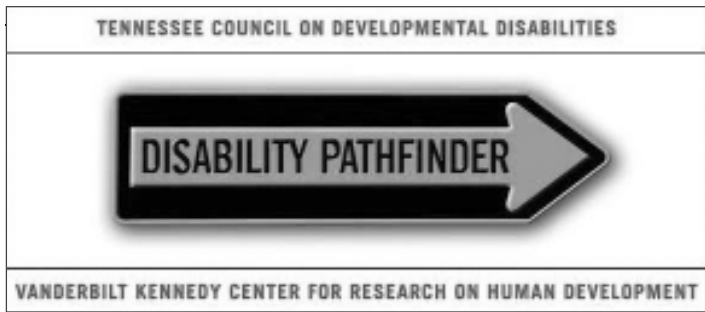


NEWS FROM PATHFINDER

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Tennessee Disability Pathfinder has phone, Web, and print resources in English and Spanish to connect the Tennessee disability community with service providers. Referral services, free of cost, are provided to persons with disabilities, family members, service providers, and advocates. Pathfinder is a joint project of the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development.

ACCESS NASHVILLE PROJECT HONORED

Access Nashville, a volunteer project providing information about the accessibility of restaurants, hotels, and attractions in downtown Nashville, recently was honored at the 20th Anniversary Mary Catherine Strobel Awards Luncheon. The awards, a program of Hands On Nashville, honor those who have "given their time and talents to improve the lives of others in Middle Tennessee." A finalist in the Volunteer Innovator category, the Access Nashville Steering Committee was recognized for its creative response to unmet community needs. This volunteer project was initiated by Pathfinder director Carole Moore-Slater, who serves as the Steering Committee chair. Pathfinder disability resource specialist Melissa Fortson is also a committee member. For more information on how to become involved with Access Nashville or replicate this grass-roots project in your community, visit the Access Nashville Web site at www.accessnashvilleonline.org.

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: LEGAL SELF-HELP BOOKLETS

The Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland provides free, easy to read legal help booklets. The booklets, which advise persons of their legal rights and legal problems they can solve themselves, are available on the Legal Aid Society's Web site at <http://www.las.org/> or by calling 1-800-238-1443. Topics include Health Care (Advance Care Plan/Living Will, Medicare, TennCare), Housing (Renter's Rights and Low-Cost Housing), and an Advocate's Page. Self-help booklets and telephone assistance is also available en Español.

PATHFINDER DISABILITY CALENDAR

Pathfinder maintains the Pathfinder Disability Calendar, an Internet calendar of trainings, conferences, meetings, and other disability-related events. Organizations post events to this interactive calendar, the most comprehensive listing of Tennessee disability events. To access the calendar, go to the Pathfinder Web site at <http://www.familypathfinder.org> and click on "Pathfinder Disability Calendar." For more information, or to request an access code that will allow your organization to post events, contact Pathfinder.

STAY CONNECTED WITH PATHFINDER

Pathfinder publishes *The Pathfinder*, an e-newsletter containing information about program activities and other disability-related resources in Tennessee. Past issues of the publication are archived on the Pathfinder Web site (under Pathfinder Features, click on "The Pathfinder: News from Tennessee Disability Pathfinder." To receive future news from Tennessee Disability Pathfinder via e-mail, please contact us at tnpathfinder@vanderbilt.edu.

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tion is available by geographic region (East, Middle, and West Tennessee). Order forms are available online at <http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/devents/order.html>

