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## In other news

### Differentiate Instruction with Online Tools for Writing

Many children with disabilities struggle with writing assignments in school. Whether the difficulty lies with the physical act of writing (holding a pencil, using a keyboard, forming letters), writing mechanics (grammar and spelling) or getting thoughts onto paper, writing can become a painful task for students with disabilities. Inclusive Schools offers some [great tips for overcoming writing difficulties.](#)

### Family Employment Awareness Training March 5th and March 12th

Families Together and the Beach Center are partnering for two workshops to help parents better understand employment options, benefits and outcomes. The FEAT trainings take place in March at KU. Learn more [here.](#)

## Host a Spread the Word to End the Word Event on 3/2/11



Spread the Word to End the Word is an ongoing effort by Special Olympics, Best Buddies International and our supporters to raise the consciousness of society about the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the word "retard(ed)" and encourage people to pledge to stop using the R-word.

The campaign, created by youth, is intended to engage schools, organizations and communities to rally and pledge their support at [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org) in order to promote the inclusion and acceptance of people with intellectual disabilities. **Download a celebration [toolkit](#) to get started today!**

## Down Syndrome Education USA Provides Resources to Educators and Parents



Down Syndrome Education USA has a wide variety of educational tools and products to help you engage and educate your child/student with Down syndrome. Visit the [store](#) today to learn more!

### **Forecasting the Future Conference Handouts Available**

DSG's recent conference was a great success with over 250 attendees from six states! Evaluation feedback was very positive and attendees left with a toolkit of resources they could use moving forward. Conference handouts are now available on [DSG's homepage](#).

### **Reinforcement Inventory**

Not sure what motivates your student? Try completing the [Reinforcement Inventory](#) by Integrated Behavioral Solutions to learn more.

### **Lose the Training Wheels Camp**

Help your student with a disability learn to ride a bike by referring him/her to the Lose the Training Wheels Camp which will take place March 14-18th at Johnson County Community College. Space is limited so [register today](#).

### **Supporting Career Development for Students with Disabilities**

Many young people in special education are reaching adulthood without adequate skills needed to be successful in the workplace. The Office of Disability Employment Policy created the [Charting the Course Guide](#) to help parents, educators and service professionals ensure students are prepared to enter the workforce.

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## **Building Partnerships for Career Exploration**



Job Shadowing offers a real-life, authentic experience that can serve as a career exploration and assessment tool, if used and processed appropriately. Download a [guide](#) to help your high school set up a successful job shadowing program.

## **Complete Guide to Special Needs Apps**



With over 300,000 apps it's easy to become overwhelmed by the number of app choices. It's also easy to spend a small fortune on a lot of useless apps. Check out the [One Place for Special Needs Guide](#) that breaks down the best of the apps by skill set so you can easily find and buy apps that most benefit your child/student.

## **FREE TRAINING on Adapting Curriculum**



DSG is hosting [Practical Solutions for Adapting Curriculum](#) on Thursday, March 31st from 8:30 AM-11:30 AM at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center. We invite parents and educators to join us for an informative morning. Our presenter, Kelly Nelson, has over 20 years experience in

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