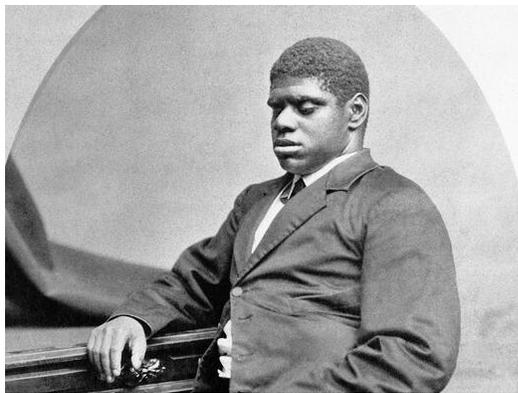




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In Honor of Juneteenth we want to Celebrate Tom Wiggins (1849-1908)

"Blind Tom" Wiggins was born blind as an infant and was sold into slavery with the rest of his family. However, Tom had access to a piano, and his talent for perceiving, remembering, and reproducing sounds was immediately apparent. His extraordinary music has inspired lovers of music worldwide, including Elton John, who composed a song in his honor. It is believed that Tom could have been on the autism spectrum as well.

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40th Anniversary Campaign

On behalf of the consumers we serve, and all people with disabilities, the CIL of Northwest Florida would be honored if you would join us to celebrate **the 40th Anniversary of the CIL of Northwest Florida “Honoring Our Past, Planning Our Future”** through our online campaign that will be located on our [Facebook page](#) for the full month of July!

[Learn More](#)



Weekly Giveaways!

We have several good prizes we will be giving away - two bottles of wine from Deluna Landing, Winn Dixie gift card (\$50), gift certificate for the Melting Pot (\$25), and a gift certificate for Oriental Trading (\$25). Every time you participate in our campaign you will be entered to win.

Forms of Participation include: Commenting on posts/participating in the discussion, Making a donation, Sharing our posts/page, Bidding on an auction item, Attending online events, and Following our social media platforms.

Participation will be reset each week!

Daily Fun Events

We have an exciting schedule planned of fun and entertaining videos that will be in the style of TikTok, an online auction, educational pieces, thought provoking stories, quick sign language tutorials, interactive activities, music, and more.



Throughout the month we will also be hosting an online Sheriff's Candidate Forum on their views about the Disability Community on July 15, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 pm and our virtual Keynote Interview with Deidre Davis Butler will present on July 31, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Please send in your questions for both events to info@cil-drc.org.

CILNWF Updates:

Our team has returned to the office and we continue to practice CDC guidelines and physical distancing by providing services by appointment only.

We ask that when an appointment is made that if you have any COVID-19 symptoms or are not feeling well that you stay home and contact us via phone. For all who come to the office for your appointment you will have an infrared temperature taken, you will need to wear masks and gloves and you will be asked some screening questions in order to enter our building.

The CIL Team continues to also reach out by telephone to assess and fulfill consumer unmet needs. We have been able to assist many individuals with connection to food, equipment and/or a listening ear.

Our team member Tavera worked with a community member who needed to apply for programs through the Department for Children and Families for Medicaid and the Area Agency on Aging for the Medicaid Home Wavier Program. The constituent has completed both sets of applications and awaits for the next steps of the process from the community.

New challenges of COVID-19 occur everyday. If you are experiencing new urgent or ongoing matters that you want to attend to, please contact us ASAP. You can reply to this email or call us at 850-595-5566. We will do what we can to help support you in the direction(s) you wish to navigate for solution(s).

(If we haven't reached you yet and you don't feel you need to connect with CILDRC directly, please reply to this email and type "I AM OKAY" in the body.)



June 18, 2020 is Autism Pride Day

This is an annual celebration that was first started by the Aspies for Freedom in 2005. One of the most significant aspects of Autism Pride Day is that this is a movement that revolves around the autistic community as a whole and not one that is run by charities. It's a celebration of people and their differences. Since the start, Autistic Pride Day has gained the support of countless organizations as one way of showing intersectionality in the community.

Celebrate Juneteeth with the ADAPT Intersectional Justice Committee!

This year's celebration is focused on [the Disability Integration Act \(H.R. 555/S.117\)](#) and not letting the African American disability community be the last to know that they have the right to live in an accessible, affordable integrated community with the services and supports needed.

African Americans are more likely to be institutionalized, stuck in nursing homes, forgotten with no way out.



Follow the event on Social Media @NationalADAPT

Be a part of the Conversation by using the following Hashtags:
#ADAPTJuneteenth, #ADAPTandResist, #DIA, #DIAToday

[Learn More](#)



Happy Father's Day!

The Center for Independent Living of Northwest of Florida wants to wish all of our fathers a Happy Father's Day! We know that being a father is a full-time job and we are here to celebrate your special day.

Thank you for being our superheroes!

Find out more about Why Dad's Matter!

[Read More](#)



American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Watch this year's AAIDD media award winning film, "Hearts of Glass," as a catalyst for conversation about employment and inclusion. Attendees will have access to stream the film from Friday, June 19, 7 pm ET to Friday, June 26, 7 pm ET. [Learn more at aaidd!](#)

[Watch the Trailer!](#)

Upcoming Community Events

- **Crip Camp Impact Campaign:** Have community building right in your own home. Every Sunday at 2 pm PST/5 pm EST from May 17 to August 30, 2020 for one and a half hours each. Register or find out more information at [Crip Camp](#).
 - **Registration is open!** The First Annual Stanford Conference on Disability in Healthcare will take place as an interactive webinar on June 20, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.
 - The 22nd Annual Family Cafe Featuring the Governor's Summit on Disabilities in June 2020. Find out more through [Family Cafe Orlando](#).
 - NAMI Mental Health Peer Support Groups - On ZOOM. For dates and times [visit this link](#) to register or find out more about this free event.
 - Online Group Psychological Health Promotion Program for Women with Spinal Cord Injury. [Find out if you are eligible today!](#)
 - Research Opportunity: To understand how young people with disabilities experience the transition to adulthood. [Find out if you are eligible today!](#)
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Assistive Technology to Promote Independence and Aging in Place for Seniors

Speaker: Susan Foster
Time: Jun 23, 2020 10:00 AM



June 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

[Register](#)

Social Conversations



June 25, 2020 at 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

[Register](#)

We need your help completing an important survey about your experience during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The survey is completely anonymous and should take about 15 – 30 minutes to complete. The purpose of this study is to investigate issues related to quality of life, stress, healthcare access, and community access during the Covid-19 pandemic for individuals with a disability.

This research is IRB/ethics approved through Stockton University in NJ. We anticipate the results of this study will be published. Thank you for your assistance!

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Kerri Sowers at Kerri.Sowers@stockton.edu or (609) 652-4418.

[Take Our Survey](#)

Updated information about COVID-19 by county is available by clicking a graphic below.



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