

Disability and Public Health in the Media



The mission of the American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) is to advance health promotion and wellness initiatives for children and adults with disabilities through research, education, policy and public awareness at the federal, state and local level.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Welcome to Disability and Public Health in the Media

Welcome to AAHD's new weekly electronic update, "*Disability and Public Health in the Media*". Each Tuesday, AAHD will provide an overview of the prior week's media coverage on topics related to disability and public health. Our goal is to keep our colleagues and friends informed of disability and public health topics in the media at the local, state and national level. It is our intent that this weekly information will support you in your work. Please send us your comments to contact@aahd.us and feel free to share the weekly updates with your colleagues.

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Disabled Do Not Get Hired as Jobs Increase

On January 6, *Disability Scoop* reported that while jobs increased in December, jobs for persons with disabilities did not keep pace with others.
[Learn more now.](#)

Ohio Settles Class Action Suit Over Disability Determination Delays

On December 31, *The Republic* reported that as a result of a class action law suit, people applying because of disability whose application is pending for more than 90 days will automatically be enrolled in Medicaid.

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Older Californians with Disabilities Struggle to Remain Home

On January 3, *Foundation Center* posted a University of California at Los Angeles study documenting the struggles faced by older Californians with disabilities.

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Arkansas Medical Center Settles Disability Discrimination Complaint

On January 1, *Disability.Gov* reported that St. Edward Mercy Medical Center, Ft. Smith, Arkansas settled a Section 504 Rehabilitation Act disability discrimination complaint. The complaint involved the use of assisting dogs.

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Health Insurance Gaps Disrupt Preventive Care

See January 4 *National Public Radio* posting [here](#).

PCORI Seeks Comments on Translating Comparative Clinical Effectiveness Research to Practice

The *Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)* is a new quasi-government organization established by the Affordable Care Act. PCORI has developed a translation to practice proposal and seeks public comment.

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AHRQ Seeks Comments on Primary-Care Practice-Based Interventions for Co-Occurring Mental Health and Chronic Medical Conditions

See January 4 *AHRQ (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality)* [posting](#).

Illicit Drug Related Emergency Department Visits for 2009

See December 29 *SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)* [report](#).

Psych Central Projects Mental Health Treatment Trends for 2012

On January 5, *Psych Central* projected 5 trends in mental health treatment for 2012 - more nutritional programs integrated with mental health treatment, more evidence-based psychotherapy, more faith-based mental health students, less pathology particularly for children, and increased use of treatment plans.

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23 States Receive Child Health Insurance Bonus

Payments

On December 28, HHS (*Department of Health and Human Services*) announced \$296 million in performance bonus payments to 23 states for increasing Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollment.

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