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ADA has connection to day care

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It's a connection that may not be obvious at first glance, but it's one that's becoming increasingly important for many families in the region. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is not just a civil rights law; it's also a key component of ensuring that children with disabilities have access to early childhood education and day care.

For many parents, the challenge is finding a day care center that is not only licensed but also equipped to handle the needs of a child with a disability. This often involves navigating a complex web of regulations and requirements, many of which are rooted in the ADA.

The ADA, passed in 1990, prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including employment, transportation, public accommodations, and telecommunications. In the context of day care, this means that facilities must be accessible to children with physical, mental, and intellectual disabilities.

One of the most significant aspects of the ADA is its requirement for accessibility. This includes physical access to buildings and programs, as well as communication access. For example, day care centers must have ramps, elevators, and accessible restrooms. They must also have staff members who are trained to assist children with disabilities and their families.

While the ADA provides a framework for accessibility, it also places a strong emphasis on individualized support. This means that day care centers must work with parents to develop Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs) for children with disabilities. These plans outline the specific services and supports that the child needs to succeed in the day care setting.

For many parents, the process of finding a day care center that meets these requirements can be overwhelming. However, there are resources available to help. Local government agencies, such as the Department of Social Services, often provide information and referrals to licensed day care centers that are equipped to handle children with disabilities.

Additionally, many day care centers have dedicated staff members who are trained in early intervention services. These staff members can provide the additional support and services that a child with a disability may need, ensuring that they have the best possible start in their early education.

Haling spread of disease

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It's a halting spread of disease that has caught the attention of local law enforcement. In a recent case, a group of individuals was charged with spreading a contagious disease through a series of public events and gatherings. The individuals, who were identified as members of a local extremist group, were accused of deliberately spreading the disease to cause fear and chaos in the community.

The case highlights the potential for public health emergencies in the wake of a deliberate act of bioterrorism. Law enforcement agencies are now working closely with public health officials to identify and track down anyone who may have been in contact with the individuals involved in the case.

Public health officials are also conducting a thorough investigation into the spread of the disease. They are working to identify the source of the infection and to determine how it was spread. This information is crucial for preventing further cases and for providing medical treatment to those who have been infected.

The case has also raised concerns about the potential for future acts of bioterrorism. Public health officials are now working to strengthen their surveillance and response capabilities to ensure that they are prepared to handle any such threats.

Local law enforcement runs cattle disease drill

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Local law enforcement agencies conducted a large-scale drill to simulate the response to a potential outbreak of a highly contagious cattle disease. The drill involved multiple law enforcement agencies, including the sheriff's office, police departments, and state troopers, working together to manage the situation.

The drill was designed to test the agencies' ability to coordinate and execute a response to a crisis. It involved setting up a simulated outbreak, with law enforcement officers responding to reports of sick cattle and working to contain the disease. The drill also included exercises for public communication, as well as for the coordination of resources and personnel.

The results of the drill were generally positive, with law enforcement agencies demonstrating a high level of coordination and effectiveness in their response. However, there were also some areas for improvement, such as the need for better communication and coordination between agencies.

The drill is a valuable exercise for law enforcement agencies, as it helps them to identify potential weaknesses in their response and to develop strategies to address them. It also helps to build trust and cooperation between agencies, which is essential for a successful response to a crisis.

Big Brothers Big Sisters launches program to keep kids active

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of the United States has launched a new program designed to keep children active and engaged. The program, called "Active Kids," provides a variety of activities and programs for children, including sports, arts and crafts, and community service projects.

The program is designed to provide children with a safe and supportive environment where they can learn, grow, and have fun. It is also designed to provide children with a positive role model and a mentor who can help them to develop their skills and interests.

The program is available to children in the local area, and is open to children of all ages and backgrounds. It is a free program, and is supported by the community and local businesses.

The program is a great way for children to stay active and engaged, and it is a great way for them to learn and grow. It is also a great way for them to have fun and enjoy their time with their mentors.

Thursday winds blow semi off roadway

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A severe weather event on Thursday resulted in a semi-truck being blown off a roadway. The truck, which was carrying a load of construction materials, was caught in a strong windstorm and was blown into a ditch. The driver was uninjured, but the truck was damaged and the load was scattered.

The incident highlights the dangers of severe weather on the roads. Strong winds can make it difficult for drivers to control their vehicles, and can lead to accidents and property damage. Drivers should be cautious and take appropriate precautions when driving in severe weather.

The incident also highlights the importance of proper load securement. The truck's load was not properly secured, which contributed to the accident. Drivers should always use proper techniques to secure their loads, and should avoid overloading their vehicles.

Foundation plans \$100,000

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A local foundation has announced plans to raise \$100,000 for a new project. The foundation, which is dedicated to supporting the arts and culture in the community, is currently accepting donations and sponsorships for the project.

The project, which is called "Arts for All," is designed to provide a variety of arts and culture programs for children in the local area. The programs will include music, dance, and visual arts, and will be available to children of all ages and backgrounds.

The foundation is currently accepting donations and sponsorships for the project. Donations can be made online or by mail, and sponsorships are available for individuals and businesses. The foundation is also accepting applications for volunteers, and is looking for people who are interested in supporting the arts and culture in the community.