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## Disability Update

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### EEG may offer clues on children's risk of developing autism

Researchers at Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University measured the brain wave activity of 43 6- to 17-year-olds with autism spectrum disorder using an electroencephalography cap and found greater impaired responses to certain auditory stimuli among youths with severe autism. The findings were published in the Journal of Autism and Developmental Disabilities. [The Washington Post \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (9/22)

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### Wis. seeks to preserve options amid mandate to reduce "sheltered workshops"

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker has directed state officials to seek opportunities to maintain so-called sheltered workshops as options for individuals with disabilities. State officials must submit a report to the federal government as part of a mandate to increase community employment opportunities, but some advocates for individuals with disabilities are concerned about the closure of such workshops and an overall reduction in options. [Wisconsin State Journal \(Madison\)](#) (9/28)

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#### ■ Experts explore higher Alzheimer's risk seen with Down syndrome

Disability Scoop/Chicago Tribune (9/26)

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#### ■ Report: Fewer parents file special-education complaints

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## Assistive Technology

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### Study: Yoga may enhance mind's ability to control a computer

A study in the journal Technology found that people who practiced yoga and meditation were better able to use their mind to control a computer. University of Minnesota researchers suggest the small study could have implications for people with disabilities who cannot manually operate a computer. [MedicalDaily.com](#) (9/28)

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## Chicago pushes for more accessible taxis

Only 163 of Chicago's 6,000 taxis can easily accommodate riders with disabilities, but an ordinance that went into effect this month will require license holders with at least 10 vehicles to have 10% of them wheelchair accessible by the end of 2018. However, the city should push for at least half of its taxis to be wheelchair accessible, said Access Living CEO Marca Bristo, who suggested incentives, subsidies and stricter enforcement. [Chicago Defender](#) (9/25)

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## Transitions

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### Educator: How capacity can affect student planning

Schools need to be upfront about their capacity to meet the needs of students with disabilities when writing individualized education plans, special-education teacher Mark Anderson writes in this blog post. He offers advice for navigating times when there is a gap between needs and available services. [Chalkbeat/New York](#) (9/25)

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### School design considers needs of students with disabilities

A special-education collaborative in Minnesota has designed a new school to meet the needs of students with disabilities. The school features wider hallways, a sensory room to help calm students and lighting systems that aim to minimize distractions. [Star Tribune \(Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.\)](#) (9/26)

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## Other News

### ■ Del. condos offer independent living for people with disabilities

The Washington Times/The Associated Press (9/27)

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## UCP News

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### Register now for Enabled by Design-athon: D.C. Edition

Sign up now to attend [Enabled by Design-athon: D.C. Edition](#), Nov. 5 to 7. UCP's [Life Labs initiative](#) is hosting this dynamic event to encourage innovation by designers, inventors, hackers and makers for the benefit of people with disabilities. We're looking to bring together teams of dreamers, including people with disabilities, to design and prototype accessible products. The event kicks off Nov. 5 at the MLK Memorial Library with keynote speaker Adrienne Biddings, Policy Counsel for Google. Other speakers include Brett Heising of [www.brettapproved.com](#). Then, at a two-day design workshop at Google's D.C. offices, teams will compete to come up with the best design. [Register now.](#)

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### Oct. 1 is World CP Day

Tomorrow is World CP Day and an opportunity for you to submit your ideas for the next big invention to help people with disabilities in their daily lives. Simply submit ideas to [www.worldcpday.org](#) with text or a video that takes a minute or less to read or watch. Everyone is invited to comment on ideas, vote and share them through social media or e-

mail throughout October. World CP Day will be a day to brainstorm and celebrate, then in November and December, the best three ideas will be selected. In January, we'll be looking for inventors to make it happen. Do you have a great idea that really could change the world for people with disabilities in one minute? Visit [www.worldcpday.org](http://www.worldcpday.org) today to get started!

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## SmartQuote

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“ One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure.”

-- William Feather,  
American publisher

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United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) educates, advocates and provides support services to ensure a life without limits for people with a spectrum of disabilities. Together with nearly 100 affiliates, UCP has a mission to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people disabilities by supporting more than 176,000 children and adults every day—one person at a time, one family at a time. UCP works to enact real change—to revolutionize care, raise standards of living and create opportunities—impacting the lives of millions living with disabilities. For more than 60 years, UCP has worked to ensure the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in every facet of society. Together, with parents and caregivers, UCP will continue to push for the social, legal and technological changes that increase accessibility and independence, allowing people with disabilities to dream their own dreams, for the next 60 years, and beyond. For more information, please visit [www.ucp.org](http://www.ucp.org).

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