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**TRN Disability Update April 2010**

**Training Resource Network Disability Update**  
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**Works for Me Employment Campaign in Pennsylvania**

Since launching the “Works for me” campaign in mid-October, the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare announces that nearly 1,000 inquiries have been fielded via phone and email, and nearly 15,000 visits have been made to the Works for me web site. The site is a free resource that directs individuals to agencies and programs that help people with disabilities in Pennsylvania get a job.

<http://www.WorksForMe-PA.org>

**IL to begin Supporting Nursing Home Residents to Move to Community**

An agreement has been filed between the State of Illinois and about 4,500 people with mental illnesses in nursing homes, known in the state as "Institutions for Mentally Diseases" (IMDs). These residents will now have the choice to move into community-based settings with supports. The agreement is the latest development in the case *Williams v. Quinn*, originally filed in August 2005 by two individuals forced to live in Chicago area nursing homes. The Governor's Nursing Home Safety Task Force concluded that there is "remarkable consensus that many people currently admitted to nursing homes with serious mental illness would be better cared for in specially designed and monitored community residential settings."

**NCD Nominee with Autism Stance on "Acceptance rather than Cure" Causes Controversy**

Ari Ne'eman, the 22-year-old founder of the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network, has been nominated to the national Council on Disability. However, Ne'eman's position that autism should be accepted and accommodated, rather than focusing on a cure, has caused his appointment to be controversial. In fact, his confirmation in the US Senate has been put on hold. ASAN notes: "Research priorities should focus on areas that have the most potential to improve the daily lives of Autistic people..."

<http://blog.newsweek.com/blogs/thehumancondition/archive/2010/03/29/ari-ne-eman-and-the-controversy-over-an-autism-cure.aspx>

**Transition for Students with Autism Seminars Offered in NJ**

A series of transition workshops focusing on students with autism were provided in three locations in New Jersey this past month. The free seminars helped educate parents about what an individualized education plan should include.

[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2010/03/informative\\_sessions\\_throughout.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2010/03/informative_sessions_throughout.html)

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**Career Development Web Course Course completed. Next class begins Sept. 17**

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	<p align="center"><b>Marketing/Job Development Web Course</b> 8 openings left. April 14-27, 2010</p>	<p align="center">Covers the key principles and hands-on tools for finding jobs for people with disabilities and other high-unemployment groups.</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Job Coaching and Workplace Supports</b> May 12-25, 2010</p>	<p align="center">Effective job design, instructional and behavioral support strategies, and the development of co-worker and natural supports.</p>
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#### Talented Athlete/Actress Breaks Disability Stereotypes

Actress and athlete Aimee Mullins, who uses prosthetics from her shins down, was featured in a recent interview on CNN. She gained the attention of news journalists due to her talk at the annual TED MED conference, where she discussed some of the negative issues concerning the use of the term "disabled." While she notes that she doesn't consider herself a disability advocate, she said that she tries to live her life with autonomy as an example to others.

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/OPINION/03/09/mullins.beyond.disability/index.html?hpt=Mid>

#### Federal Hiring Event for People with Disabilities April 26

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the US Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) are sponsoring a day-long "Federal Hiring Event for People with Disabilities." Representatives from many agencies will be reviewing resumes prior to the event, and inviting prospective candidates for interviews. Candidates should review the event information, as well as the Individuals with Disabilities page, or Veterans page on USAJOBS.gov

<<http://www.usajobs.gov/DisabilityHiringEvent.asp>> . Job seekers must submit their resume to: [Hiringevent@opm.gov](mailto:Hiringevent@opm.gov) no later than March 24, 2010. Documentation supporting disability (e.g., proof of disability and job readiness certification letters) and/or veteran's status (e.g., VA letter and DD-214) can be provided with the resume, or at the interview.

#### New Study: Immigrants with Disabilities have Higher Work Rates Than US Born with Disabilities

According to a new study in the American Journal of Industrial Medicine, for every type of disability, both foreign-born and non-citizens with disabilities were more likely than their U.S.-born people with disabilities to be employed. In addition, the median wage/salary incomes of foreign-born persons with mental impairments, self-care limitations, or participation restrictions exceeded those of US-born persons with these same disabilities.

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/123301682/abstract>

#### Autism and Employment Mentoring System Piloted

Special education professor Ann X. Huang at Duquesne University has developed a mentor system for workers with autism and Asperger Syndrome on the job. The mentors stay with the employees throughout the work shift and coach them on how to interact with bosses, co-workers and customers.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10088/1046417-114.stm>

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