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**Sully District e-Newsletter**

**Touch-A-Truck  
Brought to you by the Fairfax County Police  
Department**

**When: Saturday June 27, 2009  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Where: Ox Hill Baptist Church  
4101 Elmwood St.  
Chantilly, VA 20151**

Come out and join the fun! Touch, see, and learn about police and fire vehicles and a whole lot more. There will be food and games. For more information contact 703-814-7048 or 703-814-7018.

**Virginia Ability Alliance  
Summertime Festival and Ability Fair**

**When: Sunday, July 19, 2009  
12:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Where: Dulles Expo Center, North Hall, Chantilly, VA**

Numerous opportunities for people to gather and have fun will be provided. There will be entertainment and activities for everyone. This is an exciting collaborative effort that will lead to positive changes for individuals with disabilities and their families.

- Free admission
- Activities for all age groups and abilities

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- Food Vouchers will be given at the door for one meal per person (RSVP necessary to receive a food voucher)
- Purchase of additional concession food available
- No outside food will be allowed, exception: special diet food permitted
- No pets, exception: service dogs
- No rain date- WE ARE INDOORS!
- RSVP by July 11th to the Arc of Northern Virginia, 703-532-3214 x101 or [info@TheArcofNoVa.org](mailto:info@TheArcofNoVa.org)

Sponsors include: Jared Rosen Music Services, Fairfax County Therapeutic Recreation Services, The Washington Group-Special Care Planning Team, Eddies Club, Brain Injury Services, Friends and families of Service Source, PEATC, Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia, Autism Society of America Northern Virginia, The Arc of Northern Virginia, Access Ministries, People First, SPARC, Art Stream, and POAC-NOVA.

The VAA is an alliance of disability organizations working and supporting all individuals with intellectual, cognitive and developmental delays. We are dedicated to furthering the principals of building community opportunities for people with disabilities. The VAA supports investments of state, local and private resources in building access to the community--in all settings including housing, employment, recreation, transportation, medical and spiritual.

VAA Participants include: Access Ministry, Autism Society of America - Northern Virginia Chapter, Brain Injury Services, CareFaxLTC, Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia, Eddie's Club, Parents of Autistic Children of Northern Virginia (POAC-NoVA), Parents of Exceptional Children, People First, Special Olympics in Northern Virginia, The Arc of Northern Virginia.

### **DIAL 2-1-1 TO GET CONNECTED TO LOCAL SERVICES TO ASSIST YOU WITH TODAY'S MOST PRESSING NEEDS**

Loose your job? Need a ramp for your home? Mom was just diagnosed with Alzheimer's? Don't know how you'll pay that bill? Dial 2-1-1 to get connected to local services to assist you and your family with today's most pressing issues or problems. 2-1-1 was created to help connect people to the services they need the first time, every time. 2-1-1 is available, statewide, in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. In fact, nearly 80% of the United States population can access 2-1-1 for assistance today, and it is projected to be completely nationwide by 2010.

This three digit dialing code is available 24/7 to residents throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. When a resident dials 2-1-1, they are connected to a trained Community Resource Specialist who will assess his/her needs and provide information and referrals to appropriate community-based organizations and government agencies. 2-1-1 VIRGINIA was launched in Northern Virginia in February 2008. CrisisLink is the 2-1-1 VIRGINIA provider in Northern Virginia, connecting area residents to more than 4,400 social service programs run by nonprofits, governments, and other organizations throughout the region. The Call Center Director for 2-1-1 Virginia Northern Region is Ms. Jamie Carter.

“You use 9-1-1 if your house is on fire, but you dial 2-1-1 after the fire to find resources to get you back on your feet”, says Carter. As Virginia residents continue to face financial pressures, job loss, health care issues, and increased mental health concerns, 2-1-1 VIRGINIA is a vital resource for individuals. 2-1-1 VIRGINIA is free, available 24/7, and can provide assist in over 200 languages. To reach 2-1-1 Virginia, dial 2-1-1, or you may also dial 1-800-230-6977 in Virginia or 703-752-5254 if you have an area code outside of Virginia. For TTY access, Virginians can dial 7-1-1. You can also access the 2-1-1 database via the internet at [www.211virginia.org](http://www.211virginia.org).



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