



CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE

of Individuals with Disabilities
Serving San Mateo County



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Advocacy in Action



HIP Housing

Do you need extra income?
Have an extra room?

Renting out a room in your home is a great way to reduce costs. **HIP Housing's** non-profit Home Sharing program can help make that a safe, comfortable process. HIP Housing has given free, long-term support in San Mateo County for over 40 years.

Right now HIP Housing has funding to provide a \$250 bonus to persons who rent a room to someone in our program after they have lived there 90 days. Now is the time to put that extra room to good use, earn monthly rental income and an extra \$250 bonus!

To learn more about HIP Housing, contact Laura Fanucchi 650-348-6660 extension 303 or email her at: lfanucchi@hiphousing.org



Join us again this year for the 2016 Transition to Independence Fair at El Camino High in SSF.

Visit www.transitionfair.org for more info!

CID, along with Disability Rights Advocates (DRA), recently filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California against Serra Yellow Cab for violating federal and state law by charging wheelchair users up to four times more than the standard fare because they require accessible taxis.

Serra, a for-profit transportation company based in Daly City, California, is the only taxi company to offer wheelchair accessible taxis for retail taxi service in San Mateo County. Serra has been on notice since 2013 that this discriminatory policy and practice is illegal.

As part of the lawsuit, which is largely injunctive, CID is requesting for Serra Cab to be monitored for compliance for the next five years.



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THE DAILY JOURNAL

The Peninsula's homepage

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Join CID for another great Daily Journal event: **Today's Senior Showcase** on Friday, April 29th at the Twin Pines Senior Center in Belmont.

These events are always FREE and well attended. Typically, they feature dozens of resource vendors and free services.

For more information about this event, contact the Daily Journal at 650-344-5200. Hope to see you there!



We have several new items in our AT inventory like this red power wheelchair in great condition! We can help you get a new battery for this wheelchair so you can take it home.

Contact Leonardo Camargo, Assistive Technology Coordinator at (650) 645-1780 extension 127 or email him at Leonardoc@cidsanmateo.org

Work Incentive Planning & Assistance

Many Social Security beneficiaries (SSDI and/or SSI) would like to work but are worried that they will lose essential benefits if they have earnings of any kind. The Work Incentive Planning & Assistance (WIPA) Program is a **FREE** service to help beneficiaries of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) to make informed choices.

This program is for individuals currently receiving disability benefits, who are considering work, seeking work, self-employed, or who are currently employed. We will provide you with information about work incentives which may allow you to keep some or all of your cash benefits as well as your medical benefits.

CID's WIPA program now covers from Napa County down to San Luis Obispo County. Call our center for more information.

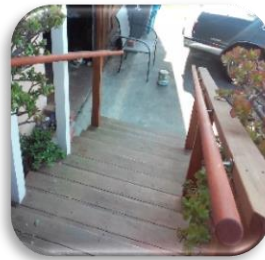
Home Accessibility Modification



Housing accessibility modifications are a major concern for people with disabilities in San Mateo County.

The major emphasis in CID's housing efforts is our Housing Accessibility Modification Program.

We install ramps, rails, grab bars, vertical lifts, and other modifications to make a home more accessible.



These modifications assist people with disabilities to remain at home, or move back into their home with greater independence.

This program may be available to you

At No Cost!

Please contact Lisa Heath at 650-645-1780 ext. 122

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Our services include:

- ADA Consulting
- Housing Modification
- Counseling & Peer Support
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Information & Referral
- Systems Change Advocacy
- Assistive Technology
- Financial Benefits Counseling
- System Reuse Program

Please call, email, or stop in for more information

CID's mission is to provide support services, community awareness, and systems change advocacy to promote full and equal community integration and participation for people with disabilities in San Mateo County.



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