

DHDD Newsletter – May 2018



We recently shared some of our work on the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program with CDC leadership. They were optimistic about the future of the Center as a whole and impressed with how much we've accomplished with a relatively small group of talented people at CDC. It would not be possible without your help and that of your organizations serving those that need it most. We are always grateful for our important partnerships!

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Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

This year's awareness day on May 10 was [sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#). It focused on the importance of an integrated health approach to supporting children, youth, and young adults with a serious emotional disturbance who have experienced trauma. Learn more about our latest work to support children and families with, or at risk for, a mental disorder:

- [Key Findings: U.S. Children with Diagnosed Anxiety and Depression](#)
- [CDC Feature: Your Child May Be At Risk for Mental Health Issues After a Disaster](#)
- [Pediatric Behavioral Health Integration](#)

Physical Activity for All Children



Many US children, including children with disabilities, do not get the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity a day. Our funded partner, the [National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability](#), is working with an after-school program called [Girls on the Run](#) to create an adapted curriculum inclusive of all girls. [Learn more](#) about how they made these changes, and find tools to help you make your program inclusive!

Georgia Mental Health Forum

DHDD scientists participated in a panel at the Georgia Mental Health Forum at the Carter Center in Atlanta on May 11. They discussed how we analyze laws and policies that impact health and access to care, ways to address a shortage of pediatric mental health workforce, and the types of treatment children receive at Federally Qualified Health Centers. This information contributes a new perspective to our focus of [applying science and policy](#) to connect more families to appropriate services.

Dr. Coleen Boyle, the Director of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities at CDC, also presented former First Lady Rosalynn Carter with a [gift](#) 



Save the Dates: DHDS Webinars

CDC created [Disability and Health Data System \(DHDS\)](#) to provide quick and easy access to data on demographics and health information for adults with disabilities. DHDS will be soon updated to include new data and features that help and support users in finding the data they need to help improve the health and well-being of adults with disabilities. In collaboration with the [National Association of Chronic Disease Directors](#) , we will host the following webinars to tell you more about DHDS. Look for information in the coming weeks!

- **June 21, 2018 at 3-4pm EST – Beginner’s Guide to DHDS**
- **June 26, 2018 at 3-4pm EST – DHDS: Beyond the Basics**



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