

## **Education and Training**

A primary role of the Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission is to provide individuals with spinal cord disabilities, their families and caregivers, health care professionals and the general public with information about spinal cord disabilities. The Commission utilizes a multifaceted approach to get cutting edge, reliable information about the many causes and effects of damage to the spinal cord, the secondary conditions that result from these disabilities, the latest rehabilitation and other treatments to improve these conditions as well as resources to help individuals with spinal cord disabilities live as independently as they choose.

In addition to this website, ASCC provides the following educational opportunities:

## **Conferences and Workshops**

Each year ASCC offers one or more educational conferences with national, state and local experts providing the latest information on topics of interest to individuals who live with spinal cord disabilities, their families and rehabilitation providers. In addition to expert speakers with whom participants have the opportunity to meet and ask questions, the conferences include an exhibit hall with the latest technology including wheelchairs and other durable medical equipment as well as state and not for profit agencies who provide direct services to individuals with spinal cord disabilities and demonstrations of adapted sports, new technology, environmental modifications and other interest. Finally, the conferences provide an opportunity for participants to meet and share experiences and ideas with one another. Biannually, the Commission hosts a statewide conference in Little Rock, Living With Spinal Cord Disabilities, in the alternate years, Regional Conferences are held in smaller communities around the state, so that individuals who find it difficult to travel to Little Rock have the opportunity to attend. In addition, in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Health and the Trauma Advisory Council, ASCC co hosts the Arkansas Trauma Rehabilitation conference each year, which targets the needs of acute care and rehabilitation trauma treatment providers. Specialized training workshops on treatment modalities targeting specific rehabilitation disciplines are also provided.