

October Calendar



Welcome to Fall

The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities

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Metropolitan Multi-Service Center 1475 West Gray St., Houston, Texas 77019

Disability Awareness Month

The Houston Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities

cordially invites you to the

5th Annual Houston Disability Awareness Month Kickoff

Friday, October 4, 2013
9:30am to 12:00pm

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 W. Gray St., Houston, TX 77019

Resource Fair & Entertainment – 9:30am to 10:00am

Program begins at 10:00am, featuring:

Houston Mayor Annise D. Parker
Keynote Speaker Tony Jones, Gulf Coast Workforce Board
Hanq Neal, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church
Haley Cornelius, Ms. Wheelchair Texas 2013
Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church Choir

***“Because We Are EQUAL to the Task:
Education Leads to Employment, Leading to
Independence and Solvency”***

For more information, please call MOPD at 832-394-0814.
RSVP online at <http://www.houstontx.gov/disabilities/rsvp20131004.html>.



Houston Mayor Annise Parker will kick off “Disability Awareness Month”

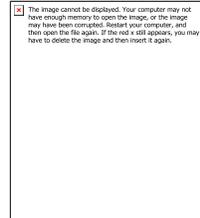
On Friday, Oct. 4 at The Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray St

The fifth annual celebration will sponsor the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and community partners.

The mission of the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) is to serve as the primary advocate for the rights and needs of citizens with disabilities. The Office also serves as a liaison between the mayor, city council, city departments and other public and private entities on matters pertaining to people with disabilities in Houston. MOPD's vision is a city where everyone understands the importance of equal participation and full inclusion of all citizens, including citizens with disabilities. MOPD is a division of the [Department of Neighborhoods](#).

We accomplish this mission by providing and participating in programs and services which address the needs and rights of citizens with disabilities, including:

- Facilitating delivery of services - including city services acting as liaison to Houston Commission on Disabilities (HCoD), [City Council](#) and other [City Departments](#)
- Making recommendations to public and private entities regarding the development of policy and legislation
- Establishing fundamental local, state and national partnerships to promote community awareness
- Administering, developing new, and participating in programs and services according to our mission



Spread the Word!

TWO Upcoming Events!

Please join us for an overview of
**Parent Education Programs
in the Greater Houston area**

**October 4, 2013
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.**

***Please Note:** This session is intended
for CPS caseworkers and other
professionals*

This informative session will include representatives from TEN agencies that provided parent education classes. Each agency will provide an overview of the services that are available at their organization. This event is free!

Click [HERE](#) to take a look at the flyer for this event.

Please join us for an overview of
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**October 11, 2013
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

***Please Note:** This session is intended for
school districts*

This informative session will include representatives from TEN agencies that provided parent education classes. Each agency will provide an overview of the services that are available at their organization. This event is free!

Click [HERE](#) to take a look at the flyer for this event.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure



The Rose
In support of
"Susan G. Komen's 2013 Race for the Cure!"

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2013 - Wednesday, September 4, 2013
Time: 7:45 AM - 10:30 AM

Location: Houston, TX

Race Day Schedule

6:00am to 8:30am - Race Day Walk-in Registration

7:45am - Opening Ceremonies & Memorial Birds Release

8:00a.m. 5K Timed Competitive Run

8:10am - 5K Non-Competitive Run

8:25 a.m. - Family Walk/Kids K by National Oilwell Varco

8:40am - 5K Walk

9:15am - Runners Award Ceremony
10:30am - Survivor Celebration by Baker Hughes

[Register for this Event](#)

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

COMMUNITY PARTNERS MEETING

RSVP NOW
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
1—3 P.M.
1140 West Loop North
Houston, TX 77055

GOODWILL HOUSTON's Community Rehabilitation program is celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month by hosting a Community Partnerships meeting. All referring and networking organizations are invited.

Keynote speaker is Dr. Margaret "Peg" Nosek, Executive Director, Center for Research on Women with Disabilities Professor, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine. She will be presenting ways to enhance accessibility to persons with disabilities in programs, at the workplace, etc.

Please call 832-431-4473 or email your RSVP to ybarra@goodwillhouston.org by October 9th.



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Notice: ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

MHMRA Eligibility
Center

3630 W. Dallas
Houston, TX 77019

(Click [HERE](#) for a map)

NAMI Greater Houston will hold its annual general meeting on

Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

In the auditorium of the MHMRA Eligibility Center. At the annual meeting, we will elect new board officers and conduct any other necessary business.

IMPORTANT!



Following the business meeting, Jo Middleton, CSA, CBC, co-owner of Trademark Insurance Agency, will provide an update on the Affordable Care Act and how the new Federal health care insurance exchange will work. Enrollment through the exchange is scheduled to open October 1st. A light lunch will be served.



NAMI Greater Houston board terms are staggered, meaning that half of the positions are up for election each year. Nominees for two-year terms beginning January 2014 are:

Vice	President:	Alice	Brink
Treasurer:	Jean	Rainoshek	

Dir: Staci Biggar, Claire Shynett, Grant Kennedy, Judith Miller

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**NAMI Basics class
starting soon!**

Seating Limited!

NAMI Education classes are at no cost to participants.
Registration is required.



NAMI Basics

Mondays, October 14 - November 18
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

MHMRA Conference Center
7033 Southwest Freeway
Houston, Texas 77074

Please forward this announcement to any parent or caregiver you know who is looking for help, support, and resources for a child living with or showing signs of a mental illness or brain disorder.

To register: Please contact Angelina Hudson at (713) 970-4489 or abudson@namigreaterhouston.org



Veronda L
Durden
Commissioner



October 24, 2013

**Connection the Essentials of Life
Business Breakfast**

Dear Community Partner,

You are cordially invited to a breakfast and community networking service project hosted by The Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, (DARS). We would be honored if you and/or your representative(s) could come and spend the morning with us learning and networking in partnership, with businesses, community organizations and agencies like yours that impacts everyone who lives in the Gulf Coast region.

"Connecting the Essentials of Life" Business Breakfast

October 24, 2013

8:00 – 11:00 am

The Houston Food Bank- 535 Portwall Street., Houston, Texas 77029

We are excited to introduce to you our new DARS Commissioner, Veronda Durden and to hear from a panel who will share their inspiring stories of success. This event will also be a great opportunity for networking and giving back to the community by volunteering during and after the event at the Houston Food Bank warehouse. Please see the accompanying flyer with details for volunteering and for securing an informational table.

Online registration begins Tuesday, September 2, 2013 and closes on Thursday, October 10, 2013. Please complete online registration at:

<https://www.uacurrents.org/register/?eID=2047&cID=5>

We look forward to receiving your RSVP and seeing you at this sensational event. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact: Leticia Rodriguez @713-267-8543 or Leticia.rodriquez2@dars.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,
Bruce Anderson
Bruce Anderson, C.R.C.,
Regional Director,
DARS/DRS Region IV



“Art In The Garden” A Very Special Arts Texas Festival Event

EVENT: Art In The Garden: A Very Special Arts Texas Festival

DATE: Friday, October 4, 2013

TIME: 9:00a to 6:00p

LOCATION: Moody Gardens, Galveston, TX

Art in the Gardens offers a non-competitive forum for children and youth with disabilities to celebrate and share creativity. Participatory experiences, performances, and more will be offered to all.

Spots are limited to the first 500 students; they must attend with a school/class and must live in Galveston County.

Pre-registration is required.

Location: Moody Gardens, Galveston Texas

Phone: (800) 582-4673

Age Suitability: None Specified



14th Chronic Illness and Disability Conference

“Transition from Pediatric to Adult-based Care”

Skill preparation and planning for healthcare transition for children and youth with special healthcare needs (CYSHCN) and their families is inadequate. One of the major problems to receiving care is the lack of physician workforce trained in providing the services necessary to make the healthcare transition. This conference provides a state-of-the-art update on issues involved in healthcare transition for youth and young adults with chronic illness and disability and their families from pediatric to adult-based services. Addressing all aspects of transition planning, this conference strengthens the dialogue among healthcare professionals, policy experts, youth and young adults, and family members. Broadcast Site Registration Form must be returned to Baylor no later than Friday, October 11th.

This broadcast will NOT be archived! For Questions?

Please contact David Madrigal at 713.798.8237

<http://www.baylorcme.org/search/detail.cfm?cme=894>

**Thursday, October 17,
2013 - Friday, October 18,
2013**

**Location: Houston, TX & Live
broadcast**



DOWNLOAD

 **14th Annual Chronic Illness and Disability Conference Brochure (448KB) [\[download\]](#)**

 **Technical Specifications & Additional Criteria (16KB) [\[download\]](#)**

 **Broadcast Site Registration Form (98KB) [\[download\]](#)**

NAMI MEMBERSHIP MEETING, OCTOBER 27, 2012

Dear NAMI Metropolitan Houston Members,

This letter is to notify you of a general membership meeting scheduled for October 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at the NAMI Metropolitan Houston office, located at 3630 West Dallas Street, Suite 140 (corner of W Dallas and Shepherd).

All members are invited to attend and vote at this meeting seeking approval of the proposed merger of NAMI Metropolitan Houston and NAMI West Houston into NAMI Greater Houston effective January 1, 2013.

The Boards of Directors of both NAMI affiliates voted to pursue a merger beginning early in 2012 in order to better serve Houston with NAMI's support, education, and advocacy services together, rather than continue as separate entities. A joint Merger Exploration Team was formed with representatives from both organizations to jointly work through issues concerning the merger and resolve any legal and operational issues. The merger team used task groups focusing on the details involved in governance, finance, programs and services, and volunteers/employees/locations to discuss merged operation once the event gained approval.

Both Boards of Directors have now approved completion of the merger into NAMI Greater Houston. There is a new jointly drafted set of bylaws and merger agreement, and a slate of officers and directors nominated by a joint nominating committee. These will be presented to the members NAMI Metropolitan Houston in the October 27 meeting for approval.

An agenda for the meeting will be posted on the NAMI Metropolitan Houston website for information prior to the meeting. In addition, the documents mentioned above will also be available should you care to view them.

Thank you for supporting NAMI with your time, membership, and volunteer hours. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Dick Easterwood
President
NAMI Metropolitan Houston

The Rose Golf Classic

Date: Oct 28, 2013

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Shadow Hawk Golf Club



Now here's a stroke of genius

A chance to play at one of Houston's top ten private courses...

Considered one of the five toughest private clubs to access...

Alongside a sports veteran, with plenty of tales to tell... On a crisp October day

And it's all for a great cause.

Join us for a rare experience combining two passions – love of the **game and saving lives** – as we host **The Rose Golf Classic** at the exclusive **Shadow Hawk Golf Club** in Richmond, Texas. Since Shadow Hawk caps its membership at only 325, this invitation is one not to be missed and guaranteed to produce a memorable experience of fun and philanthropy combined. To continue the high standards of the Rees Jones designed course, **only 20 teams will be accepted**. Each team of four will be joined by a celebrity athlete to make the 18 holes even more enjoyable. Players will also be guests at an exclusive pre-tournament reception and awards dinner.

Almost 14 years to the day that the Honorable George H. W. Bush, 41st President of the United States, hit a drive straight and true down the middle of the first fairway to commence the first round played at Shadow Hawk Golf Club, guests of The Rose Golf Classic will take to the course on **October 28, 2013** to ensure that the women of South Texas have access to quality breast health care. Proceeds from The Rose Golf Classic will go towards **expanding The Rose's mobile fleet**. Already in 24 counties, providing state-of-the-art digital screenings, the Mobile Teams are ready take on even more of Texas. A one-of-kind, premiere nonprofit breast health organization, The Rose offers best in class care for both insured and uninsured women. Overcoming barriers to health like economics, geography and convenience translate into saved lives through the preventive care of screenings.

Just as Shadow Hawk's 240 acres of property winding through old pecan trees and several large lakes in Richmond, Texas, serves as a peaceful refuge, so The Rose is a haven for women who all too often put everyone else's health before their own. Combining the love of the game with the chance to meet such a need?

... Truly a stroke of genius!



Mayor's Office for
People with Disabilities

October Events Calendar



Job Fair - National Disability Employment Awareness Job Fair

Thursday, October 11, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center,
1475 W. Gray, 77019

This job fair will be hosted by
Workforce Solutions, Veterans Admin,
City of Houston and others.



Career Mentoring Day Houston Kick- off Reception

Tuesday, October 16, 12 noon – 1:30
p.m.

City Hall Annex, 1st Floor, 900 Bagby
Street, Houston, TX 77002

Forty-three individuals with
disabilities who have gone through
a career mentoring program will be

introduced as guests of honor at this reception. The program participants received assistance in the preparation of resumes. They were instructed on how to conduct job searches and coached on how to prepare for interviews. They also benefited from makeovers and were provided with professional wardrobes by Dress for Success Houston.

This “send-off” reception celebrates the participants’ aspirations, accomplishments and courage as they prepare for careers, gainful employment and self-reliance.

“White Cane Safety Day”

The “White Cane March”

Mayor's Proclamation; March; Resource Fair & Performances

Tuesday, October 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: 914 Main Street (Houston TX)

October is Disability Awareness Month and October 15th has been designated as White Cane Safety Day. This year Houston will observe the day on **October 23rd**. A march has been planned to create more awareness of the White Cane and Guide Dog as means of creating safe travel for people who are blind or visually impaired. The march will begin at the corner of Walker & Main Street, in front of The Nutrition Bar, (914 Main Street, at the Main Street Square Station) and proceed to Hermann Square at the steps of City Hall, (901 Bagby Street). We will have businesses, educational institutes, and community service providers



that will be providing resources and information as it pertains to the blind/visually impaired. Exhibitors will be available until 1:00 PM in front of the Reflection Pool on the grounds of City Hall. In addition, we will have a proclamation, non-visual activities, and music. There will be a special appearance by Mayor Parker in support of White Cane Safety Day. The march will begin promptly at 10:00 AM so **PLEASE plan to arrive by 9:30**. For

more information, contact: Benigno Aceves, Chair, at (713)802-3100. This event calls attention to the iconic white cane, a tool used for safety and mobility by people who are blind or visually impaired.

“National Federation of the Blind of Texas” Houston Chapter

Saturday, October 19, 2013 - 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

The Lighthouse of Houston - (In the snack bar)

3530 West Dallas, Houston Texas 77019

Cost: FREE

For more information, please see (<http://www.nfbtx.org/houston>).



Braille Translations

Houston Public Library

Central Library & Selected Branch Libraries

The Houston Public Library will host special displays and activities at the Central Library and selected branch libraries. The offerings will include themed book displays, themed story time, story time with sign language translation, a Braille presentation and a special performance by a pantomime troupe. For dates and locations, see the full calendar of events.

Monthly Standing Events

Water Exercise

Mondays 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Houston Area Parkinson's Society in partnership with COH Parks and Recreation

Held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center 1475 W. Gray

Cost: **FREE**. Registration required.

Contact: Alfonso at 713.520.8670

Tai Chi

Every Tuesday

10:30 am to 11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by Houston Area Parkinson's Society in partnership with COH Parks and Recreation

Held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center 1475 W. Gray

Cost: **FREE**. Registration required.

Contact: Alfonso at 713.520.8670

Monthly Standing Events

Texas Sled Hockey

Every Saturday

10:00 am to 11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Texas Sled Hockey Paralympics Sport Club

Held at Ice Skate USA at Memorial City Mall

Cost: **FREE**. Registration required.

Email: Jim O'Neill at jim@lonestarsound.com

Visit: [Texas Sled Hockey website](#)

Assistive Technology Computer Demonstration

Monday - Thursday of Each Week

9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Houston Center for Independent Living

Held at 6201 Bonhomme Road, Suite 150-S

Cost: **FREE**.

Contact 3 days before to schedule ASL or Real Time Captioning

Contact: 713.974.4621. 713.974.4621 Voice / TTY

Computer Access Training Program (CATP)

Monday - Thursday of Each Week

8:00 am to 12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Houston Center for Independent Living

Held at 6201 Bonhomme Road, Suite 150-S

Cost: **FREE**. Registration required.

Contact 3 days before to schedule ASL or Real Time Captioning

Contact: 713.974.4621. 713.974.4621 Voice / TTY

Tango

Every Wednesday

1:00 pm to 2:15 p.m.

Sponsored by Houston Area Parkinson's Society in partnership with COH

Parks and Recreation Department of Neighborhoods

Held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center 1475 W. Gray

Cost: **FREE**. Registration required.

Contact: Alfonso at 713.520.8670

Monthly Standing Events

Families Coping with Adult Mental Illness

First and Third Sunday of Each Month

4:00 pm to 5:30 p.m.

Held at St Peter's United Methodist Church
20775 Kingsland Blvd

Cost: **FREE**. Contact Pat or Leon at 713.467.3764

Families Coping with Children and Adolescent Mental Illness

Second and Fourth Sunday of Each Month

2:30 pm to 4:00 p.m.

Held at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive

Cost: **FREE**. Contact Bonnie Cord at 713.984.2538

National MS Society Lone Star Chapter: After Hours

First Monday of Each Month

6:30 pm to 9:00 p.m.

Held at Lupe Tortilla, 2414 Southwest Freeway

Cost: **FREE**. Registration required. Ages 18 – 30ish

Contact: Chris Mays at 832-334.9023 or

Email: chmays23@yahoo.com or Visit: [NMSS Lone Star Chapter website](#)

Families Coping with Mental Illness

Third Monday of Each Month

7:15 pm to 9:00 p.m.

Held at Memorial Drive Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive

Cost: **FREE**.

Visit [NAMI website](#)

Monthly Standing Events

Families CAN Support Group

First Tuesday of Each Month

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Held at Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church
2353 Rice Boulevard

Cost: **FREE.**

Contact 713.743.5435 or 713.743.5592

Adolescent Bariatric Surgery Program Support Group

Second Tuesday of Each Month

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center 1475 W. Gray
Sponsored by Texas Children's Hospital in partnership with HPARD's
Adaptive Recreation Staff

Cost: **FREE.**

Contact: Kari at Texas Children's Hospital at 832.822.4868

Houston Commission on Disabilities

Second Thursday of Each Month

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center 1475 W. Gray

Cost: **FREE.** Open to the Public

Request reasonable accommodations by 2nd Monday

ASL Interpreters and CART provided

Contact 832.394.0814 or Email: mopdmail@houstontx.gov

South Texas College of Law Legal Clinic (Family, Probate, Estate Planning)

Third Thursday of Each Month

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center 1475 W. Gray

Cost: **FREE.**

Request reasonable accommodations by 3rd Monday

Contact MOPD at 832.394.0814 or Email mopdmail@houstontx.gov

Monthly Standing Events

Monthly Dance Social for People with Disabilities

First Friday of Each Month

Held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center 1475 W. Gray

Sponsored by The ARC of Greater Houston

Cost: **FREE**. Registration required.

Contact: 713.313.1652

Email: thearcofgreaterhouston.com

Volunteer Parking Enforcement Class

Thursday/October 24, 2013

5:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

Volunteer Parking Enforcement Class

Metropolitan Multi-service Center 1475 W, Gray St

Fourth Thursday

5:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

With the generous help of citizen volunteer, the “ Disabled Parking Volunteer “ program is designed to ensure individuals whose needs require accessible parking spaces have those spaces available..

Cost: **FREE**

Contact: R. De La Cerda at 832.393.8655 @ roland.delacerda@houstontx.gov

Standing Quarterly Events

Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program & Lyondell Basell

Metropolitan Multi-service Center 1475 W, Gray St

Wednesday/October 16, 2013

3:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Free Legal Advice Clinic –“Houston Volunteer Lawyers “program, Inc. helps low-income citizens and such as those who may not meet the financial criteria of other legal assistance programs or non-US citizens.

Cost: **FREE**

Contact: June Eaton at 832-394-0811 or June.Eaton@houstontx.gov