Disability and Aging Capital Action Day 2019

On May 23rd, 2019 a group of Public Authority staff, mentors and board members traveled to Sacramento to participate in one of the nation’s largest cross disability days of unity. On the 15th anniversary of Disability Capitol Action Day, Disability Action Coalition partnered with California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) to co-host the first Disability and Aging Capitol Action Day. Over 1,200 people with disabilities, older adults and allies gathered to celebrate this day of community and action.

The single day event included a resource fair, educational rally, march to the Capitol, and legislative visits. All 120 legislative offices were visited by Legislative Teams who shared their stories in relation to priority budget asks and bills. The day was filled with opportunities to build community, learn about and share resources, educate our policy makers and elevate the collective power of older adults and people with disabilities.
Emergency Preparedness

The San Francisco Public Health Department encourages everyone to start preparing! A disaster may strike at any time; let’s build a strong & resilient community together! Here are some tips to get you started.

What You Can Do to Prepare for an Emergency!

Make a Plan
- Who will you rely on and who will rely on you?
- Collect contact information for your connections.
- Set a meeting place for you and your connections to meet.

Make a Kit
Create a kit of emergency supplies to include:
- Water
- First Aid
- Canned Food
- Can Opener
- Radio
- Medications

Stay Informed
- Sign up for AlertSF, text your ZIP CODE to 888-777
- Check SF72.org, call 3-1-1 for information updates
- Listen to AM radio stations: KGO 810, KCBS 740, KNBR 680

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Upcoming Consumer Trainings

How to Hire a Care Provider
2nd Tuesday of each month — 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
November 12  ▪  December 10

Getting Started with your Provider
3rd Tuesday of each month — 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
November 19  ▪  December 17

Furthermore... Drop-In
Come by during business hours and ask about EVV, the Electronic Visit Verification system all Consumers must be enrolled by June 2020. No appointment necessary.

Upcoming Workshops

Wreath Making
Join in the fun and excitement of assembling a unique and festive wreath!
Thursday, December 5 ▪ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Livescan Services

Please bring your Livescan form and a current identification card. The total cost is $47.00. We accept cash, money order, cashier’s check, debit card, and credit card.

We offer walk-ins at the following schedule:

Wednesday ▪ 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Friday ▪ 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Hours subject to change without notice.

Provider Spotlight
Jake Vogel
Registry Provider

“Jake is helpful, honest, patient and one of the best workers IHSS has sent me. Thank you again for sending Jake to help me.”
— Lorenzo, IHSS Consumer

Congratulations Jake!
Thank you for your outstanding service.

* Information provided by the San Francisco Department of Public Health
The Olmstead Act

This past June the Public Authority acknowledged the 20th Anniversary of the passing of the Olmstead decision.

In 1999, the Supreme Court decided in *Olmstead v. L.C.* that people with disabilities have a right under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to live in the community rather than institutions and that government has a responsibility to provide supports and services to make this possible. The Olmstead lawsuit started with Lois Curtis and Elaine Wilson who both had diagnoses of mental health conditions and intellectual disabilities and lived in a state mental health hospital intermittently for years. They asked the state of Georgia to help them get treatment in the community so that they would not have to live at the state mental hospital off and on. A lawsuit was filed on behalf of Lois and Elaine for supports to be provided in the community, and eventually ended up in the U.S. Supreme Court. Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote the Court’s decision, siding with Lois and Elaine.

Olmstead has been used repeatedly in legal cases in California to oppose cuts to In Home Supportive Services, which is one of the reasons the Public Authority was proud to honor this anniversary of this landmark decision. For “Olmstead Week” staff at the PA organized activities to learn and celebrate the achievements made by Curtis and Wilson. We played “Olmstead Bingo”, had staff recreate a dramatic rendition of the court decision, set up a visual timeline, and had other activities throughout the week that brought the staff together. It was a great opportunity to acknowledge the impact this decision has had on our work, and on the whole IHSS community over the past 20 years.
The mission of San Francisco’s IHSS Public Authority is to provide and promote a service delivery model of consumer directed, in-home support that maximizes the potential of older adults and people with disabilities to live independently and participate in their communities.