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Hear Stacy Hart Discuss 'ADA Basics: Helping Older People Remain Active' Wednesday, October 2, at the Senior Centers Fall Conference in Sturbridge

Do you enjoy theater, sports and getting out with friends? Would you like to learn strategies for maintaining an active lifestyle? If so, join the New England ADA Center's Stacy Hart at the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging and Senior Center Directors Annual Fall Conference, October 2, 2013 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. [Read more about the conference.](#) (Photo: Stacy Hart.)



New England ADA Center Exhibits at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital's Resource Fair

Willa Croulius and David West from the New England ADA Center took part in Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital's Resource Fair at the hospital's new Charlestown, Massachusetts facility. Spaulding patients and staff were able to get information and ask questions about the Americans with Disabilities Act, and also learn about Fair Housing Accessibility First and the many other activities of the Institute for Human Centered Design. [Learn more about Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.](#) (Photo: Adaptive sports archery demonstration at the Resource Fair.)

## Stay Connected:



Attend Fire Prevention Week Stair Chair Descent Training in Quincy, Massachusetts

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is offering stair descent device training at their Quincy, Massachusetts headquarters on Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 2013 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Anyone who is responsible for or interested in

learning more about emergency evacuation procedures is welcome to attend including observers, volunteers and individuals with mobility or other disabilities.

The training will be led by paramedics, EMTs and firefighters. To register or for more information please contact NFPA's Allan Fraser at [AFraser@NFPA.org](mailto:AFraser@NFPA.org).

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## New Hampshire Governor's Commission on Disability Announces Seminar Series on Issues Related to Employment of Individuals with Disabilities

It is estimated that 180,000 disabled individuals live in New Hampshire, and many members of the granite state's disability community seek employment information and strategies to help find new work or otherwise advance their careers. In response to this need, the Governor's Commission on Disability has coordinated a series of public education mini seminars on subjects related to employment resources on training. The education topics include:

- Health Professional Opportunity Project (HPOP) Job Training
- Work Incentive Programs for Individuals on Social Security Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- New Hampshire Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Social Security Information for People with Disabilities

[Read more about the seminar series.](#)

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### Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie, VCIL's 2012 Policy Intern, Featured on National News Portal in Ghana

[Joy News](#), a national news portal for Ghana recently aired a 30-minute Special Program: "Making A Difference: Reaching Higher Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie" The program features Sefakor's advocacy work and

her project to add access to Ghana's public schools. At 12 minutes there is a section on her time in Vermont and several photos. Further in the program are interviews with Ghanaian athletes using adaptive sports equipment and a young woman who is the first person with a disability in Ghana to gain a pilot's license. The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) and community partners added a great deal to Sefakor's experience in

Vermont as did the Institute for Human Centered Design and the New England ADA Center when she was in Boston. [Watch the full program on YouTube](#). (Photo: Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie, Joy News.)

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## VCIL Honors Jay Peak's Bill Stenger for His Commitment to Equality

The co-owner and president of Jay Peak Resort was honored recently for his commitment to providing recreational activities for people with disabilities.

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), presented an Access for All Award to Bill Stenger and Jay Peak Resort. Resort employee John K. Hall, a former VCIL board member, helped present the award and praised Stenger for his vision.

VCIL Civil Rights Manager Kim Brittenham commended Stenger and his staff for their commitment to accessibility. "Thank you, Bill, for working with your contractors and your staff to provide good physical access - and being so accommodating to guests with disabilities who frequent Jay Peak. People have great experiences here and it means a lot to all of us at VCIL." [Read the full story](#).

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## Stories from Other States

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## Southeast ADA Center Announces First Broadcast of WADA "ADA Live!" on BlogTalkRadio - October 2

ADA Live! is a free monthly radio show broadcast nationally on the Internet. Ask questions and learn about your rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Leaders in the field will share their knowledge, experience and successful strategies that increase the participation of persons with disabilities in communities and businesses. [Learn more about ADA Live](#) and [view the event flyer](#).

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## U.S. Access Board Publishes Final Rule for Outdoor Developed Areas - New Standards Apply to Federal Trails, Picnic Areas, Campgrounds and Beaches

On September 26, the U.S. Access Board published its [Final Rule](#)

on accessibility standards for outdoor developed areas including trails, picnic areas, campgrounds, scenic viewing areas and beaches. The new standards are part of the Architectural Barriers Act. The final rule applies to the following federal agencies and their components that administer outdoor areas developed for recreational purposes: Department of Agriculture (Forest Service); Department of Defense (Army Corps of Engineers); and Department of the Interior (Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service). The final rule also applies to non-federal entities that construct or alter recreation facilities on federal land on behalf of the federal agencies pursuant to a concession contract, partnership agreement, or similar arrangement. The new standards will become effective November 25, 2013.

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## Education Department Awards \$1.4 Million to Establish Center on Technology and Disability

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded a \$1.4 million grant to Family Health International (FHI) in Washington, D.C. to establish a Center on Technology and Disability. FHI will work with the PACER Center and other organizations to help children with disabilities use assistive and instructional technology to improve learning. [Read the full story.](#)

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