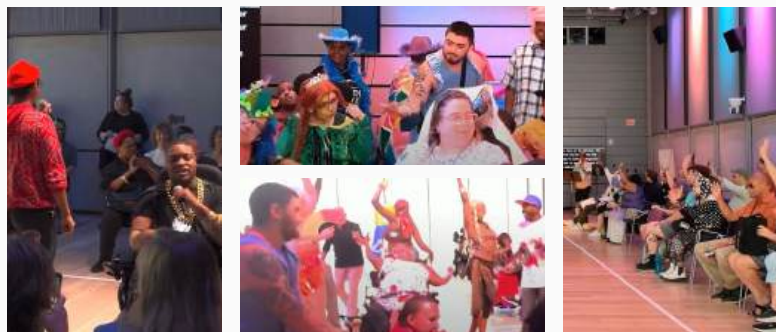


Program Newsletter

THE RADICAL JOY BALL

The Radical Joy Ball brought together people supported, staff, and community members for an unforgettable celebration of LGBTQIA+ Pride, Disability Pride, and the joy of embracing diversity. The event highlighted the importance of inclusion, self-expression, and the impact of social justice while creating a welcoming space to celebrate together. Guests enjoyed fairy tale-inspired runway looks, Drag Story Time, live drag performances, and ended the evening by ripping the runway with confidence, creativity, and plenty of smiles.



For more information and a complete list of other upcoming activities please visit

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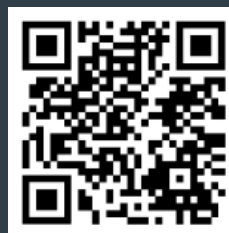
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LEGACIES IN MOTION PODCAST



The debut of the Legacies in Motion podcast aired on WACN in late June. A six-part interview with former CEO Linda Laul was featured during the morning show throughout the final week of her remarkable career at ADAPT Community Network. The series celebrated Linda's lasting impact on the organization and her contributions to advancing the field of disability services.

SUMMERSTAGE & KNICKS IN FIVE

Music lovers traveled to Central Park for an evening of live R&B as the 2026 SummerStage season kicked off. They enjoyed performances by some of their favorite artists, including Ledisi, and were excited to experience one of New York City's signature summer traditions. After concerns about approaching storms led to shortened performances, the evening ended with a surprise livestream of Game 4 of the NBA Playoffs, where participants joined the crowd in celebrating the New York Knicks' historic comeback victory.



SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK



Theatre enthusiasts enjoyed a sensory-friendly performance of *Romeo and Juliet* as part of Shakespeare in the Park. The group loved taking part in this iconic New York City tradition, connecting with fellow theatergoers, and experiencing the timeless story through a fresh, contemporary interpretation. Many shared that it was their favorite theater outing yet.

POSITIVE EXPOSURE GALLERY

This month's Positive Exposure Gallery celebrates the fifth anniversary of the Radical Joy Ball. The exhibition features photographs documenting the event over the past five years, highlighting its growth and the lasting impact it has had on participants. The images capture moments of authentic joy, self-expression, and community while celebrating the power of inclusion and belonging.



HONORING JUNETEENTH



Participants commemorated Juneteenth by sharing presentations that explored the history and significance of the holiday. The experience provided opportunities to build self-confidence, strengthen public speaking skills, and deepen their understanding of this important celebration of freedom, perseverance, and resilience. The event was a meaningful way to honor the legacy of Juneteenth while showcasing participants' knowledge, talents, and personal growth.

ART HIGHLIGHT: JOEL BAEZ CUSTOM CREATION

Joel Baez had been dreaming of creating his own custom sweater for months and was determined to bring his vision to life. Rather than buying one, he upcycled a sweater and designed both the front and back using Canva and iron-on transfer techniques. Joel is incredibly proud of his one-of-a-kind creation and has enjoyed sharing his finished design with staff and peers.



Future Dates to Remember

7/14: Prospect Park

7/15: Declaring
America 1776 and
Beyond Exhibit

7/15: Accessible
Open Skate

7/16: Kensington
Library

7/16: ASL Meet Up

7/21: Comedy Open
Mic

7/24: Museum of
Moving Images

7/26: Broadway in
Bryant Park + Sing A
Long

7/31: Brooklyn
Bridge Park

8/6: Arte Museum

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Bridge Park

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August 2026

Weds 12 th 11:30 AM	Thurs 13 th 6:00 PM	Fri 14 th 11:30 AM
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