



## 5 Things to Know for Early April

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### Television: The Employables

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A&E Network is airing an 8 episode docuseries on the search for meaningful employment of people with disabilities. The “neuro-diverse” job seekers profiled are working with a specialist to identify their talents and show employers what they can offer. The hour-long episodes follow them as they embark on interviews or tryouts with potential employers in their quest to “find the perfect line of work,” according to the network. The show also features interaction with the families of the job seekers. Two individuals with disabilities will be featured on each episode. *The Employables* will debut on May 8 at 10 pm on A&E.

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### Accessibility: Recreation

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The Special Needs Resource Foundation has put together a list of San Diego attractions that offer discounts and other programs designed to make it easier for individuals with disabilities to access their sites. These accommodations include caregiver passes, considerations for waiting in line and more. The attractions include the Zoo and Wild Animal Park, Sea World, LEGOLAND, Torrey Pines State Park, museums and more! Check it out at <https://tinyurl.com/y4fd94u6>

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### Legislation: ACE Kids

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The Senate has passed the Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act (*ACE Kids Act*), which allows state Medicaid programs or health care plans to provide coordinated care in health homes for children with complex medical conditions, even allowing enrollment across state lines. The Act, which was supported by the Children’s Hospital Association, is part of a package of Medicaid bills in H.R. 1839, also passed the House of Representatives and now awaits presidential signature.

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### Family Workshop Series: Life Planning Project

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Home of Guiding Hands offers this series of six workshops for parents and caregivers of people with developmental disabilities or other challenges. Learn how to create a detailed plan for your family member’s future in this program, offered through Regional Center funding, with initial program planning funding having been provided by State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD). Please contact Wendy Smith at [wendy@guidinghands.org](mailto:wendy@guidinghands.org) for more information. The six session series addresses *Why Plan and Getting Started, Building Relationships and Skills, Work, Retirement and Leisure, Housing Options, Legal Options and Goal Setting*. The series is offered as interest is shown and groups are formed; by contacting Wendy, you are signing up for the interest list and will be contacted when a group is offered in your area. Separate English and Spanish speaking groups are offered in El Cajon, National City, San Marcos, San Diego and El Centro. The sessions last for 2 hours each and it is expected that participants will complete the series.

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### Conference: Creating Pathways to a Self-Determined Life

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Involved Exceptional Parent Day is just around the corner! On May 4, this day long conference for family members of children with special health and learning needs and professionals will be held at Crowne Plaza San Diego. Don’t miss the chance to attend workshops, network and attend the huge resource fair! [www.iepday.org](http://www.iepday.org)