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## **Yuma To Host Regional Disability Rights Conference**

**Southwestern Arizona Conference on Disability Rights Set For April 25, 2008**

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**Phoenix, March 20, 2008.**.....A coalition of local and statewide disability organizations announced today that the City of Yuma will host the first Southwestern Arizona Conference on Disability Rights, Friday, April 25, 2008 at the Yuma Civic and Convention Center. The Conference is organized and produced by the Arizona Center for Disability Law.

The Southwestern Arizona Conference on Disability Rights is a one-of-a-kind conference dedicated to the delivery of information about a wide variety of disability rights and resources. Experts from the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Network and the Governor's Council on Spinal and Head Injuries will lead workshops on special education, traumatic brain injury, accessing health care services, employment, vocational rehabilitation, assistive technology, voting and housing.

"This is a unique opportunity for parents as well as individuals with disabilities in the Yuma area to come together in one location to receive critical disability rights information," said Patricia Garcia, President of The Arc of Yuma County and a Board member of the Arizona Center for Disability Law. "Obtaining a reasonable accommodation in the workplace, ensuring that the local school district follows federal and state special education laws, or planning for the future care needs of a family member with developmental disabilities are just some of the many critical issues that we will cover in this Conference."

“Survivors of brain injuries and their families will meet people who understand their needs at the conference,” commented Chrystal Snyder, Executive Director of the Arizona Governor’s Council on Spinal and Head Injuries. “Whether you want to learn about the impacts of brain injury or you are looking for more general information on disability rights and resources, this is the place to find some useful answers.”

“The Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities is thrilled to be part of this important event. We are confident that the information culled from this conference will be extremely useful to people with developmental disabilities and their families. This event is one of many planned activities to bring critical informational resources to people with disabilities residing in underserved communities in Arizona. We are excited about the opportunity to partner with other leaders in the disability advocacy movement in this important endeavor.”

The Conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. Spanish and American Sign Language interpreters will be available. Registration is limited to 150 individuals and the \$10 registration fee can be waived. The deadline for conference registrations is April 14, 2008. Conference information and registration materials in English and Spanish are available from the Arizona Center for Disability Law at 1-800-927-2260 or on the web at [www.azdisabilitylaw.org](http://www.azdisabilitylaw.org).

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