

# REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

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Serving Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Lake County

## JULY IS DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH!

This year, we will be celebrating the 32nd anniversary of the passage of Americans with Disabilities Act! Disability Pride Month has been celebrated during July since 1990, and was officially recognized in 2015 on the 25th anniversary of the ADA. It fosters a sense of unity within an incredibly diverse community and allows us to accept and honor each person's uniqueness.

Redwood Coast Regional Center will be collaborating with the Ink People, Tri County Independent Living, and more to celebrate, uplift, and amplify one other. Read on to learn more about the event!

## SAVE THE DATES!

### First Annual Disability Pride

July 23rd

Synopsis

1675 Union Street, Eureka

12pm-5pm

### Summer Parent Academy

July 27th (English)

July 28th (Spanish)

4pm-5pm





# Disability Pride

Join the Ink People, Redwood Coast Regional Center, Tri-County Independent Living AND MORE for a celebration of Disability Pride Month, officially recognized by the City of Eureka! Disability Pride Fest is a time to recognize the achievements and experiences of people with all different kinds of disabilities, because we are an important part of every community.

This year's Disability Pride Fest celebrates the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which exists because many people with many different kinds of disabilities got together to show the world our lives are important. And we still do!

Disability Pride Fest is a celebration of what people with disabilities can achieve when we work together and have full access to our communities, and it is also:

- video screenings! (The Studio)
- an art show! (Trajectory and The Studio)
- planned speakers!
- an open mic! (Word Humboldt)
- themed arts and crafts! DIY fidgets! buttons! -a photo booth! -livestreaming, to watch from your house!

To include upcoming events within RCRC and the community in the newsletter, contact [hjenkins@redwoodcoastrc.org](mailto:hjenkins@redwoodcoastrc.org)



# Disability Pride Cont'd

Date: July 23, 2022

Time: 2-5 PM (Pacific)

Location: Synapsis – 1675 Union St., Eureka, CA

The venue is wheelchair accessible, and we are trying for “universal event design,” so everyone can participate (keeping in mind sensory needs and more). This event requires masking for all those who can, regardless of vaccination status!

ASL interpretation will be provided, and Spanish interpretation is available upon request – if you know someone who needs Spanish interpretation to participate, please contact Mariana Molina Nava ASAP! Información para ser voluntario o para necesidades de acceso envíe un correo a Mariana Molina Nava [mmolinanava@redwoodcoastrc.org](mailto:mmolinanava@redwoodcoastrc.org) o llama a 707-445-0893 ext. 379

For English speakers: To present as a planned speaker, or for details on the open mic – Email [Alissa@tilinet.org](mailto:Alissa@tilinet.org)

Info, to volunteer or to discuss other access needs please email Elizabeth [EHassler@redwoodcoastrc.org](mailto:EHassler@redwoodcoastrc.org) or call at 707-445-0893 ext. 321

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# Disability Pride Fest 2022

First Annual

Free Admission

Live Streaming

Redwood Coast Regional Center, Tri-County Independent Living, Synapsis, and Ink People invite you to this year's Disability Pride Event!

Saturday July 23rd at Synapsis from 2-5pm  
1675 Union, Eureka 95501

- Disability pride props/Photo booth
- Crafts (coloring book pages, DIY fidgets, button-maker)
- Art show (The Studio/Trajectory)
- Screening local films (The Studio)
- Speakers on disability pride
- Open mic! on disability pride/experiences (Word Humboldt)

For those who can, this event requires masking regardless of vaccination status. Thank you!

We are looking for:

1. Open mic Speakers - Email [Alissa@tilinet.org](mailto:Alissa@tilinet.org) for more details
2. Info, to volunteer or for access needs please Email Elizabeth [EHassler@redwoodcoastrc.org](mailto:EHassler@redwoodcoastrc.org) or call at 707-445-0893 ext. 321

# Festival del Orgullo en la Discapacidad 2022

Primer anual Admisión Gratuita transmisión en vivo

¡ Redwood Coast Regional Center, Tri-County Independent Living, Synapsis, y Ink People los invita a este evento de Orgullo en la Discapacidad!

sabado, 23 de julio en Synapsis de 2 a 5 PM  
1675 Union, Eureka 95501

- Cabina de fotos con accesorias de Orgullo en la Discapacidad
- Artesanía (páginas de colorear, haz tu propio fidget (juego de destreza), máquina de hacer botones)
- Exhibición de arte(The studio/Trajectory)
- Proyección de películas locales (Th estudio)
- Oradores de Orgullo en la Discapacidad
- ¡Micrófono abierto! Tocando el tema de Orgullo en la Discapacidad/Experiencias (Word Humboldt)

Para los que puedan, este evento requiere mascara sin importar el estatus de vacunación. ¡Gracias!

## Buscamos:

1. Participantes para el micrófono abierto- envíe un correo a: [Alissa@tilinet.org](mailto:Alissa@tilinet.org) para más detalles.
2. Información para ser voluntario o para necesidades de acceso envíe un correo a Mariana Molina Nava [mmolinanava@redwoodcoastrc.org](mailto:mmolinanava@redwoodcoastrc.org) o llama a 707-445-0893 ext. 379



# Enhanced Service Manager

**Redwood Coast Regional Center has hired our first Enhanced Service Manager!**

Julian Markussen began with RCRC on July 1st, and his home base office is in Crescent City. He brings us almost 18 years of rich experience with his work through the Social Security Administration. He has also worked with the US District Court of Appeals in the Ninth Circuit Court on an as-needed basis.

He is currently serving as a Cultural Consultant to provide consultation on cultural activities and promotes Yurok and Karuk traditional ways of living and ceremonies. Julian received his AA degree from Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in New Mexico, and his BA degree from Cal Poly Humboldt State, Arcata CA.

Julian is an involved member of the Native American communities in Humboldt and Del Norte county. As a Yurok tribal member, he brings great knowledge of Yurok, Karuk, Tolowa, and Wiyot culture. Julian will be working closely with the Enhanced Service Coordination members to help connect them and RCRC as a whole with underserved communities across the four counties served by RCRC, including the Native American and Hispanic community. We look forward to his passion for community partnership and team building, please join us in giving a warm welcome to Julian Markussen!



# Fire Safety Tips

Redwood Coast Regional Center's Emergency Management Coordinator has fire safety tips to share as we roll into the fire season. As the fire season can bring great tragedy, it is vital for employees, consumers, and community members to practice being safe and responding quickly!

**Fred Keplinger:** "I wanted to take this opportunity to discuss Fire Safety with all of you as this month's focus on Emergency Preparedness. Although the temperature, climate, and risk varies throughout Redwood Coast Regional Center, it is important for all of us to be prepared and ready for a wildfire.

Attached are 5 Fire Safety Tips that will help better prepare you and your loved ones during a wildfire incident. Being prepared will make your personal response to an emergency easier. In addition to the information on the flier, please ensure that your phone number and address are current with your Service Coordinator. For employees, update your information with HR. This information is used to send alert notifications from RCRC about any events that might impact safety. If you receive an Everbridge notification, please respond to the SMS text or wait until the end of the voice message to respond. This lets me know if you are safe or if you need further help. Our Everbridge alert system will cycle through all numbers and text messages until it notes a response from you. Please feel free to call me, Fred Keplinger, with any Emergency Preparedness questions or planning at 707-462-3832 ext. 278. Stay Safe and alert this wildfire Season and remember: Don't Hesitate, Evacuate!"

# 5 Fire Safety Tips

Know your Evacuation Zone before an Emergency

Humboldt County and Lake County: [community.zonehaven.com](http://community.zonehaven.com)

Mendocino County: [mendoready.org](http://mendoready.org)

Del Norte County: [co.del-norte.ca.us](http://co.del-norte.ca.us)

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Sign up for Emergency Alerts at [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov)

Have an Emergency Evacuation Plan. If you need help creating one call Fred Keplinger at 707-462-3832 ext. 278 to schedule a meeting.

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Make an Emergency Evacuation Kit

Remember: medication, water, food, a flashlight, extra clothes, list of emergency phone numbers, and more!

If you feel unsafe in due to a fire close by:

**Don't Hesitate, Evacuate!**

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# **PARENTS -- SAVE-THE-DATES -- MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**RCRC is pleased to announce our upcoming Summer Parent Academy Series -- equipping and encouraging families and caregivers to share fun, growing times with your kids.**

In **JULY**, join Tito Ross, North Counties Children's Unit Team Leader for a special session on understanding "scripting" – or learning cues for how a child with Autism may communicate. Learn how to use visual or auditory cues to support learners to initiate or sustain communication with you, peers, and others. Using this proven evidence-based practice has been shown to increase language, social skills, joint attention, school readiness, play, and cognitive skills in young children. Tito will introduce this helpful technique as well as give information and guidance on how to implement successfully in your own home.

In **AUGUST**, Behaviorist Dr. Wendy White will be presenting a fun summer seminar on how Music Therapy can benefit children with Developmental Disabilities – helping kiddos stretch their minds and bodies in new ways.

In **SEPTEMBER**, wrap up the Summer Series with "Storytime" -- How Social Narratives Can Build Understanding and Communication Skills.

Don't miss out! Mark your calendars now to join us for these practical, "Helping Tools" Parent Academies provided on Zoom—beginning in July, Summer Academies will be offered in English the 4th Wednesday of each month and in Spanish on the 4th Thursday of the month from 4:00–5:00 p.m. Additional details will be forthcoming as the dates approach.

These presentations are funded through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) FAST Grant in Partnership with the California Department of Developmental Services. Redwood Coast Regional Center is solely responsible for the content of this presentation. The Department of Developmental Services has not developed, reviewed, endorsed, or approved the contents.

# CALLING ALL PROVIDERS!

## HEADS-UP – DR. IVINS IS COMING TO TOWN!

RCRC is pleased to announce Dr. Barbara Ivins, Director of Early Intervention Services at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland, will be making a special presentation to RCRC Service Providers and Community Partners this **September 19, 2022 from Noon-1:00 p.m.** Dr. Ivins has 35+ years experience serving children with medical, developmental, and social-emotional risks and challenges -- including trauma. She is Co-Director of SAMHSA'S Infancy and Early Childhood Mental Health Consortium which is providing workforce development seminars to 11 targeted rural communities in Northwest California and 3 states. Dr. Ivins presentation will be a one hour Zoom Presentation for easy access. Dr. Ivins is planning to talk with us about how Social-Emotional Development impacts every developmental domain and how focusing on key practical essentials can build skills in every child. More details forthcoming as the date approaches.

To register, please send e-mail to [bctservices2@gmail.com](mailto:bctservices2@gmail.com) and a link will be provided. RCRC Service Coordinators for kiddos 0-5 are also invited and encouraged to attend as part of our SSIP. This presentation is funded through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) FAST Grant in Partnership with the California Department of Developmental Services. Redwood Coast Regional Center is solely responsible for the content of this presentation. The Department of Developmental Services has not developed, reviewed, endorsed, or approved the contents.

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FOR ALL PARENTS!

# RCRC PARENT ACADEMY

## HELPING TOOLS SERIES

**Presents:**

**Cues for How a Child with  
Autism Communicates:** *An  
Introduction to scripting and echoing  
as a means of communication*

**July 27, 2022**

**4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting**

**3 easy ways to register**  
(choose one)

- Scan the QR code: 
- Use the link:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/  
WN\\_ZIA6kGZVRe-LHnD9UtpIPQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZIA6kGZVRe-LHnD9UtpIPQ)
- Send an email to:  
[bctservices2@gmail.com](mailto:bctservices2@gmail.com)

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PARA TODOS LOS PADRES!

# RCRC ACADEMIA DE PADRES

**SERIE DE HERRAMIENTAS DE  
AYUDA**

**Presenta:**

**Claves de cómo se comunica un  
niño con autismo:** *Una  
introducción a secuencias de  
comandos y al eco como medio de  
comunicación.*

**julio 28, 2022**

**4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Reunión Zoom**

**3 formas fáciles de unirse** (elige uno)

- Escanea el código QR:



- Usar el enlace:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84600023827>

- Enviar un correo electrónico  
a: MMolinaNava@redwoodcoastrc.org

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# Redwood Coast Regional Center

# WE ARE HIRING!

Service Coordination

(Clearlake, Eureka, Fort Bragg, Lakeport, Ukiah)

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Specialist (Ukiah)

Administrative Assistant (Ukiah)

Diversity Outreach Specialist (Ukiah)

Intake Specialist (Eureka, Ukiah)

Licensed Psychologist

Nurse Consultant

**Excellent benefits package including 15 days vacation, 12 days sick leave, 14 paid holidays, medical, dental, vision, life, CalPERS retirement.**

You must submit a resume, cover letter and application. Please visit our website <https://redwoodcoastrc.org/careers/> for more information and to download our application.

Redwood Coast requires employees to be fully vaccinated from the COVID-19 virus.