



AAIDD MEMBER UPDATE

Resources for Professional
Development

March 4, 2021

Announcements

[Save the Date: Registration for the 145th AAIDD Virtual Meeting Opens March 15, 2021](#)

The 145th annual meeting, Addressing Workforce Challenges: Promising Trends in Policy, Practice, and Research will be held in a completely virtual format. Registration will open March 15, 2021.

[Trinity Health and Education International Research Conference 2021 - Healthy Ageing and Intellectual Disability](#)

March 10-11, 2021 online, Registration €25/\$30.30 USD, free for students (email THEconference@tcd.ie with evidence of registration as a student to receive a discount code)

[Registration Now Open for the Disability Policy Seminar](#)

Virtual Event

April 21-22, 2021

The Disability Policy Seminar offers the opportunity for passionate advocates, self-advocates, experts, and professionals in the field to come together and learn about key issues that affect them most.

Upcoming Webinars and Virtual Learning

COVID-19 – Its Impact on Direct Support Professionals

This webinar is jointly hosted by AAIDD and the AAIDD Direct Support Professional Interest Network
March 16, 2021 4pm ET

Presenter: Amy Hewitt, PhD, FAAIDD, University of Minnesota

Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) provide long term services and supports to people with intellectual disabilities in a wide variety of settings – individual/family homes, community programs, worksites, group homes,

and larger facilities. These workers have many critically important roles. Throughout the pandemic they have risked their lives to deliver needed supports to people and often were put in the situation of potentially infecting their own families due to their work. Despite their importance, in most states this group of employees is not clearly identified as essential workers. This webinar will share new research findings from the University of Minnesota's Research and Training Center on Community Living regarding a 6 month follow up study on the effects of COVID-19 on this important workforce and strategies that are helpful to best supporting them. Implications of the findings of this longitudinal study will be shared and discussed by participants.

[Register here.](#)

Upcoming Mentorship in a Minute Reinventing Your Personal Brand

March 24, 2021 at 3 pm ET

Host: Michael Bloom, MA, MS, FAAIDD, Chief Strategy & Innovation Officer, Incompass Human Services

Discuss considerations when changing the scope of your work.

[Register here.](#)

Upcoming Crucial Conversations

Community Supports for Adults: What Are We Learning from the COVID Pandemic?

March 31, 2021 at 2:00 pm ET

Host: Joanna Pierson, PhD, FAAIDD, The Arc of Frederick County

Join us for a discussion regarding what COVID-19 is teaching us about our supports and services-- both positive and negative.

[Register here.](#)

Call for Papers & Applications

[Call for Conference Proposals](#)

Division for Early Childhood is excited to announce the Call for Proposals for DEC's 37th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Disabilities and Their Families being held September 21st - 24th, 2021 in New Orleans, Louisiana! Deadline Extended - The new deadline for submission is Monday, March 15th, 2021 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

Call for Applications: [Young Exceptional Children Journal](#) Editor

The Division for Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children is recruiting an editor for the *Young Exceptional Children* (YEC) journal to serve a 4-year term beginning July 1, 2021. Applications are due by Sunday, March 21st, 2021, opportunity open to DEC members.

[Scholarships for Rehabilitation Counseling Programs Announced](#)

Under an RSA grant, Emporia State University is offering full tuition plus stipend for two online programs with a focus on autism. For the fall 2021 semester, up to 20 students in a [MS in Clinical](#)

**Special Issue of *Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*
Sponsored by the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Families Special Interest Research Group**

[Rehabilitation Counseling](#) program AND up to 35 students in a [graduate certificate program](#) will be supported. Preference is given to applicants in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. Applications must be made to both the program and the scholarship; deadline is March 31, 2021. For more information, contact [Erin Tuttle](#).

[Call for Papers: Global Qualitative Nursing Research](#)

Global Qualitative Nursing Research (GQNR) is publishing a Special Collection on Developmental Disability in Care Work. Qualitative nursing research to address care work is needed to conceptualize and understand the human experience of disability and care work.
Deadline: June 1, 2021

Call for Papers: “Family Support Interventions in Culturally Diverse and Low-Resource Communities”

To participate in this special issue, please submit a structured, 500-word maximum abstract of your proposed manuscript by April 1, 2021 to Sarah Dababnah at sdababnah@ssw.umaryland.edu. The abstract should include an introduction and research questions, methods, results and conclusions.

[Special Issue of Research in Developmental Disabilities: Enhancing Research Practice in Developmental Disabilities](#)

Guest Editors: Giulia Balboni, Keith F. Widaman, Gianluca Esposito

For this special issue, we plan to publish articles exhibiting high standards for technical, methodological, experimental, and clinical research, contributing to research methods and data analysis techniques in the field of developmental disabilities. Articles describing techniques that are used in other fields and that might be employed in studies of developmental disorders are welcome. Particular emphasis will be given to adaptation, translation, and standardization of tools or measurement devices (i.e. protocols; questionnaires, etc.) in different cultural and linguistic groups and to the methodological techniques for evaluating the qualities of the resulting tools. Submission portal is open December 15, 2020 through October 31, 2021.

Job Opportunities

[Deputy Director of Community Services Programs, Illinois](#)
Department of Human Services
Springfield, IL

[Program Manager, Felicity House](#)
New York

[UNH-4U Co-Director, The University of New Hampshire](#)
Durham, NH

[DSHS Assistant Secretary of Developmental Disabilities Administration, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services](#)
State of Washington

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