on Broadway, and the show -- a revival of "Big River" based on Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" -- is drawing big crowds. Read entire article at http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/nm/20030820/stage_nm/leisure_deaf_dc_9

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)

Through a national network of cooperating libraries, NLS administers a free library program of braille and audio materials circulated to eligible borrowers in the United States by postage-free mail. Learn who is eligible what is available etc. at <http://lweb.loc.gov/nls/>

TECHNOLOGY

Talking Glove Interprets Sign Language

WASHINGTON (AP) - An electronic glove that can turn American Sign Language gestures into spoken words or text, designed to help the deaf communicate more easily with the hearing world, is being developed by a researcher at George Washington University. Learn more at <http://datacenter.ap.org/wdc/glove/>

FDA Approves Wheelchair that Climbs Stairs



The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved a wheelchair that literally can go up and down steps -- as well as shift into four-wheel drive for grassy hills and elevate its occupant to standing height. See entire article at: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/HEALTH/08/14/stair.climbing.wheelchair.ap/index.html>

EDUCATION

Access Loans Available from DCU

Members of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) can join the Digital Federal Credit Union (DCU) to take advantage of this new loan product. Access Loans are now available for any product, device, or building modification designed to assist someone with a disability. Borrow from \$1,500 to \$25,000 or more for up to 72 months with no down payment required. Join AAPD so you can take advantage of DCU's financial benefits. There is no fee to join the credit union; all you have to do is open a savings or checking account for as little as \$5.00. If you are already an AAPD member, or if you would like to join AAPD and DCU at the same time, you can call DCU directly for further information and an application at 800-328-8797 (800-395-5146 TTY). Or visit DCU's website at www.dcu.org for further information and applications.

Tax incentives and the ADA

Brief overview of tax incentives and the ADA for businesses. This quick guide gives overview and who, what, when, where, and how to apply. See it online at the KYBLN Career Center at: http://www.kybln.org/occ/employer/pdf/tax_ada.PDF

Feel like joining? Go to <http://www.kybln.org/occ/employer/join.htm>

KYBLN's lead employer



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