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APD Symposium on Employing People with Disabilities

LAKELAND, FL - The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) will lead a symposium focusing on employment issues facing people with disabilities on Friday, January 11, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Florida Baptist Children's Home located at 1015 Sykes Boulevard in Lakeland. The various speakers will address the inclusion of people with disabilities in the local workforce. The keynote speaker is **Dale DiLeo**, author of the book *Raymond's Room*, who will talk about ending segregation of people with disabilities.

The public and media are welcome to attend. For more information on the symposium, please contact Jennifer Monje at (863) 413-3377 to pre-register.

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities currently serves more than 35,000 Floridians with the developmental disabilities of autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, Prader-Willi syndrome, and spina bifida. For more information about the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, call **1-866-APD-CARES** (1-866-273-2273) or visit apd.myflorida.com.

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REMINDER FOR MEDIA---When reporting on stories about people with disabilities, remember to use language that puts the person first, rather than the disability. For example, use phrases such as "persons with disabilities" (instead of "the disabled") and "person who uses a wheelchair" (rather than "wheelchair bound").

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