Dr. P.H. Skinner: Local Disability Educator, Advocate and Abolitionist

Just before the Civil War, Dr. Platt H. Skinner, a pioneer educator of the disabled, operated three schools for African-American children who were blind, deaf or both. The second school was located in Suspension Bridge, New York at the terminus of the Underground Railroad, on which Skinner may have been a conductor. This two panel banner stand exhibit takes a look at the possible connection between Dr. Skinner and the Underground Railroad as proposed by Dr. Michael Boston.

Mission

The Museum of disABILITY History advances the understanding, acceptance, and independence of people with disabilities. The Museum’s exhibits, collections, archives and educational programs create awareness and a platform for dialogue and discovery.

Vision

The Museum seeks with, and on behalf of, individuals with developmental and other disabilities, a higher level of societal awareness and understanding, and a change in attitudes, perceptions and actions that will result in people with disabilities having the greatest possible participation in their communities.

War and Disability

This five panel banner stand examines the American military and disability experience in terms of medical military technology, legislation regarding veterans, the psychiatric effects of combat, pop-culture and disability and the contributions of individuals with disabilities in times of national need.

People Inc.

People Inc. is the leading not-for-profit health and human services agency in Western New York providing services to more than 10,000 individuals with special needs, their families and seniors.

Reserve an Exhibit Today!

We continually expand our traveling exhibit offerings. Please contact us for the most current list. Our exhibits are available to rent for $100 per week plus insured shipping and have been designed for easy shipping and set up. For more information on how to rent one of our traveling exhibits please call 716.629.3626.

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The Museum of disABILITY History is dedicated to the collection, preservation and display of artifacts pertaining to the history of people with disabilities. Located in Buffalo, New York, and on the World Wide Web, the Museum offers educational exhibits and activities that expand community awareness. The Museum of disABILITY History is open to the public. To schedule a tour, please call 716.629.3626.

Disability themed exhibits available to rent
Disability History comes to you!
While the Museum of disABILITY History maintains a home in Buffalo, New York, we want to share disability history worldwide so our exhibits have been designed to easily ship and set up for a reasonable rental fee.

Selection of our Traveling Exhibits:
African Americans and the disABILITY Experience: From Colonial Times, Desegregation, Advocacy and Achievement
A five panel banner stand that highlights the perspective of African-Americans in relation to their experience with disability. This exhibit covers the first African slaves brought to colonial America, Brown v. Board, civil rights and medical accomplishments.

The Quest for the Cure: Polio in America
A four panel banner stand exhibit documents the Polio epidemics of the 20th Century. The exhibit explores the disease, how polio changed America, the development of the March of Dimes and the vaccines developed by Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin.

Self-Advocacy: A History of People Speaking Up for Themselves
A four panel banner stand that traces the Self-Advocacy Movement from early educational facilities to the development of organizations established for and by individuals with disabilities. This includes the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Kennedy Connection
A four panel banner stand exhibit showcases the contributions of the Kennedy family, from the founding of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation to the establishment of the Presidents Commission on People with Intellectual Disabilities. It also highlights the work of Eunice Kennedy Shriver and Edward M. Kennedy.

Moving Forward, Looking Back
A two panel banner stand shows how the evolution of services and social attitudes toward individuals with intellectual disabilities have changed over the past two thousand years.

In the Game: Sports and Disability
A three panel banner stand time-line style exhibit chronicles events and individuals that have transformed sport and recreation for people with disabilities. From early educational and habilitation efforts to highly competitive modern amateur and professional activities.

Madness in America: A History of Mental Health
A six panel banner stand provides an overview of the history of mental health in the United States. It features the development and expansion of mental institutions, changes in medical care and treatment and contributions by individuals who were recipients of mental health services.

Reel Life: disABILITY goes to the Movies
Many motion pictures center around disability themes or include actors with disabling conditions. This two panel banner stand exhibit features some notable and award winning films and actors from the 1930s to 2010.

Our Youth Leadership Forum was a tremendous success and so were the displays. Many people spent time viewing and reading each display. They were the perfect complement to our disability history and culture session.”

- Teri Barker Morgan, Program Manager for Sponsored Programs at the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities at the Virginia Youth Leadership Forum (Rented Sports, Self-Advocacy and Moving Forward Looking Back Exhibits)

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