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## **S.A.I.L.S. Annual Fishing Derby A Success!**

### **Disability community smiles!**

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**USPA NEWS** - Is there anything to do in Hot Springs if you have a disability? Sure it is just ask SAILS! It's fishing derby time. Games....check Fishing poles...check... Hot dogs, chips, and drinks...check...check...and check!!!

Spa Area Independent Living Services hosted its annual fishing derby at a local Hot Springs, AR area park. Every year hundreds of people with disabilities, elderly, children, and their families gather at the park for a day of fishing and fun. Unfortunately, this year Arkansas Game & Fish did not stock the pond with fish but it didn't deter the fun from happening. Whether it be face painting or bingo, the crowd still showed up and had a blast. There was lunch provided and the weather was perfect, even with the five minute down pour of rain which couldn't take the smiles off all the faces. Being able to provide a day to get away from home or facility and just enjoy community life is the goal that was definitely reached.

Everyone gets a T-shirt to take home and everyone is liking the blue. Every year T-shirts are provided to everyone who participate. This year the color was blue.

SAILS is a not for profit, non-residential, cross-disability, consumer controlled and community based center for independent living. (What a sentence!) This is what makes SAILS so unique in the world of organizations providing services to people with disabilities; most of us have one!

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