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Disabled Veterans Outreach Program

The Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) is a Federal funded program designed to assist Veterans who may possess a physical, educational, or economical barrier that prevent them from obtaining suitable employment. The program helps Veterans identify and overcome these barriers as well as identify benefits that are offered to veterans through State and Federal agencies. The program helps veterans obtain skills needed for successful job searches by providing instructions on things such as resume writing, identifying skills, creating job searches, preparing for interviews, and obtaining employment with business in the local and surrounding counties. By the end of the program we hope to acquire successful employment that Veterans and employers alike will greatly appreciate. Services through this program DO NOT GUARANTEE that ALL participants will obtain a job. However, it does guarantee that we will do our best to assist with successful employment.

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April is Autism Month

Autism spectrum disorder is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person’s ability to communicate and interact with others. Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a “spectrum disorder” that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. There is no known single cause of autism, but increased awareness and funding can help families today. Some of the behaviors associated with autism include delayed learning of language; difficulty making eye contact or holding a conversation; difficulty with executive functioning, which relates to reasoning and planning; narrow, intense interests; poor motor skills’ and sensory sensitivities. Again, a person on the spectrum might follow many of these behaviors or just a few, or many others besides. The diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder is applied based on analysis of all behaviors and their severity.

Listed below are just a few of the books that are available on Autism:

DB  71256  Making Sense of Autistic Spectrum Disorders  
DB  77511  Easy to Love but Hard to Raise  
DB  68936  Anything but Typical  
DB  77202  Al Capone Does My Homework  
DB  58701  Looking After Louis  
DB  77046  The Autistic Brain  
DB  72397  The Adolescent and Adult Neuro-Diversity Handbook  
DB  69259  Healing and Preventing Autism  
DB  62696  Rules  
DB  55463  Autism  
DB  77650  The Reason I Jump
Georgia Statewide Coalition on Blindness
2015 Spring Convention

Coming to Albany, GA      May 1 – 2, 2015

Georgia Blindness Organizations and Agencies
Education    Employment    Transportation

Friday – May 1st “Georgia on My Mind” Kick-Off Cook Out
3:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Saturday – May 2nd Hilton Garden Inn, Albany
Registration – Opens at 8:00 am     Welcome by Mayor Hubbard – 9:00 am
  o Convention Speakers - 9:15 am – 1:00 pm
  o Meet and Greet at the Ray Charles Plaza
    3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

$20 Convention fee
(Cook-out Included)

Register today at www.gscbn.org/convention
Information presented in this newsletter will be provided in alternative formats upon request.

Online Catalog for ordering library books:  http://webopac.klas.com/glass
Call the library for your log-in and password.

NOTE: Please submit information or news that you would like to share to Kathy Hutchins or Arlene Freeman.