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provide persons with intellectual disabilities activities in their local area. Each Area will have a Team Leader and committees to establish and maintain specific goals and objectives. The Area Management Teams will consist of the following positions: Education, Family, Finance, Fundraising, Games, Medical, Outreach, Public Relations, Training, Transportation and Volunteer. Interested leaders should contact Charlie Courville, Special Olympics Louisiana Director of Outreach and Area Management at 1-800-345-6644 or ccourville@laso.org.

Workers' compensation education conference set

The Louisiana Workforce Commission and the nonprofit group International Workers' Compensation Foundation will present the second annual Louisiana Workers' Compensation Educational Conference Jan. 23-24. The event will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 4728 Constitution Ave., in Baton Rouge.

The conference brings together employers and industry experts in law, medicine and insurance to discuss ongoing reforms and new ways to improve workers' compensation for everyone in Louisiana. The conference is designed for employers, claims professionals, insurance adjusters, self-insurers, third party administrators, attorneys, vocational rehabilitation providers, doctors, safety and risk managers, and human resource professionals. Anyone whose work involves the workers' compensation system is encouraged to attend.

The conference will focus on significant changes to Louisiana's workers' compensation system, including the implementation of evidence-based medical treatment guidelines. Since the implementation began in July, more than \$2.5 million in potential litigation costs have been saved. Other topics will include electronic billing, medical utilization review, hearing rules and other enhanced services offered by the LWC's Office of Workers' Compensation Administration. The conference will also include breakout sessions, presentations and workshops by industry experts along with an exhibit hall and networking opportunity.

Conference participants may be eligible for continuing education credits. Application is pending for Louisiana CLE credit for attorneys and CRC, CDMS and CCM credit for rehabilitation providers, and a certificate of attendance will be available for other professional disciplines. For conference details and registration information, visit www.iwcf.us or contact the IWCF by email, iwcf@bellsouth.net or call, 386-677-0041.

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