



# News Release

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## **ADED, The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists, Hosts the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual ADED Conference & Exhibits from August 1-5, 2014, in Buffalo**

### ***Exhibit Hall Open to General Public on Sunday, August 3***

**HICKORY, NC, May 29, 2014** – ADED, The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists, is hosting the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual ADED Conference & Exhibits from August 1-5, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency and Buffalo Niagara Convention Center in Buffalo, New York. Each year, this conference and exhibition offers the largest gathering – all in one location – of driver rehabilitation professionals, mobility equipment dealers, equipment manufacturers, and organizations serving persons with disabilities and the aging.

The theme of this year's ADED event is "Their Dreams, Their Independence, Our Purpose." A broad range of activities for the driver rehabilitation professional will be offered during the show, including seminars, the exhibition, workshops, demonstrations, chapter meetings, mentoring, and networking opportunities. ADED will also offer the certification exam for eligible candidates to earn the credentials necessary to become a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS).

Pre-conference workshops will be held on August 2. Two-day courses in driver rehabilitation will take place from August 1-2, offering attendees the opportunity to earn continuing education units. A pre-exhibition "Saturday Night Product Demonstrations" event, featuring adaptive driving equipment available to persons with disabilities, will be held on August 2, from 6:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., for registered attendees.

The annual conference and exhibits will take place from August 3-5. During the exhibit portion of the event, about 50 booths and tabletop exhibits will showcase organizations, institutions, and companies in the fields of driver rehabilitation, adaptive mobility equipment, and driving solutions. While the ADED event is primarily an industry-specific gathering, on August 3, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the exhibit hall will be open to the general public from Buffalo and surrounding areas. Although there is no cost to visit the exhibit hall during these hours, guests are asked to check in at the registration booth for a guest pass.

The conference portion of the event will kick off on August 3 with a Conference Opening and Keynote presentation featuring Dr. Charles Dietzen ("Dr. Chuck"), a pediatric rehabilitation specialist and medical director for Easter Seals Crossroads in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Dietzen also serves as the medical director of CHAMP Camp for ventilator-dependent children and is president and founder of the Timmy Foundation for global health ([www.timmyglobalhealth.org](http://www.timmyglobalhealth.org)). His presentation, titled "Making a Difference," will explore the core principles for making a difference in one's community and individuals' lives. He will also discuss tools that tap into motivation, self-care, and inspiration to assist those with disabilities.

On August 5, approved candidates will sit for the driver rehabilitation specialist certification examination. The exam is designed to test a well-defined body of knowledge – representative of professional practice – in the field of driver rehabilitation. Those who successfully pass the exam will be designated a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS). ADED is the only organization in the U.S. to offer the multi-disciplinary CDRS certification in driver rehabilitation. All educational activities offered at the conference are approved for certification renewal for those already possessing the CDRS designation.

According to ADED Executive Director Elizabeth Green, OTR/L, CDRS, “Changes in the field of driver rehabilitation are constant and the educational needs of our members are expanding. The ADED Conference & Exhibits provides a forum for attendees to continue their formal education, gather information on new technology and equipment from exhibitors, network, and learn with others in the field.”

“Throughout the U.S. and Canada, driver rehabilitation specialists are often located great distances from others who share their specialization,” Green continued. “This conference and exhibition allows those individuals to meet face-to-face and learn from one another, thus improving their programs. Mobility equipment dealers count on driver rehabilitation professionals to build on their education and produce quality evaluations and prescriptions.”

**ABOUT ADED:** ADED is a non-profit organization made up of members dedicated to promoting safe, independent community mobility for persons with disabilities and the aging. The group provides education, research, and support to professionals working in the fields of driver education, driver training, and transportation equipment modifications for those with disabilities. ADED promotes the development of those possessing the DRS designation, and is the only organization in North America to offer the Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS) designation. In 2013, ADED members numbered 900 worldwide, with 350 active CDRS professionals in the U.S. and Canada. ADED is registered as a 501 (c) (3) corporation.

To find out more about the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual ADED Conference & Exhibits, contact ADED at (866) 672-9466, visit [www.aded.net](http://www.aded.net), or e-mail [info@aded.net](mailto:info@aded.net).

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