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Director's Column: Young Athletes with Disabilities Grow Into Healthy Adults

For children with disabilities, sports can be the difference between an active, vibrant youngster who learns the value of hard work in achieving important milestones, and one who is disengaged from a very important part of childhood. Through sports, children learn to compete fairly and gain knowledge on how to adapt to their specific event. Win or lose, a child can feel proud of small gains in performance - a few extra touches of the soccer ball, a good pass, a second or two off their time, or a more accurate roll in boccia or bowling.

Read the entire column at http://www.ncpad.org/director/fact_sheet.php?sheet=295.

From the Information Specialist's Desk: International Disability Sport

This month's issue focuses on international disability sport. As Dr. Rimmer emphasizes in his column, sports competition teaches youth with disabilities the value of hard work in achieving goals. Hums et al.

(2003) highlight the complexities of U.S. disability sport governance in our featured Research Corner article, and this month's video clips illustrate the benefits of therapeutic riding for children with disabilities.

1) On March 10-13, Dr. James Rimmer, director of NCPAD, will be a keynote speaker at the third annual Sports Science and Medicine Conference 2005, organized by the British Paralympic Association (BPA). Dr. Rimmer will be speaking to personnel working with Great Britain Paralympic athletes on strength and conditioning and cardiovascular training.

2) Amy Farkas, a former Information Specialist at NCPAD, is presently Development Manager for the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). She is responsible for overseeing programs and services designed to grow, develop, and sustain the Paralympic Movement across specified nations, regions, and sports. Currently, she is involved in developing partnerships with international organizations, and assisting with a two-year project funded by the European Union (EU), called the Paralympic School Day Project, which involves development of a curriculum to educate youth about the Paralympics and to increase awareness about disability and sport. She also had the opportunity to carry the torch for the 2004 Athens Paralympics.

Within the global agenda of "Sport for Development" lies a specific target group, persons with disabilities. The World Bank estimates 600 million or 10% of the world's population are persons with disabilities, with at least 500 million living in the developing world. These numbers continue to increase.

The benefits of sport for people with disabilities include socialization, empowerment, self-confidence, and greater independence that can be applied to other realms of life, such as employment and social inclusion. Ongoing work is being chartered by the United Nations to adopt a Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Draft Article 24, "Participation in Cultural Life, Recreation, Leisure and Sport," at <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36§ion=499#1>. The International Paralympic Committee hosts additional information at <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36§ion=499#2>. Also see the new publication, "Promoting the Health and Human Rights of Individuals with Disabilities through the Paralympic Movement," written by Cheri Blauwet at <http://www.ncpad.org/get/pdf/ipc.pdf>.

3) The Illinois Attorney General's Office announce the 2nd Annual Best Practices Awards, a program that recognizes businesses, organizations, and government agencies that create recreation opportunities for Illinois residents with disabilities. Whether you represent a public or private, for-profit or not-for-profit entity, you may qualify for the awards.

Please submit applications on or before April 8, 2005. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-900-8086 (Voice and TTY) or visit <http://www.ncpad.org/employment/index.php#award> or <http://www.RecreationAccessIllinois.org> for more information.

4) NCPAD Programs Survey: We are updating our databases! Please send new information or updates on your exercise, sports, or recreation-related program for people with disabilities to Cheeri Ong at cheeri@uic.edu, who will send you a NCPAD Accessible Programs survey.

RecTech NUDGE Corner: Winter Skiing for People with Disabilities

RecTech is a Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). One of the Center's 11 projects is to identify strategies and solutions for improving the accessibility of parks, trails, fitness centers, and swimming pools for persons with disabilities. The National Users with Disabilities Group on Exercise (NUDGE) is a research group assessing the extent to which current knowledge concerning recreation technology is transferred into practical application,

assisting people with disabilities to engage in recreational activities.

To participate in the NUDGE survey, click on <http://www.rerrectech.org/surveys/default.htm>. For general information on NUDGE, go to <http://www.rerrectech.org/r2.htm>, and to join, contact Dr. Barth Riley at nudge@uic.edu or call 800-900-8086.

Before the end of the winter weather, this month we feature winter skiing resources for people with disabilities. See the NPCAD skiing factsheet at http://www.ncpad.org/lifetime/fact_sheet.php?sheet=33 and links to adaptive skiing resources at <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#3>.

NCPAD Video Corner: Therapeutic Riding for Children with Disabilities

Therapeutic riding involves teaching the rider the necessary skills and techniques required to ride a horse as independently as possible. The emphasis is not only on the physical benefits of riding, but also on the development of the relationship between the rider and the horse.

See the entire video-embedded factsheet at http://www.ncpad.org/videos/fact_sheet.php?sheet=297.

NCPAD Research Corner

Abstract: The Inclusion of the Paralympics in the Olympic and Amateur Sports Act

Hums, M. A., Moorman, A. M., & Woolf, E. A. (2003). *Journal of Sports and Social Issues*, 27 (3), 261-275.

This article describes the development of disability sport governance, with respect to the Stevens Amendment of 1998, a legal mandate on greater inclusiveness for athletes with disabilities. As Congress did not specify how the act should be executed, the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), along with the various national governing bodies (NGBs) and disabled sports organizations (DSOs), struggle with how the act should be implemented. The article provides disability sport background information, legal and policy implications of the Stevens Amendment disability sport governance, and recommendations for the USOC and the NGBs in fulfillment of its mandate.

International Paralympic Committee 2005 Research Initiative

The International Paralympic Committee will publish a guest International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education Perspectives series entitled, "The Multidisciplinary Series of Physical Education and Sport Science," and calls for academic and scientific institutions to submit articles on topics related to sport for people with disabilities and the Paralympic movement.

Click on <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#4> for additional information.

Research Study on Spinal Cord Injury and Physical Activity: Looking for Volunteers

If you or someone you know has a spinal cord injury for at least 1 year, are 18 years or older, can read and speak English, and live in the United States, call 866-380-4344 or e-mail Matt Kehn (matthew.e.kehn@medstar.net) about participating in a study on the relationship between health and exercise/physical activity in people with spinal cord injury.

Nutrition Corner: The 5 to 9-A-Day Challenge

March is National Nutrition Month (<http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#5>), a nutrition education and information campaign sponsored annually by the American Dietetic Association, which is designed to focus attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. See this website for helpful factsheets, nutrition quizzes, and information on labels and healthy eating on the run. March 7-11 is also National School Breakfast Week. See these websites (<http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#6>) for campaign ideas and fun and healthy breakfast selections.

As we prepare for a fit spring and summer, we ask you to take the 5 to 9-a-day challenge. See recipes and healthy nutritional choices at <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#7>.

Samples of fruit and vegetable serving sizes are: one cup of raw leafy vegetables, a ½ cup chopped strawberries, or one piece of fruit. It's easy to eat 5 servings per day! For example, make a salad with two cups of leafy vegetables, add strawberries to your breakfast cereal, snack on two medium-sized pieces of fruit instead of candy bars or chips, and you have already eaten 5 servings! For more information on serving sizes, check out <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#8>. It is fun and easy to eat your 5 to 9-a-day; try it this March and report your successes to NCPAD at jegray@uic.edu. We'll send you a NCPAD pen.

Educate yourself on serving sizes; they are not as large as you might think. A serving is defined as a predetermined amount of food, such as one slice of bread, one ounce of ready-to-eat cereal, a ½ cup of cooked cereal, rice, or pasta. Sensible serving sizes look like a pair of dice for one ounce of cheese; a checkbook for three ounces of fish; and a ping pong ball for two tablespoons of peanut butter. For more information, check out the NCPAD fact sheet, "Estimating Serving Sizes" at http://www.ncpad.org/nutrition/fact_sheet.php?sheet=91.

Public Health Corner: NCPAD Resources for Public Health Departments

1) **NCPAD resources for health departments:** NCPAD can provide your health department program with brochures and resources for your next educational program or conference booth display. See the NCPAD website at www.ncpad.org for relevant factsheets (i.e., <http://www.ncpad.org/disability/>), videos/DVDs (i.e., <http://www.ncpad.org/videos/>), and more. Call an Information Specialist at 800-900-8086 to receive your specialized packet of materials.

2) Get ready for **National Public Health Week**, April 4-10, with the theme of "Empowering Americans to Live Stronger, Longer!" See helpful factsheets for older adults, communities, and even a life expectancy calculator at <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#9>, as well as tools and statewide information at <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#9>.

Events

Abilities Expo, New York Metro, April 15-17

Abilities Expo shows independent and assisted living products and services for persons with disabilities, caregivers, and healthcare/education professionals, and allows visitors to test and compare products and services offered by state-of-the-art exhibitors. Free consumer and professional workshops are offered by leading individuals in the healthcare, education, and retail fields.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#10>.

Chair Yoga Certification Class, Western Massachusetts, April 17-22, 2005

In response to the growing need for chair-friendly yoga, senior Kripalu Yoga instructor Lakshmi Voelker-Binder will be offering her new Teaching Chair Yoga: The Sitting Mountain Series certification class April 17-22 at Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health in the Berkshires Mountains of western Massachusetts.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#11>.

Disabled Sports USA Ski Schedule, March and April, 2005

See the Disabled Sports USA ski schedule March and April events at <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#12>.

2005 Physical Activity and Public Health Courses, Hilton Head, SC, September 13-21, 2005

The Physical Activity and Public Health Course (PAPH), sponsored by the University of South Carolina and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is entering its 11th year of successful training for researchers and public health practitioners.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#13>.

Conferences

BlazeSports Clubs of America National Disability Sports Conference, Athens, GA, March 17-20, 2005

The University of Georgia, in conjunction with the U.S. Disabled Athletes Fund, will host its fourth annual National Disability Sports Conference. The four-day conference provides an opportunity for community-based coaches, educators, students, adaptive sports professionals, rehabilitation and health care professionals, community recreation administrators and delegates of national organizations promoting sports for people with physical disabilities to increase their knowledge related to physical activity, healthy lifestyle, and competitive sports opportunities for children and adults with physical disabilities.

Dr. James Rimmer, Director of NCPAD, will give one of the keynote addresses, and Randy Snow, one of the most successful wheelchair athletes in history, will give the other.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#14>.

ACSM's Health and Fitness Summit & Exposition, Las Vegas, NV, March 29-April 1, 2005

This conference includes speakers such as Dr. John Jakicic, who will discuss an effective toolbox approach to improve health-related behaviors; Dr. William Dietz, Director, Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, NCCDPHP, CDC, on worksite interventions; and Dr. James Rimmer, Director of the National Center on Physical Activity and Disability, on the need for exercise professionals to increase their involvement in working with people with disabilities.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#15>.

Society for Public Health Education 2005 Midyear Scientific Conference, Boston, MA, April 13-16, 2005

The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) hosts the 2005 Midyear Scientific Conference, which provides an opportunity for professionals to share innovative and effective research and practice methodologies in health education, health promotion, and community health for persons with disabilities and chronic conditions.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#16>.

34th Annual Midwest Symposium on Therapeutic Recreation and Adapted Physical Activity, Springfield, IL, April 22-24, 2005

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#17>.

ICORR 2005 (International Conference on Rehabilitation Robotics), IEEE 9th International Conference on Rehabilitation Robotics, Chicago, IL, June 28-July 1, 2005

ICORR highlights the most recent advances in the basic sciences of rehabilitation robotics.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#18>.

ISAPA (International Symposium on Adapted Physical Activity) Conference, Verona, Italy, July 5-9, 2005

The symposium will attract speakers worldwide on the topics of adapted physical activity across the lifespan, education of APA professionals, disability sport, and more.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#19>.

Employment

Athletic Director: Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago Sports Program and Fitness Center

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago seeks an athletic director, who would be responsible for managing the Virginia Wadsworth Wirtz Sports Program and the Helen M. Galvin Health and Fitness Center, including leadership and development of programs for participants with physical disabilities.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#20>.

Project Director Position Opening at the Association of University Centers on Disability

The candidate must provide leadership and information, and develop opportunities for the AUCD network of Centers and Programs to conduct research and education activities in the areas of disability and health, in cooperation with CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD).

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#21>.

University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Department of Disability and Human Development (DHD) Tenure Track Faculty Position

UIC's Department of Disability and Human Development seeks applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the assistant professor level.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#22>.

Western Illinois University Department of Kinesiology Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in Adapted Physical Education

The Western Illinois University Department of Kinesiology searches for a tenure-track assistant professor in adapted physical education.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#23>.

University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee Assistant/Associate/Full Professor Position

The College of Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee recruits a stellar faculty member who will secure a home in one of the four departments that have a translational research orientation addressing the lives of people with disabilities through prevention, rehabilitation, or technology.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#24>.

Research Associate Position

Research Associate position at the Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation in Dallas, Texas

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#25>.

National Center on Accessibility-Accessibility Specialist Position

The National Center on Accessibility, located at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, has an immediate opening for an Accessibility Specialist.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#26>.

Publications and Scientific Affairs Manager

Publications and Scientific Affairs Manager at the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE). This position is available for two years from January 1, 2005 with the option to extend until December 31, 2008, and is based in Berlin, Germany.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#27>.

District and Regional Managers of SilverSneakers Fitness Program

HealthCare Dimensions and the SilverSneakers Fitness Program for seniors seek District and Regional Managers in New York/New Jersey, Illinois, Georgia, and Florida.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#28>.

Graduate Study

The Erasmus Mundus Master in Adapted Physical Activity, Leuven, Belgium

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#29>.

Graduate Assistantship in Leisure and Disability, Champaign, IL

The Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is now offering a graduate research focus and assistantships for individuals interested in leisure and health/wellness and disability.

For more information, please contact Dr. Marieke Van Puymbroeck, CTRS (e-mail: mvp@uiuc.edu, T: 217-244-9716) or Dr. Laura Payne (e-mail: lpayne@uiuc.edu, T: 217-244-7038).

Master of Science in Disability and Human Development

The Master of Science in Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago is designed to prepare students for leadership positions in human services organizations, as well as to develop fundamental skills of research and scholarship in the disability field.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncpad.org/newsletter/newsletter.php?letter=36&ion=499#30>.

Newsletter Links

1. **United Nations to adopt a Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Draft Article 24, "Participation in Cultural Life, Recreation, Leisure and Sport:"**
<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/rights/>.
2. **The International Paralympic Committee:** <http://www.paralympic.org>.
3. **Ski Central:** <http://www.skicentral.com/adaptive.html>
4. **Research: International Paralympic Committee (IPC) 2005 Research Initiative:**

The United Nations has declared 2005 to be the International Year of Sport and Physical Education. In celebration of the year, the IPC is publishing a guest ICSSPE Perspectives series entitled "The Multidisciplinary Series of Physical Education and Sport Science," (<http://www.icsspe.org>) and calls for academic and scientific institutions to submit articles on topics related to sport for people with disabilities and the Paralympic movement, with a focus on practical research implications. Articles are due April 15, and should be sent to International Paralympic Committee, Attn: Mr. Andy Parkinson, Medical & Scientific Director, Adenauerallee, 212-214, 53113 Bonn, Germany. Submissions should

follow a standard format of abstract, introduction, methodology, results, and discussion, and should also include practical implications. The article's length should not exceed 6,000 words. Inquiries may be directed to Ms. Tamara Devine, ICSSPE Scientific Affairs and Publications Manager, 49-30-36418850, e-mail: tdevine@icsspe.org.

5. **March as National Nutrition Month:**

http://www.eatright.org/Public/NutritionInformation/92_11422.cfm

6. **National School Breakfast Week:** <http://www.schoolnutrition.org/>, <http://www.asfsa.org/nsbw/>

7. **5-A-Day Challenge:** http://www.5aday.gov/homepage/index_content.html

8. **Serving Sizes:** <http://www.5aday.gov/what/index.html>

9. **National Public Health Week Materials:** <http://www.apha.org/nphw/05-facts.htm>;
<http://www.apha.org/nphw/05-letter.htm>.

10. **Abilities Expo:** <http://www.abilitiesexpo.com/IAEBrandManager/V41/index.cvn>

Shows include NY Metro, April 15-17; Southern California, June 3-5; Metro Detroit, August 26-28; Chicago Metro, September 16-18; and Northern California, November 18-20.

11. **Chair Yoga Certification Class: Chair Yoga Certification Class, Western MA, April 17-22, 2005**

In response to the growing need for chair-friendly yoga, senior Kripalu Yoga instructor Lakshmi Voelker-Binder will be offering her new Teaching Chair Yoga: The Sitting Mountain Series certification class April 17-22 at Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health in the Berkshires Mountains of western Massachusetts.

The five-day certification program is ideal for yoga teachers, health care providers, and yoga practitioners, and is especially applicable to those working in senior centers, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, or corporate environments. Along with instruction in meditation, breathing, and relaxation techniques, participants will learn how to adapt classical yoga asanas to the chair. Certification will enable instructors to teach a one-hour Chair Yoga class with knowledge and confidence to a varied audience. Tuition includes a copy of the 43-page tutorial booklet and CD, Lakshmi Voelker Chair Yoga: The Sitting Mountain Series, and teacher's manual.

For more information, call 800-741-7353, or go to <http://www.kripalu.org/program/type2/yogamed/TCY051>.

12. **Disabled Sports USA Ski Schedule:** <http://www.dsusa.org/schedule01.html>

13. **2005 Physical Activity and Public Health Courses, Hilton Head, SC, September 13-21, 2005**

The PAPH course offerings feature an 8-day Postgraduate Course on Research Directions and Strategies and a 6-day Practitioner's Course on Community Interventions. The faculty for the courses is composed of nationally recognized experts in public health research and practice.

Approximately 25 fellows are accepted for each course. Criteria for acceptance include educational background, experience, professional position, and potential to enhance public health research and practice.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://prevention.sph.sc.edu/seapines/index.htm> or contact Janna Borden at (803) 576-6050 or jsborden@gwm.sc.edu.

14. BlazeSports Clubs of America National Disability Sports Conference, Athens, GA, March 17-20, 2005

Program partners for the conference include the National Recreation and Park Association (<http://www.nrpa.org>), U.S. Paralympics (<http://www.usparalympics.org/>), and several leading sport-specific disability sports organizations, including the National Disability Sports Alliance, the United States Association of Blind Athletes, and Wheelchair Sports USA.

U. S. Disabled Athletes Fund is the legacy organization of the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games, the first Paralympics ever held in the United States, and the parent organization of BlazeSports America, the first community-based sports program for youth and adults with physical disabilities. For more information, see <http://www.blazesports.com>, e-mail NDSC2005@blazesports.com, or call 1-800-884-1381 or 706-542-2134.

15. ACSM's Health and Fitness Summit & Exposition, Las Vegas, NV, March 29-April 1, 2005

For more information, go to <http://www.acsm.org/meetings/summit.htm>, or call 317-637-9200.

16. Society for Public Health Education 2005 Midyear Scientific Conference, Boston, MA, April 13-16, 2005

Early Bird registration ends March 11; Final Pre-Registration ends March 25.

Go to <http://www.sophe.org> to view the preliminary program, and download the conference registration.

17. 34th Annual Midwest Symposium on Therapeutic Recreation and Adapted Physical Activity, Springfield, IL, April 22-24, 2005

The conference will be held April 22-24 in Springfield, IL, at the Crown Plaza Hotel. For further information, call 573-882-4038, or e-mail: muconf@missouri.edu, URL: http://muconf.missouri.edu/midwest_symposium/MidwestTR%20.pdf.

18. ICORR 2005, IEEE 9th International Conference on Rehabilitation Robotics, June 28-July 1, 2005

ICORR highlights the most recent advances in the basic sciences of rehabilitation robotics. This conference will focus on a number of topics, including the themes of robotics in prosthetics and orthotics, and more.

<http://www.smpp.nwu.edu/ICORR2005/>

19. ISAPA (International Symposium on Adapted Physical Activity) Conference, Verona, Italy: July 5-9, 2005

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For more information on registration, go to <http://www.isapa2005.net> or e-mail info@isapa2005.net.

20. Athletic Director: Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago Sports Program and Fitness Center

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago seeks an athletic director, who would be responsible for managing the Virginia Wadsworth Wirtz Sports Program and the Helen M. Galvin Health and Fitness Center, including leadership and development of programs for participants with physical disabilities. Management responsibilities include budgeting, human resource management, policies and procedures, administrative systems, standards, as well as the most efficient and effective use of the department's human and financial resources in the achievement of department goals.

Bachelor's degree required, and Master's preferred in exercise physiology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, recreational therapy, health care administration, public health, or a related area. Three to five years progressive management experience in wellness, fitness, or comparable sports venue.

For more information, contact Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Human Resources, 345 East Superior Street, Chicago, IL 60611, T: 312-238-6290, F: 312-238-1263, TDD#: 312-238-4677, Email: ricjobs@ric.org

21. Project Director Position Opening at the Association of University Centers on Disability

The Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD) is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Project Director. The candidate must provide leadership and information, and develop opportunities for the AUCD network of Centers and Programs to conduct research and education activities in the areas of disability and health in cooperation with CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD). More specifically, this position is to direct, manage, and coordinate AUCD's efforts under a federal cooperative agreement with the CDC to strengthen the nation's capacity to carry out public health activities in the areas of birth defects (BD), developmental disabilities (DD), and health promotion for people living with disabilities.

Submit a letter of interest, resume of relevant experience, and names and contact information for three references via mail or e-mail to George Jesien, PhD, Executive Director, AUCD, 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 920, Silver Spring, MD 20910. E-mail: gjesien@aucd.org, URL: http://www.aucd.org/aucd_employment.htm. For additional information, please contact Ethan Long, Ph.D., Project Director, AUCD, 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 920, Silver Spring, MD 20910. T:301-588-8252, e-mail:elong@aucd.org.

22. University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Department of Disability and Human Development (DHD) Tenure-Track Faculty Position

UIC's Department of Disability and Human Development seeks applications for a tenure-track faculty, assistant professor position. DHD is dedicated to the study of disability with the goal of advancement of disabled persons in society. Duties include developing an externally funded research program and teaching and supervising graduate students. The position requires a doctoral degree and evidence of commitment to disability in scholarship and teaching.

Interested applicants should send a CV, list of references, and sample publications to the Search Chair, Faculty Search Committee, UIC, DHD, 1640 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608. Applications will be reviewed starting March 15 and continue until the position is filled. Applications from persons with disabilities, other minorities, and women are encouraged.

23. The Western Illinois University Department of Kinesiology Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in Adapted Physical Education

The Western Illinois University Department of Kinesiology searches for a tenure-track assistant professor in adapted physical education. Qualifications include an earned doctorate (at time of appointment) in Kinesiology (or related field) with a specialization in adapted physical education.

Send letter of application, current vita, copies of transcripts, and names of three references (with e-mail, addresses, and telephone numbers). Reply to Adapted Physical Education Search, Department of Kinesiology, Brophy Hall; Western Illinois University; 1 University Circle; Macomb, IL 61455-1390. Questions may be directed to Laura Finch, Search Committee Chair, at T: 309-298-2350 or T: 309-298-1820.

Review of applications began on February 4 and will continue until the position is filled.

24. University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee Assistant/Associate/Full Professor Position

The College of Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee recruits a stellar faculty member who will secure a home in one of the four departments that have a translational research orientation addressing the lives of people with disabilities through prevention, rehabilitation, or technology: Communication Sciences and Disorders, Occupational Therapy, Human Movement Sciences, and Health Sciences.

Qualifications include a Ph.D. in a discipline related to either the rehabilitation-related professions, design professions such as engineering or architecture, or health-related disciplines like neuroscience, biomechanics, or related social sciences.

Salary and starting date of August 22 are negotiable.

Interested candidates should send letter of intent, curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of three references to Linda Miller, Search and Screen Committee, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, College of Health Sciences-Enderis 479, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0413, T: 414-229-3226, F: 414-229-2619, e-mail: ljm@uwm.edu. Include position vacancy # 7942 and # 7943.

25. Research Associate Position

The Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation in Dallas, TX has a research position opening.

The candidate should have a Ph.D. or Master's-level education with experience in the biological (e.g., biomedical engineering or equivalent) or social sciences (e.g., experimental psychology) that have a strong research component; strong communication, analytic, statistical, and organizational skills; proficiency in speaking and writing the English language with bilingual skills in Spanish as a plus; experience in literature searches and chart reviews, manuscript and grant writing, data entry and data base management; and experience with patients with orthopedic and neurological injuries (preferred).

Responsibilities will include literature searches and writing for manuscript and grants; administration of surveys and protocols to patients; assisting with IRB paperwork; creating PowerPoint presentations; and more.

If interested, please contact Dr. Ann Marie Warren at T: 214-820-9315 or AnnMariW@BaylorHealth.edu.

26. National Center on Accessibility-Accessibility Specialist Position

The National Center on Accessibility, located at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, has an immediate opening for an Accessibility Specialist.

The Accessibility Specialist will assist the National Center on Accessibility in meeting its nationally focused agenda in the areas of technical assistance, education, and research while promoting the inclusion of people with disabilities in parks, recreation and tourism. The Accessibility Specialist has primary responsibility for the provision of technical assistance to NCA customers on topics ranging from general accessibility requirements and subject specific issues related to recreation. The Accessibility Specialist also serves as a trainer for NCA educational programs and provides assistance to ongoing research projects.

For more information and full job description visit the NCA website at <http://www.ncaonline.org>.

27. Publications and Scientific Affairs Manager

The position of Publications and Scientific Affairs Manager at the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE) is available for two years from January 1, with the option to extend until December 31, 2008, and is based in Berlin, Germany. The candidate is responsible for the ICSSPE publications in English, including the ICSSPE Bulletin, Perspectives: the Multidisciplinary Series of Sport Science and Physical Education, and is co-responsible for the online newsletter.

The candidate should have a sport science/physical education university degree, preferably experience of international and/or NGO work and project/event management, and be a native English speaker. Knowledge of German is a plus.

Interested candidates should send current CV (with picture if possible) and references, and a letter explaining the candidate's motivation as soon as possible, to ICSSPE/CIEPSS, Hanns Braun Strasse, Friesenhaus II, 14053 Berlin, GERMANY or to icsspe@icsspe.org. Contact Detlef Dumon, Communications Manager, with questions at T: +49 30 36 41 88 55, e-mail: ddumon@icsspe.org. URL: <http://www.icsspe.org>.

28. DISTRICT AND REGIONAL MANAGERS OF SILVERSNEAKERS FITNESS PROGRAM

HealthCare Dimensions and the SilverSneakers Fitness Program seek District and Regional Managers in New York/New Jersey, Illinois, Georgia, and Florida.

District and Regional Managers are responsible for managing the activities of the assigned region; providing leadership, guidance, supervision, and career growth to the Account Managers; coordinating the efforts of corporate staff in conjunction with Account Managers to obtain the greatest benefit for all concerned; and continually improving the relationship with clients and partners.

Experience in any and all of the following is desired: field or territory management, regional personnel management, managed care, health promotion and fitness, health insurance, and a strong business background. Submit resume and salary history to jobs@hcdimensions.com.

29. The Erasmus Mundus Master in Adapted Physical Activity, Leuven, Belgium

The Erasmus Mundus Master in Adapted Physical Activity, at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, in Leuven, Belgium, is a postgraduate university program, providing a state-of-the-art research and teaching methodology in Adapted Physical Activity (APA); and the social, pedagogical and technical aspects of physical activity, adapted to the needs of persons with disabilities. All questions should be directed to Herman Van Coppenolle at Herman.VanCoppenolle@faber.kuleuven.be.

<http://www.kuleuven.ac.be/english/adapted.htm>

30. Master of Science in Disability and Human Development

The Master of Science in Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago is designed to prepare students for leadership positions in human services organizations, as well as to develop fundamental skills of research and scholarship in the disability field. The curriculum examines disability and human development across the life span with an emphasis on understanding the complex cultural, legal, programmatic, and theoretical context of disability in society. Study and research are available in two areas of specialization: disability studies and social policy and rehabilitation technology. The program articulates closely with the College of Applied Health Sciences' interdepartmental Ph.D. program in Disability Studies.

For additional information or for an application, please call 312-413-1647 or 312-413-0453 or visit the website at <http://www.ahs.uic.edu/dhd>.

NCPAD Contact and Partner Information

NCPAD is funded by the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is located at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the Department of Disability and Human Development. All materials listed below - and more - are available on the NCPAD website at <http://www.ncpad.org> or by calling our toll-free number: 1-800-900-8086. Alternative formats are available.

NCPAD's partner affiliates include the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC), the National Center on Accessibility (NCA), The Arc of the U.S., the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL), and UCP National. Friendly, highly trained Information Specialists are available through a toll-free hotline and TTY at 1-800-900-8086, e-mail ncpad@uic.edu, or fax 1-312-355-4058 to provide personalized responses to

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