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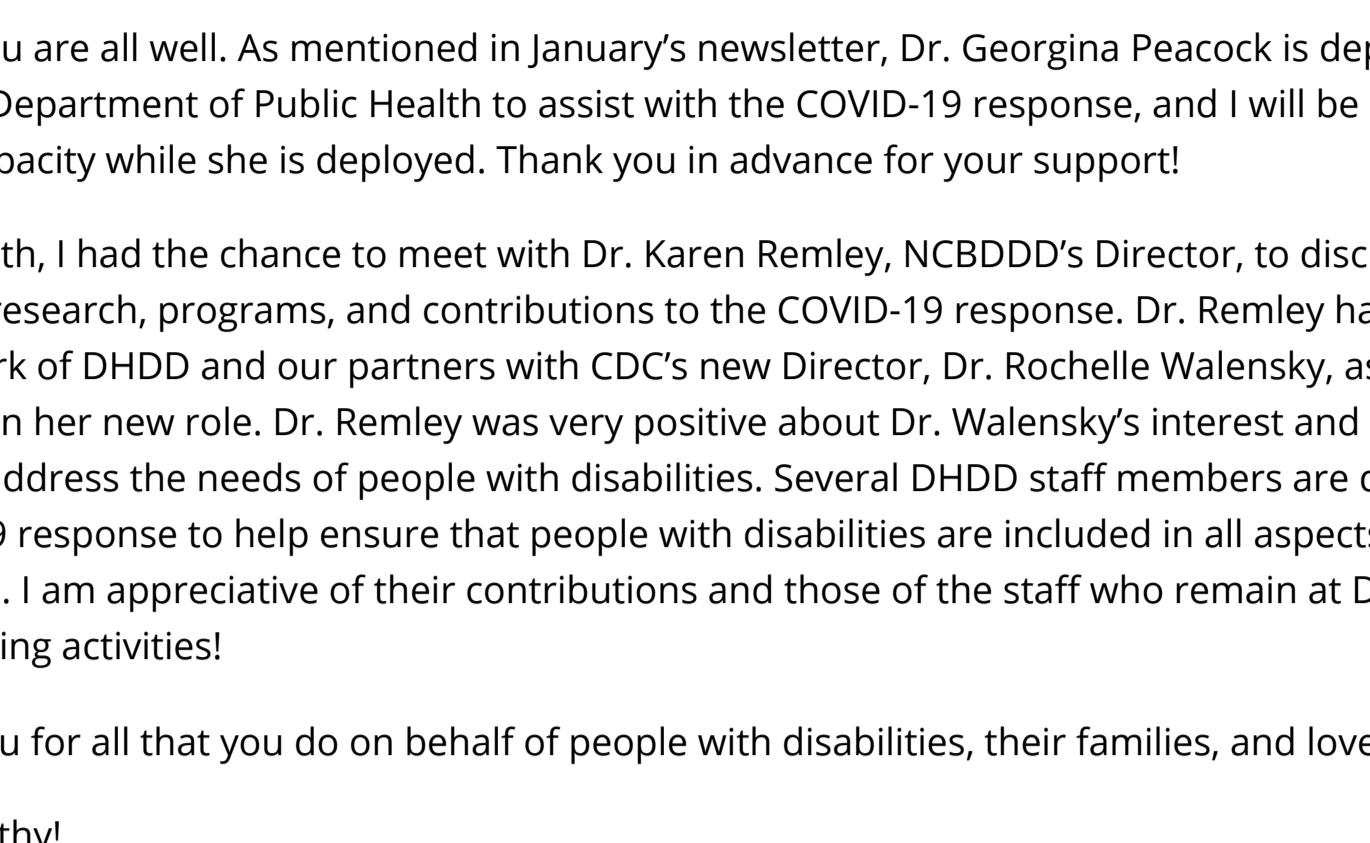
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DHDD Newsletter – February 2021



A Note from the DHDD Director:

Dear DHDD colleagues –

I hope you are all well. As mentioned in January's newsletter, Dr. Georgina Peacock is deployed to the Georgia Department of Public Health to assist with the COVID-19 response, and I will be serving in an acting capacity while she is deployed. Thank you in advance for your support!

This month, I had the chance to meet with Dr. Karen Remley, NCBDDD's Director, to discuss DHDD's science, research, programs, and contributions to the COVID-19 response. Dr. Remley has shared the great work of DHDD and our partners with CDC's new Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, as she gets situated in her new role. Dr. Remley was very positive about Dr. Walensky's interest and support of the work to address the needs of people with disabilities. Several DHDD staff members are deployed to the COVID-19 response to help ensure that people with disabilities are included in all aspects of the response. I am appreciative of their contributions and those of the staff who remain at DHDD to carry on our ongoing activities!

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of people with disabilities, their families, and loved ones.

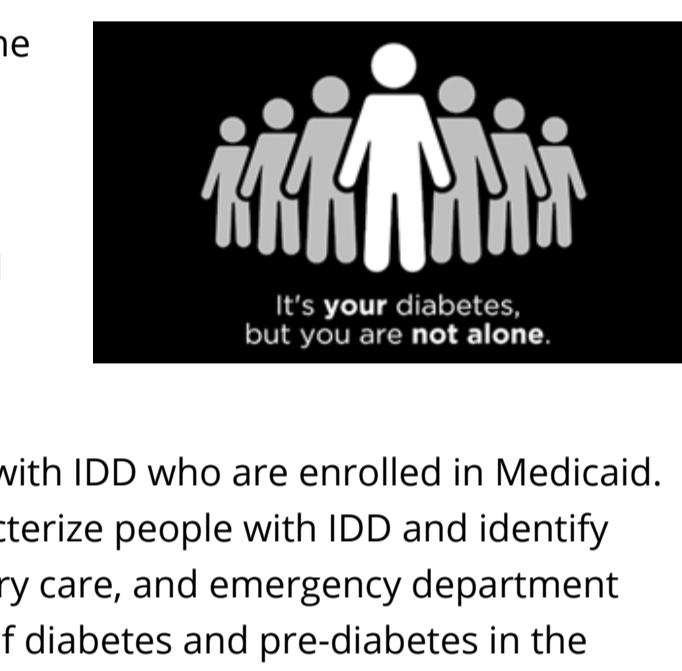
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In the Spotlight

CDC COVID-19 ASL Videos Now Available Online

New and updated CDC COVID-19 American Sign Language (ASL) videos have posted to CDC's [#COVID-19 ASL playlist](#). Video topics include extra precautions for people with disabilities, planning safer outings and visits, and back to school planning for parents and caregivers.



- [ASL Video Series: Extra Precautions for People with Disabilities](#)
- [ASL Video Series: Washing your Hands](#)
- [ASL Video Series: School Planning In-Person Learning](#)
- [ASL Video Series: School Planning Remote Learning](#)
- [ASL Video Series: Extra Precautions for People at Risk of Severe Illness](#)
- [ASL Video Series: Planning Outings and Visits](#)
- [ASL Video Series: Symptoms of Coronavirus](#)

Development of these materials was supported by a grant from the CDC Foundation, using funding provided by its donors. The materials were created in partnership with the Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation at Georgia Tech. More information about the project and additional accessible COVID-19 resources including "Easy to Read" materials and braille can be found on the [microsite hosted by Georgia Tech](#).

Additional ASL videos will be posted to the [CDC YouTube channel](#) in the coming weeks. Please share with your networks!

New Resources

New MMWR/Medscape Continuing Education Activity

A new [MMWR/Medscape continuing education \(CE\) activity](#) is now available for MMWR, "Frequent Mental Distress Among Adults, by Disability Status, Disability Type, and Selected Characteristics – United States, 2018".



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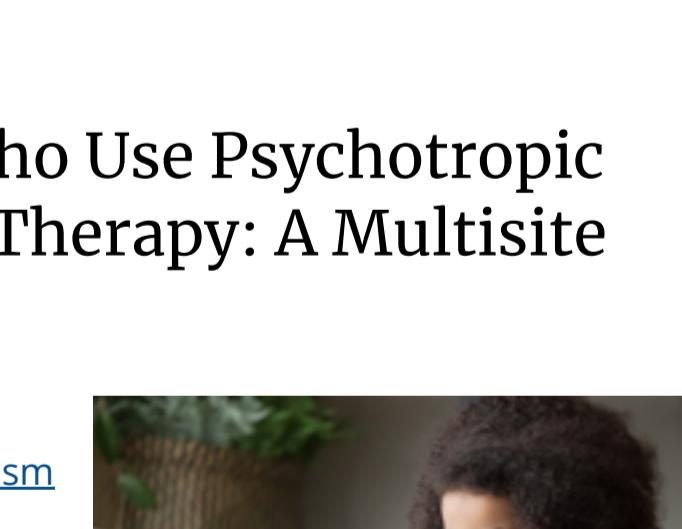
This CE activity is LIVE and on the [Medscape CE page](#). Medscape, LLC is pleased to provide online continuing education (CE) for selected journal articles.

Link to CE activity: <https://www.medscape.org/viewarticle/944644>

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New Digital Resource to Promote Diabetes Self-Management

A new digital resource, developed by 10 states funded through the CDC Disability and Health Program's Medicaid Data Analysis Project, is now available online. [This video](#) promotes effective diabetes self-management strategies among people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who have Type II Diabetes and their caregivers.

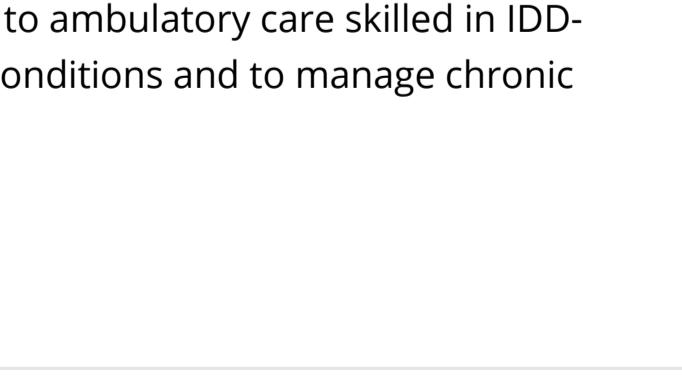


The Medicaid Data Analysis Project is a collaborative effort to identify the most salient health issues among a cohort of adults with IDD who are enrolled in Medicaid. The project utilizes Medicaid administrative claims data to characterize people with IDD and identify leading causes and associated costs of hospitalization, ambulatory care, and emergency department visits. Analyses conducted by the 10 states identified high rates of diabetes and pre-diabetes in the selected Medicaid cohort.

We invite you to watch the video [My Diabetes, but I'm Not Alone: An educational video with actors who have developmental disability](#) and share broadly with your network!

Learn the Signs. Act Early. Resources on Head Start Website

CDC federal colleagues at the Administration for Children & Families' Office of Head Start recently included information and links to [Learn The Signs. Act Early. resources](#) on a [new page on the Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center about supporting children and families during COVID-19](#). They also plan to add a link to our [Milestone Tracker app](#) soon.

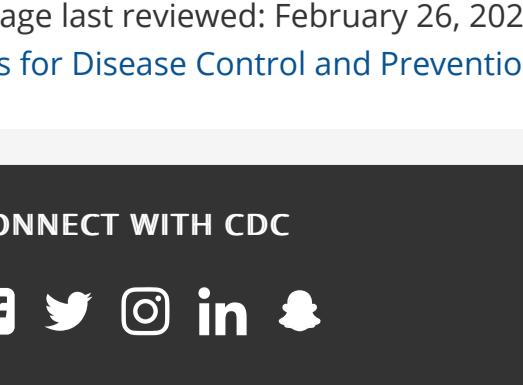


[Learn more about Learn the Signs. Act Early.](#)

Publications

Evaluation of the Reaching People with Disabilities through Healthy Communities Project

A new study published in *Disability and Health Journal* evaluates the implementation of a national pilot project to facilitate disability inclusion in local healthy community initiatives, the [Reaching People with Disabilities through Healthy Communities Project](#). Researchers found that partnerships between local public health and disability organizations focused on changing policies, systems, and environments are both feasible and a necessary step to effectively reduce health disparities among people with disabilities.



[Read the scientific summary.](#)

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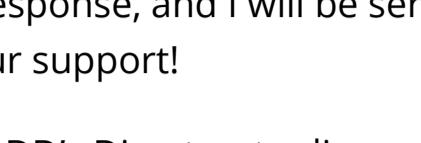
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