

disAbility Resource Center

August Newsletter

Community Partner Spotlight:

VANPRODUCTS MOBILITY

"At Van Products, we are in the business of allowing our customers the opportunity for freedom of independent living through custom mobility products and accessories. Currently, we have two locations in North Carolina in Raleigh and Wilmington. Here, customers can take a look at some of our latest wheelchair-accessible vehicles, stair lifts, automotive seating and more. We are your one-stop-shop for everything mobility-related."

At dRC, our Consumer's have utilized Van Services frequently and have had nothing but amazing experiences. Van Products is fair, and they truly care about the importance of independent living for all through assistance of their multitude of fabulous products.

Contact:

Wilmington Location
(910) 302-7722

Raleigh Location
(919) 238-4597



www.vanproducts.com



Sonja Hester
IL Program
Manager

Exciting News!

We are excited to share that Sonja Hester has taken on the role of Independent Living Program Manager with dRC! As IL Program Manager, she oversees our core services — Information & Referral, Peer Support, Independent Living Skills Training, Youth and Community Transitions, and Advocacy — while guiding our dedicated staff, interns, and volunteers. Whether our consumers are seeking services, resources, or partnership opportunities, she is a key point of contact for everything related to Independent Living at dRC.

Did You Know?

August 20th is National Accessible Air Travel Day!



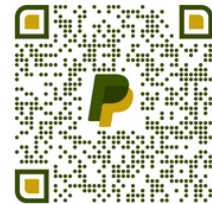
This day highlights the importance of airports and airplanes providing accommodations so that ALL are able to travel safely and comfortably. Despite various acts put into place over the years, individuals with disabilities continue to face challenges and obstacles when it comes to flying.

Ways To Recognize National Accessible Air Travel Day

1. Advocate for Policy Improvements
2. Educate Yourself and Others
3. Share Personal Experiences
4. Support Accessible Travel Initiatives

Support

dRC relies on the generosity of others to continue providing services to those in need. If you would like to donate to our "Compassionate Care Fund", You can scan the QR code to donate via PayPal. Thank you for your support and kindness.



dRC Employee of the Month



Madison Nielsen

Resource & Development
Coordinator

Madison has been employed with disAbility Resource Center for two and a half years. During that time she has taken on roles as a Community Inclusion Specialist and Resource/Community Coordinator. Madde states "My favorite part of my job is connecting with community partners and continually learning about this wonderful community we live in, then using those gained connections and knowledge to best assist those we serve. I am beyond grateful for dRC and the compassionate co-workers I am surrounded by that allow me to fulfill my passion for helping others."

Reminder Of Our Services

Information and Referral

Advises individuals and families on where to go and how to get needed services resources and information.

Peer Support

Providing individuals with the opportunity to talk with someone who is also disabled and has learned how to meet their independent living goals. We also provide social outings for individuals 18 and up.

Independent living Skills

Providing individuals with information and opportunities for learning to develop the skills needed to achieve independence. Examples include how to be a better self advocate, create a budget, and job searching skills.

Advocacy

We provide advocacy at both the individual and systems level. We offer information on investigating concerns when civil rights have been violated, advocate for more affordable accessible housing.

Transitioning

We assist youth with disabilities in the transition from high school to adult hood and assist consumers of all ages with transitioning into their communities.

Individualized Housing Advocacy

Whatever your vision of home is we are here to help you understand your affordable housing options. We can also provide information on your Fair Housing Rights and how to mediate problems with your landlord or where to go find help modifying your home to meet your needs.

Awareness Trainings

dRC offers many different trainings for our consumers and the public alike. Contact our office for additional information.

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