



Image of Coco Pommel, Muffins, Scootaloo, Sweetie Belle, and Apple Bloom running a marathon. The scene depicts Coco Pommel behind the scenes happily cheering on Muffins as she passes a baton off to Apple Bloom as they continue to run the marathon. The logo for Coping with Disabilities Through Pony 2015 can be seen on the walls of the track in which Muffins and the Cutie Mark Crusaders are running.

Artwork is hand drawn by Asia Martinez of Mystic Pineapple. It will be available for purchase in its non-digital form during the BronyCon 2015 Charity Auction.

Slide 2 *** Coping with Disabilities: Being 120% Cooler

Acceptance, Understanding, Inclusion, and Action

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Keys to Success:

1. Family
2. Friends
3. Mentoring
4. Self-Actualization / Empowerment

Show and Fan Examples:

1. **Snowdrop** - Parental Support
2. **Scootaloo** - Friends and Mentor
3. **Spike** - Friends

Official Web Site:

1. [Click Here to Visit Our Official Web-Site](#)

Panel Presentation:

1. [Click Here to Watch the 2014 "Coping with Disabilities Through Pony" Presentation](#)

Our Little Inspirations:

1. [Click Here to Access over 40 Stories from Around the World in Accessible .DOC Format](#)
2. [Click Here to Purchase a Printed Edition of "Our Little Inspirations"](#)

Key Points:

1. Acceptance
2. Understanding
3. Inclusion
4. Action
5. Conclusion



Image of Coco Pommel happily facing forward wearing her shawl, scarf, and hat

Show Examples:

1. Scootaloo
2. Apple Bloom
3. Muffins
4. Coco Pommel



Image of Muffins proudly holding the Ponyville flag from the episode, *Rainbow Falls*

Understanding and Accepting Limitations:

1. [Click Here to See Scootaloo Realize and Begin to Accept Her Limitations](#)

Limitations Don't Define Us:

2. [Click Here to See Scootaloo's Friends Help Her Cope and Realize She is More than Her Limitations](#)

Turn Limitations into Advantages:

3. [Click Here to See Scootaloo Show off Her Amazing Talents as She Embraces Who She Is and Defines Herself by More than Her Limitations](#)

Analyzing a Potential Situation at School:

1. [Click Here to See an Example of School Bullying](#)

Improving the Situation:

2. [Click Here to See How to Stand Up Against Bullies](#)



Overcoming the Situation:

3. [Click Here to See How the CMC Deny The Bullies Power Over Them](#)

Image of Apple Bloom, Sweetie Belle, and Scootaloo standing together with big, open-mouthed smiles

Bullying in the Workplace:

1. [Click Here to See An Example of Verbal Abuse on the Job](#)
2. [Click Here to See How Fear Can Influence Unethical Behavior](#)
3. [Click Here to See the Effects of a “Toxic Work Environment”](#)
4. [Click Here to See How a Hard Choice Can be the Best Choice](#)

Consider the Following:

1. There are few laws that protect against on-the-job bullying
2. It is difficult to prove discrimination

Protect Yourself:

1. Keep records of when and how you were bullied, or discriminated against
2. Get everything in writing
3. Know Your Rights Under the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - a. [Click Here to Learn More About the ADA](#)

CMC Flag Carrying Routine:

1. [Click Here to See How Diversity Results in Synergy](#)

Stellar Eclipse:

2. [Click Here to See How a Fan's "Make a Wish" Came True in the Show!](#)

Muffins to the Rescue!:

3. [Click Here to See Muffins' Start Her Helpful Mission](#)
4. [Click Here to See Muffins' First Discovery of "Flameless Fireworks"](#)
5. [Click Here to See Muffins Realize "Flameless Fireworks" Are Like Flowers!](#)
6. [Click Here to see Muffins Proud for Her Ingenuity](#)
7. [Click Here to See the Impact of Muffins' Use of the "Flameless Fireworks](#)

Other Examples Within and Beyond Ponies:

1. [Click Here to Learn About "Braillemon"](#)
 - a. Pokémon Red & Blue for the Blind and Visually Impaired

2. [Click Here to Access a Playlist for "Phoenix Wright / My Little Pony"](#)
 - a. *Turnabout Storm*
 - i. A fan work that is entirely voiced to create a nearly ten hour story!

3. [Click Here to Visit FIM Fiction](#)
 - a. My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic Fan Fiction Site

4. [Click Here to Visit Deviant Art](#)
 - a. Art and Writing Site for All Interests

Helpful Resources – Part 1:

- Key search terms: resources developmental disabilities (enter your state, enter desired age group)
 - a. Early Intervention – age 14
 - i. <http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/ei-overview/>
 - b. Transition age (14-16) – High school graduate (18-21 years)
 - i. <http://www.dol.gov/odep/pdf/20140916Literature.pdf>
 - c. Adults (21 and older)
 - i. <http://www.21andable.org/>
 - ii. <http://www.thearc.org/>
 - d. Comprehensive Resources for All Ages
 - i. <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/developmentaldisabilities/links.html>

- **Social Security Administration**
 - 1. [Click Here to Access the Social Security Office Locator](#)

Helpful Resources – Part 2:

1. Therapy / Counseling
 - a. [Click Here to Access an Online Therapist / Counseling Office Locator](#)

2. [Click Here to Visit Starbright World](#)
 - a. Social Networking site for teens and young adults coping with their special needs

3. [Click Here to Watch Dr. Wolf's Discussion on Ponies and Special Needs](#)
 - a. **NOTE:** Dr. Wolf is a fictional therapist . He does NOT possess a degree or certification in Psychotherapy

4. Equestrian Therapy
 - a. Search “Equestrian Therapy (State Initials)”
 - i. **EXAMPLE** – “Equestrian Therapy CA”

Helpful Resources – Part 3

1. Newslines:

- a. [Click Here to Visit the Official Site and Learn More](#)

2. Accessible Library

- a. Search “Library for Physically Handicapped (State Initials)”
 - i. EXAMPLE – “Library of Physically Handicapped VA”

NOTE – *The Above Resources May Require Proof of Disability to Fully Access*

Reaching Out:

1. Advocating through Positive Reinforcement
 - a. **EXAMPLE** – Enterplay LLC – Gaming Group Program

2. Enterplay, LLC
 - a. 800 Village Walk, # 307, Guilford, CT 06437-2762
 - i. **PHONE** – 203-458-1128
 - ii. **EMAIL** – info@enter-play.com

3. [Click Here to Visit Their Web-Site](#)
4. [Click Here to Visit Their Facebook Page](#)



Image at Right – Enterplay Gaming Group Promo Card, “Twilight Sparkle: Break Dancer”, for the My Little Pony Trading Card Game (TCG)

Acceptance:

1. Your Disability Does NOT Define You. You Define Your Disability

Understanding:

1. You are NOT Alone
2. Others Can and Will Understand and Accept You
3. There is More to You than Your Disability.



Image of Scootaloo happily performing a trick on her scooter

Inclusion:

1. Where there is a Will there is a Way
2. Stereotypes, Stigmas, and Self-Fulfilling Prophecies are only as Real as You Allow them to Be

Action:

1. Asking for Help is a Sign of Strength and NOT Weakness
2. There are People and Places Willing and Ready to Help You be the Best You Can Be

Question and Answer Time!



Image of Rainbow Dash offering to mentor Scootaloo from the episode, *Sleepless in Ponyville*

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Ari Kunofsky's characters help show their support for Coping with Disabilities Through Pony. The scene depicts a sunrise as Bucky, the Pegasus, and Candy Cloud, the Pegasus, hold up a banner that reads, "Coping with Disabilities Through Pony – Friendship is Magic for Every Pony". Pint, the Unicorn, is under the banner with Fall, the Pegasus.