



## DHDD Newsletter – October 2018



What a pleasure it was to see my colleague Dr. Liliana Mayo here in Atlanta! I am so glad that DHDD was able to host a standing room only talk with her and a group of students, families, and trainers from the Centro Ann Sullivan del Peru. Read on to hear more about this special event!



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## Join Us: Friends of NCBDDD Webinar 10/30

A recent [report](#) in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (*MMWR*) will be featured in the **Friends of NCBDDD Fall Webinar on Tuesday 10/30 at 3:00pm EST**. Please join us to hear from two of this report's coauthors, Dr. Shannon Griffin-Blake and Dr. Catherine A. Okoro, and learn more about its methodology, results, and implications. They will also introduce "A Data User's Guide to the Disability Questions Included in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) [PDF - 6 MB, 10 Pages]." BRFSS state coordinators and researchers interested in doing their own analysis using BRFSS data to monitor disability at the state or national level can now use this tool developed by DHDD's Disability and Health Branch.



**Did You Know:**  
1 in 4 US adults have  
at least one form  
of #disability

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## Spina Bifida Clinical Care Guidance

DHDD's partner, the [Spina Bifida Association](#) , just released the new clinical care guidance for health care professionals who see patients of all ages with spina bifida. Developed using clinical consensus and scientific literature reviews, the guidance cover 25 areas of physical health, mental health, and general well-being. They are the first steps to ensuring that patients with spina bifida receive the same best-practice care. Check out more [here!](#)

## Visit from Dr. Liliana Mayo and CASP

On October 23, Dr. Liliana Mayo, the Founder/Director of [Centro Ann Sullivan Del Peru \(CASP\)](#) , traveled from Peru to Atlanta to give a presentation about people with disabilities thriving in the workplace. She, along with students and family members from CASP, shared stories of success in their jobs and support through CASP. CNN even joined to film the event and held interviews with the CASP team and Georgina after the presentation! DHDD was so pleased to host them for this moving talk!



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