



● SPOTLIGHT

Disability Mentoring Day - Oct. 21, 2009

The goal of [Disability Mentoring Day](#) (DMD) is to promote career development for students and job seekers with disabilities through hands-on career exploration, on-site job shadowing, and ongoing mentoring that leads to internship and employment opportunities. Hosted by the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), the largest national cross-disability membership organization in the United States, DMD connects nearly 20,000 job-seekers with disabilities with thousands of employers in more than 300 locations nationwide and in more than 24 countries worldwide each year.



DMD is recognized on the third Wednesday of every October in conjunction with National Disability Employment Awareness Month. However, local DMD activities are coordinated by a national grassroots network of DMD coordinators who connect local organizations, employers, supporters, and advocates across the country. To learn about DMD in your community or to contact a DMD coordinator, visit the [AAPD Local Coordinators page](#).

Watch for a new interactive website designed exclusively for National Disability Mentoring Day program participants that will launch on October 15 (www.disabilitymentor.net). Questions? Contact David Hale, the DMD national coordinator at 800-840-8844 x32.

● RESOURCES

Creating an Accessible and Inclusive Environment

Interested in offering volunteer and employment experiences for people with disabilities? Concerned about issues like saying the "wrong things" when speaking with a person with a disability, or understanding and supplying accommodations that a person with a disability might need? These resources will build communication and awareness skills, helping to create more inclusive places to volunteer and work.



Lending Library

- [Supervising an Employee with a Disability](#)
- [Universal Language – It's All in How You Say It](#)

Effective Practices

- [Using person-first language to speak about members and volunteers](#)
- [Providing reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities](#)

Online Courses

- [Communicating with People with Disabilities](#)

● ANNOUNCEMENTS

10th Annual Centerforce In/Out Summit

October 26–27, 2009

San Francisco

Westin San Francisco Airport

Network, strategize, and take action at the only national conference focused on services to the incarcerated and their children and families. Gather with colleagues from around the country to discover positive solutions to crucial issues surrounding incarcerated populations. Over two days, the Summit will provide an energetic forum for education, growth, success, discussion, inspiration, and communication. [More details at the Resource Center events calendar.](#)



Youth Leaders for Literacy Grants Available to Young Volunteers Who Inspire and Encourage Reading



Youth Service America is partnering with the National Education

Association once again to offer Youth Leaders for Literacy grants to children and youth, ages 5-25, who offer innovative ways to increase literacy skills and appreciation for reading among their peers. Youth can submit their applications through October 30, 2009. More information and a link to the application can be found at the [YSA website](#).

- [Physical and Programmatic Access](#)
- [Effective Communication, Alternative Formats, and Web Accessibility](#)

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