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Disability Studies and the Inclusive Classroom - Susan Baglieri 2017-04-21

Disability Studies and the Inclusive Classroom is a core textbook that integrates knowledge and practice from the fields of disability studies and special education. The second edition has been fully revised and updated throughout to include stronger connections between race, class, sexual orientation, gender, and disability to emphasize intersecting identities and experiences; stronger emphasis on curriculum and teaching rather than on attitudes toward disability; and updates to current events, cultural references, resources, research literature, laws, and policies.

WIPO Technology Trends 2019 - Artificial Intelligence - World Intellectual Property Organization 2019-01-21

The first report in a new flagship series, WIPO Technology Trends, aims to shed light on the trends in innovation in artificial intelligence since the field first developed in the 1950s.

Braille displays and notetakers - 2014

HR Initiatives in Building Inclusive and Accessible Workplaces - Shalini Garg 2019-12-02

Drawing on research from global multinational corporations comes a two-part guide on how to develop resilient HR initiatives to build inclusive and accessible workplaces. Including a user-friendly training manual, this book equips you with a practical resource grounded in theory.

Making Libraries Accessible - Char Booth 2014-01-01

In this issue of Library Technology Reports, editor Booth makes the case that that attention to the core principles of consistency, flexibility, and simplicity go hand in hand with libraries' commitments to open information and accessibility.

The Illustrated Guide to Assistive Technology & Devices - Suzanne Robitaille 2009-12-08

A Doody's Core Title 2012 This new illustrated guide to assistive technologies and devices chronicles the use of AT/AD - technology used by individuals with disabilities to perform functions that might otherwise be difficult or impossible. This book empowers people to use assistive technologies to overcome some of their physical or mental limitations and have a more equal playing field. It includes real-life examples about how people with disabilities are using assistive technology (AT) to assist them in daily tasks, and discusses emotional issues related to AT/AD.

Assistive Technology: From Research to Practice - P. Encarnação 2013-09-09

Assistive Technology (AT) is an umbrella term indicating any product or technology-based service that enables people of all ages with activity limitations in their daily life, education, work or leisure. It is a highly interdisciplinary field, encompassing research, development, manufacture, supply, provision and policy. This book presents the proceedings of the 12th biennial European conference of the Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe, AAATE 2013, held in Vilamoura, Portugal, in September 2013. The full papers included here cover a diverse range of subjects, including: ageing, disability and technology; accessibility in Europe; ambient assisted living; AT and Cloud computing; communication access for all; monitoring and telecare; and user perspective, to name but a few. The aim of the AAATE

conference is to promote a more effective dialogue between manufacturers, researchers, developers, professionals and end users, and this book will be of interest to all those directly or indirectly involved in the field of AT.

The Promise of Assistive Technology to Enhance Activity and Work Participation - National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2017-08-01

The U.S. Census Bureau has reported that 56.7 million Americans had some type of disability in 2010, which represents 18.7 percent of the civilian noninstitutionalized population included in the 2010 Survey of Income and Program Participation. The U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) provides disability benefits through the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. As of December 2015, approximately 11 million individuals were SSDI beneficiaries, and about 8 million were SSI beneficiaries. SSA currently considers assistive devices in the nonmedical and medical areas of its program guidelines. During determinations of substantial gainful activity and income eligibility for SSI benefits, the reasonable cost of items, devices, or services applicants need to enable them to work with their impairment is subtracted from eligible earnings, even if those items or services are used for activities of daily living in addition to work. In addition, SSA considers assistive devices in its medical disability determination process and assessment of work capacity. The Promise of Assistive Technology to Enhance Activity and Work Participation provides an analysis of selected assistive products and technologies, including wheeled and seated mobility devices, upper-extremity prostheses, and products and technologies selected by the committee that pertain to hearing and to communication and speech in adults.

The Everything Parent's Guide to Special Education - Amanda Morin 2014-05-18

Offers parents of special needs children information on how best to advocate for their child.

Community-based Rehabilitation - World Health Organization 2010

Volume numbers determined from Scope of the guidelines, p. 12-13.

Disability Informatics and Web Accessibility for Motor Limitations - Kouroupetroglou, Georgios 2013-08-31

As technology becomes an increasingly vital aspect of modern social interaction, the field of disability informatics and web accessibility has made significant progress in consolidating theoretical approaches and exploring new application domains for those with motor and cognitive disabilities. Disability Informatics and Web Accessibility for Motor Limitations explores the principles, methods, and advanced technological solutions in the use of assistive technologies to enable users with motor limitations. This book is essential for academia, industry, and various professionals in fields such as web application designers, rehabilitation scientists, ergonomists, and teachers in inclusive and special education. This publication is integrated with its pair book Assistive Technologies and Computer Access for Motor Disabilities.

Adaptive Technology for the Internet - Barbara T. Mates 2000

Provides product information on such technologies as Braille screen, voice recognition systems, and hearing assistance devices necessary to meet Americans with Disabilities Act stipulations.

Body Area Networks: Smart IoT and Big Data for Intelligent Health Management - Lorenzo Mucchi

2019-11-15

This book constitutes the refereed post-conference proceedings of the 14th EAI International Conference on Body Area Networks, BodyNets 2019, held in Florence, Italy, in October 2019. The 27 papers presented were selected from 54 submissions and issue new technologies to provide trustable measuring and communications mechanisms from the data source to medical health databases. Wireless body area networks (WBAN) are one major element in this process. Not only on-body devices but also technologies providing information from inside a body are in the focus of this conference. Dependable communications combined with accurate localization and behavior analysis will benefit WBAN technology and make the healthcare processes more effective.

The Neal-Schuman Library Technology Companion - John J. Burke 2016-02-19

Informed by a large-scale survey of librarians across the spectrum of institution types, this guide will be a true technology companion to novices and seasoned LIS professionals alike.

Advances in Therapeutic Engineering - Wenwei Yu 2012-12-03

Therapeutic Engineering (TE) is a cutting-edge domain in today's era of medical technology research. Through engineering algorithms that provide technological solutions, it aims to elevate the quality of life of disabled individuals. *Advances in Therapeutic Engineering* describes various therapeutic processes and mechanisms currently applied to the field of healthcare in a range of areas, including mobility, communications, hearing, vision, and mental health and cognition. The book explores research and advances in the areas of hand-eye coordination, motor function, the biomechanics of lower limbs, and treatment of spinal diseases and neural plasticity. It discusses electrical stimulation methodologies for improving human gait. It also examines prosthetic devices and assistive technology, induction heater-based treatment, and inclusive user modelling and simulation. Additional chapters cover automated asthma detection using clinico-spirometric information, computer-aided diagnostic modules for malaria screening, and various data mining techniques that have been developed and successfully implemented in healthcare management. The contributors also examine semantic interoperability issues in e-health systems and clinical decision support systems (CDSSs) Ranging from prosthetics to sensory substitution and medical robotics, the book will prove enlightening to researchers and practitioners in a host of disciplines who want to understand the recent advances achieved globally in the field of therapeutic engineering.

Assistive Technology from Adapted Equipment to Inclusive Environments - Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe 2009-08-21

The concept of Assistive Technology is moving away from adopting the most appropriate devices to overcome the limitations of users, to the designing and setting up of total environments in which people can live, supported by suitable services and additional support devices integrated within the environment. These two perspectives are deeply intertwined, both from technological and social points of view, and the relationship between them currently represent the primary challenge for the field of Assistive Technology. This publication covers the proceedings of the 10th European Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe (<http://www.aaate.net>), the organisation which stimulates the advancement of assistive technology for the benefit of people with disabilities, including elderly people. This conference seeks to bridge the gap between these two complementary approaches, providing an opportunity to clarify differences and common points, and better define future direction. Topics covered by the conference include: technological innovation in assistive technology; the need for multidisciplinary approaches; equipment interconnectivity and compatibility; cultural aspects and the acceptance of different approaches; and the role of Europe in building inclusion competence worldwide. Disability results not only from a person's intrinsic attributes but also from the context in which they live. This publication is a significant contribution to the advancement of inclusion for people living with a disability everywhere.

Students Who Are Blind Or Have Low Vision - 2015

"This booklet examines how blindness and low vision can influence learning and provides strategies teachers can use in the classroom"--Page 3.

Assistive Technology Service Delivery - Anthony Shay 2018-09-14

Assistive Technology Service Delivery: A Practical Guide for Disability and Employment Professionals provides professionals working in vocational rehabilitation with the guidelines and methodologies they need

to carry out their daily work at a high standard. Crucially, the techniques and tools described in the book are based on evidence gathered in rigorous research. Chapters cover an introduction to the accommodations system, the role of assistive technology as an accommodation and evidence-based practice in vocational rehabilitation, the service delivery process, from referral, through technology procurement and implementation, to the monitoring of outcomes. Drawing on their extensive experience, the authors then present techniques, tools and tips for assistive technology service delivery, with illustrative case study examples. Written with practicing assistive technology professionals and students in mind, this book translates technical knowledge into content that professionals can understand and readily apply. Presented in a highly accessible style that translates technical knowledge into content that practicing professionals can understand and readily apply Based on evidence-based practice, giving the reader the evidence to support the application of assistive technology in vocational rehabilitation Written by highly-regarded assistive technology professionals who share their hands-on experience of applying the techniques, tools and tips covered in the book

Vulnerable People and Digital Inclusion - Panayiota Tsatsou 2022

This edited collection explores the role of digital inclusion in the welfare and social inclusion of vulnerable people. With interdisciplinary contributors from six continents, working in diverse fields such as digital media studies, social computing, community informatics and cultural studies, the collection brings together theoretical and applied research evidence on three vulnerable population categories: ethnic minorities, older people and people with disabilities. Each section is accompanied by a critical commentary on the research insights presented, from third sector community and policy experts. The collection explores whether vulnerable populations face similar experiences and challenges in relation to their digital inclusion status, stressing the central presence of intersectionality, and arguing for the inclusion of the age, ethnicity/immigration status and disability aspects of ones identity. At the same time, it argues for multi-directional action that tackles intersectional discrimination in the digital realm on behalf of more than one single population category or group. Challenging popular discourse on the overcoming of digital inequalities in the West, this essential book contends that accounts of non-western contexts do not focus on the parameter of vulnerability or on particular population groups. PanayiotaTsatsou is Associate Professor at the University of Leicester. Her research interests lie in the areas of digital inclusion and Internet studies. Panayiota has published widely on the role of vulnerable and ordinary people as digital media actors.

Computers Helping People with Special Needs - Klaus Miesenberger 2016-07-05

The two volume set LNCS 9758 and 9759, constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Computers Helping People with Special Needs, ICCHP 2015, held in Linz, Austria, in July 2016. The 115 revised full papers and 48 short papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 239 submissions. The papers included in the first volume are organized in the following topical sections: Art Karshmer lectures in access to mathematics, science and engineering; technology for inclusion and participation; mobile apps and platforms; accessibility of web and graphics; ambient assisted living (AAL) for aging and disability; the impact of PDF/UA on accessible PDF; standard tools and procedures in accessible e-book production; accessible e-learning - e-learning for accessibility/AT; inclusive settings, pedagogies and approaches in ICT-based learning for disabled and non-disabled people; digital games accessibility; user experience and emotions for accessibility (UEE4A).

Improving the Quality of Life for the European Citizen - I. Placencia-Porrero 1998

Created through a student-tested, faculty-approved review process, HDEV is an extremely concise, visually appealing new text that traces development from infancy through late adulthood without any delays or distractions. Spencer Rathus's trademark reader-friendly, effective approach is evident throughout. This brief, affordable paperback includes downloadable flashcards that allow students to study wherever they are, whenever they have time. Designed for today's students in every detail, this unique solution was developed through conversations, interviews, surveys, instructor reviews, and input from nearly 150 students and faculty members like you. From its abbreviated, no-nonsense title to its engaging, effective content, HDEV ushers in a groundbreaking new genre of life-span development texts that's perfect for modern learners.

Assistive Technology Assessment Handbook - Stefano Federici 2017-11-23

Assistive Technology Assessment Handbook, Second Edition, proposes an international ideal model for the assistive technology assessment process, outlining how this model can be applied in practice to re-conceptualize the phases of an assistive technology delivery system according to the biopsychosocial model of disability. The model provides reference guidelines for evidence-based practice, guiding both public and private centers that wish to compare, evaluate, and improve their ability to match a person with the correct technology model. This second edition also offers a contribution to the Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology (GATE) initiative, whose activities are strongly focused on the assistive products service delivery model. Organized into three parts, the handbook: gives readers a toolkit for performing assessments; describes the roles of the assessment team members, among them the new profession of psychotechnologist; and reviews technologies for rehabilitation and independent living, including brain-computer interfaces, exoskeletons, and technologies for music therapy. Edited by Stefano Federici and Marcia J. Scherer, this cross-cultural handbook includes contributions from leading experts across five continents, offering a framework for future practice and research.

Computer Supported Qualitative Research - António Pedro Costa 2017-06-19

This book includes a selection of the articles accepted for presentation and discussion at the second International Symposium on Qualitative Research (ISQR2017), held in Salamanca, Spain, July 12-14, 2017. ISQR2017 is part of the Iberian-American Congress on Qualitative Research (CIAIQ), and featured four main application fields (Education, Health, Social Sciences, and Engineering and Technology) and seven main subjects: Rationale and Paradigms of Qualitative Research; Systematization of approaches with Qualitative Studies; Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research; Data Analysis Types; Innovative Processes of Qualitative Data Analysis; Qualitative Research in Web Contexts; Qualitative Analysis with the Support of Specific Software. This book is a valuable resource for academics, researchers, teachers and students who need information on the above topics, as well as on the use of Computer Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis (CAQDAS).

Technology for Inclusion Special Education, Rehabilitation, for All - Sumita Chakraborti Ghosh, Ph.D. 2017-11-15

This book exclusively differentiates the differences of assistive, adaptive, remedial and instruction technologies. In addition, it also explains how to avoid over-reliance, and dependence through the principles of use and application of technology in inclusive classroom. The text is organized in two parts. Part I consists of the historical and legal evolution of the use of technology for inclusive education for individual with exceptional needs. Part II describes the needs and characteristics of individual with exceptional needs from high incidence to low incidence population.

Assistive Technology in the Classroom - Amy G. Dell 2016-02-22

This is the eBook of the printed book and may not include any media, website access codes, or print supplements that may come packaged with the bound book. This up-to-date book shows how assistive technology can be used in all kinds of classrooms, at all grade levels, to enhance the teaching and learning of students with a wide range of disabilities. The emphasis is on the integration of assistive technology into the curriculum. It addresses the challenges teachers face when using assistive technology to teach new skills to students with disabilities, to increase their independence and productivity, and to provide them with access to the general education curriculum. The text discusses disability categories within the context of school-related tasks and technology-based solutions to avoid misleading readers into simply pairing a certain diagnosis with a certain tech tool. The new edition of Assistive Technology in the Classroom keeps readers abreast of relevant new developments in mobile devices and assistive technology through a new chapter on how to use assistive technology to create visual supports and promote positive behavior, chapter updates on available mobile devices, expanded information on Universal Design for Learning, and additional ideas and discussion on how to match technology tools to a student's specific needs and strengths.

Cook & Hussey's Assistive Technologies - Albert M. Cook 2008-01-01

It's here: the latest edition of the one text you need to master assistive strategies, make confident clinical decisions, and help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. Based on the Human Activity

Assistive Technology (HAAT) model, Assistive Technologies: Principles and Practice, 4th Edition provides detailed coverage of the broad range of devices, services, and practices that comprise assistive technology, and focuses on the relationship between the human user and the assisted activity within specific contexts. Updated and expanded, this new edition features coverage of new ethical issues, more explicit applications of the HAAT model, and a variety of global issues highlighting technology applications and service delivery in developing countries. Human Activity Assistive Technology (HAAT) framework demonstrates assistive technology within common, everyday contexts for more relevant application. Focus on clinical application guides you in applying concepts to real-world situations. Review questions and chapter summaries in each chapter help you assess your understanding and identify areas where more study is needed. Content on the impact of AT on children and the role of AT in play and education for children with disabilities demonstrates how AT can be used for early intervention and to enhance development. Coverage of changing AT needs throughout the lifespan emphasizes how AT fits into people's lives and contributes to their full participation in society. Principles and practice of assistive technology provides the foundation for effective decision-making. NEW! Global issues content broadens the focus of application beyond North America to include technology applications and service delivery in developing countries. NEW! Ethical issues and occupational justice content exposes you to vital information as you start interacting with clients. NEW! More case studies added throughout the text foster an understanding of how assistive technologies are used and how they function. NEW! Updated content reflects current technology and helps keep you current. NEW! Explicit applications of the HAAT model in each of the chapters on specific technologies and more emphasis on the interactions among the elements make content even easier to understand.

Occupational Therapy - Meral Huri 2017-07-05

This new book presents the growing occupational therapy knowledge and clinical practice. Occupational therapy, as a health profession, is concerned with preserving well-being through occupations, and its main goal is to help people participate in the activities of daily living. This is achieved by working with people to improve their ability to engage in the occupations they want to engage in or by changing the occupation or the environment to better support their occupational engagement. The topic of the book has been structured on occupational therapy framework and reflects new research, techniques, and occupational therapy trends. This useful book will help students, occupational therapy educators, and professionals to connect occupational therapy theories and the evidence-based clinical practice.

Laughing at My Nightmare - Shane Burcaw 2014-10-14

"With acerbic wit & a hilarious voice, Shane Burcaw's YA memoir describes the challenges he faces as a 20-year-old with muscular atrophy. From awkward handshakes to trying to finding a girlfriend and everything in between"--

[The Impact of Digital Technologies on Public Health in Developed and Developing Countries](#) - Mohamed Jmaiel 2020-01-01

This open access book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 18th International Conference on String Processing and Information Retrieval, ICOST 2020, held in Hammamet, Tunisia, in June 2020.* The 17 full papers and 23 short papers presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 49 submissions. They cover topics such as: IoT and AI solutions for e-health; biomedical and health informatics; behavior and activity monitoring; and wellbeing technology.

*This conference was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Assistive Technology from Adapted Equipment to Inclusive Environments - Pier Luigi Emiliani 2009

The concept of assistive technology is moving away from adopting the most appropriate devices to overcome the limitations of users, to the designing and setting up of total environments in which people can live, supported by suitable services and additional support devices integrated within the environment. These two perspectives are deeply intertwined, both from technological and social points of view, and the relationship between them currently represent the primary challenge for the field of assistive technology. This publication covers the proceedings of the 10th European Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe (AAATE), the organization which stimulates the advancement of assistive technology for the benefit of people with disabilities, including elderly people. This conference seeks to bridge the gap between these two complementary approaches, providing an

opportunity to clarify differences and common points and to better define future direction. This publication is a significant contribution to the advancement of inclusion for people living with a disability everywhere.

Wrightslaw Special Education Legal Developments and Cases 2019 - Peter Wright 2020-07-10

Wrightslaw Special Education Legal Developments and Cases 2019 is designed to make it easier for you to stay up-to-date on new cases and developments in special education law. Learn about current and emerging issues in special education law, including: * All decisions in IDEA and Section 504 ADA cases by U.S. Courts of Appeals in 2019* How Courts of Appeals are interpreting the two 2017 decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court* Cases about discrimination in a daycare center, private schools, higher education, discrimination by licensing boards in national testing, damages, higher standards for IEPs and "least restrictive environment"* Tutorial about how to find relevant state and federal cases using your unique search terms

Assistive Technology to Support Inclusive Education - Dianne Chambers 2020-09-25

Assistive technology consists of products and services that are designed to support students to augment, strengthen, or bypass areas of difficulty and that allow them to access the curriculum and social aspects of the classroom where they would not previously have had access.

Special Education Design and Development Tools for School Rehabilitation Professionals - Singh, Ajay 2019-12-13

Educators who work with students with disabilities have the unique challenge of providing comprehensive and quality educational experiences for students who have a wide range of abilities and levels of focus. Pedagogies and educational strategies can be applied across a student population, though they tend to have varied success. Developing adaptive teaching methods that provide quality experiences for students with varied disabilities are necessary to promote success for as many of these students as possible. *Special Education Design and Development Tools for School Rehabilitation Professionals* is a comprehensive research publication that examines special education practices and provides in-depth evaluations of pedagogical practices for improved educational experiences for students with disabilities. Highlighting a range of topics such as bilingual education, psychometrics, and physical education, this book is ideal for special education teachers, instructors, rehabilitation professionals, academicians, school administrators, instructional designers, curriculum developers, principals, educational software developers, researchers, and students.

Intellectual Disability and Assistive Technology - Fleur Heleen Boot 2019-09-23

The capacity of assistive technology (AT) to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities is well documented. Although promising, it is not without challenges. Historically, devices that provide mobility aids and physical supports dominate the world of AT; however, AT solution that specifically aims to address cognitive needs is scarce. The inequality of AT accessibility has left populations such as individuals with intellectual disability (ID) behind these potential benefits. This book presents six articles that highlight the need, impact, and possibilities of AT for people with ID. With the emphasis on the multidisciplinary perspectives, the objective of the book is to facilitate a better understanding of the needs of people with ID and the potential AT influences. Ultimately, we hope this book will shed some lights on this important topic and provoke more discussions and efforts devoted to improving the lives of individuals with ID through the use of AT.

Let's Go Play - 2021-02-25

Inclusive coloring images introducing 15 pieces of adaptive equipment or tools children may use to navigate their days

Assistive Technologies for People with Diverse Abilities - Giulio E. Lancioni 2014-01-07

The familiar image of the disabled tends to emphasize their limitations and reduced quality of life. However, many people with cognitive, motor, and other difficulties also have the capacity to enhance their social interactions, leisure pursuits and daily activities with the aid of assistive technology. Assistive devices from the simple to the sophisticated, have become essential to intervention programs for this population. And not surprisingly the numbers of devices available are growing steadily. *Assistive Technologies for*

People with Diverse Abilities offers expert analysis of pertinent issues coupled with practical discussion of solutions for effective support. Its comprehensive literature review describes current and emerging devices and presents evidence-based guidelines for matching promising technologies to individuals. Program outcomes are assessed, as are their potential impact on the future of the field. In addition, chapters provide detailed descriptions of the personal and social needs of the widest range of individuals with congenital and acquired conditions, including: Acquired brain damage. Communication impairment. Attention and learning difficulties (with special focus on college students). Visual impairment and blindness. Autism spectrum disorders. Behavioral and occupational disorders. Alzheimer's disease. Severe, profound and multiple impairments. The scope and depth of coverage makes *Assistive Technologies for People with Diverse Abilities* an invaluable resource for researchers, professionals and graduate students in developmental psychology, rehabilitation medicine, educational technology, occupational therapy, speech pathology and clinical psychology.

Handbook of Special Education Technology Research and Practice - Dave L. Edyburn 2005

An authoritative single-volume reference documenting the latest research and practice developments in special education technology. Features 41 chapters by over 90 internationally renown authors. Essential reading for special education teachers, administrators, teacher educators, graduate students, technology specialists, researchers, and policy makers.

Inclusive Leisure - Mary Ann Devine 2022-07-07

Inclusive Leisure: A Strengths-Based Approach With HKPropel Access provides a blend of theoretical and practical information, moving beyond leisure programming and service delivery to consider how inclusivity should be applied to administration, infrastructure design, community relations, and more.

Inclusion in Action - Phil Foreman 2017-04-05

How can classroom teachers effectively differentiate learning and teaching programs to provide for the needs of every student in their class? This best-selling text begins by asking "Why include all students?" in regular classrooms and then shows how this can be done. It outlines the philosophy of inclusive education and focuses on the use of individualised planning and effective teaching practices to maximise learning outcomes within positive and productive environments. Vignettes and narratives provide real-life examples that help put the theory in context. This fifth edition includes broader coverage of issues to do with diversity and individual differences, particularly cultural and multicultural inclusion, linguistic diversity and giftedness. There is more throughout on the universal design for learning framework and on partnerships with families, while new pedagogical features encourage readers to reflect. Throughout, it emphasises a practical, research-based approach to teaching that can be applied to support students with a range of differences and additional needs.

The Future of Disability in America - Institute of Medicine 2007-10-24

The future of disability in America will depend on how well the U.S. prepares for and manages the demographic, fiscal, and technological developments that will unfold during the next two to three decades. Building upon two prior studies from the Institute of Medicine (the 1991 Institute of Medicine's report *Disability in America* and the 1997 report *Enabling America*), *The Future of Disability in America* examines both progress and concerns about continuing barriers that limit the independence, productivity, and participation in community life of people with disabilities. This book offers a comprehensive look at a wide range of issues, including the prevalence of disability across the lifespan; disability trends the role of assistive technology; barriers posed by health care and other facilities with inaccessible buildings, equipment, and information formats; the needs of young people moving from pediatric to adult health care and of adults experiencing premature aging and secondary health problems; selected issues in health care financing (e.g., risk adjusting payments to health plans, coverage of assistive technology); and the organizing and financing of disability-related research. *The Future of Disability in America* is an assessment of both principles and scientific evidence for disability policies and services. This book's recommendations propose steps to eliminate barriers and strengthen the evidence base for future public and private actions to reduce the impact of disability on individuals, families, and society.