



TRANSITION BOOT CAMP Fall/Winter 2020 Webinar Series

Please join us for a series of informative webinars to help guide and prepare individuals, caregivers and professionals by providing information and resources for the transition into adulthood years for ages 14 - 22 and beyond!

The series is sponsored by *The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport* in collaboration with *Northeast Independent Living Program (NILP)*.

Get to know NILP (Northeast Independent Living Program)

Thursday, September 24, 2020

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This webinar will address the Northeast Independent Living Program. We will be focusing on how NILP supports consumers in navigating SSI/SSDI, MassHealth, and NILP's Five Core Services and supports which include but are not limited to: Nursing Home Transitions, Northeast Recovery Learning Community, Youth Programming, PCA Services, Housing Workshops, Applying for Assistive Technology, and additional Independent Living Services.

Families and professionals will also gain an understanding on Title VII Part B, which is federal funding made available through MRC, administered by ILC's and Deaf Inc. for services or equipment to gain/maintain independence.

Presenters:

William Sanabria, Community Supports Specialist
Rowan DeAza, Youth Services Program Manager
Northeast Independent Living Program (NILP)

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AFC or PCA: An Overview of both MassHealth Programs

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This webinar will address the both AFC and PCA MassHealth Programs. We hope to address the following information: What is AFC and how does it differ from PCA? Which option would be right for me/my loved one, and how one qualifies for these programs.

Consumers, family members, and professionals, will also gain an understanding on some of the Pros and Cons of both programs as well as the referral process and turnaround time.

Presenters:

Heather C. Hess, LSW, Director of Adult Family Care (AFC)

The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport

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Alicia Thyne, PCA Director

Suzanne Mcnamara, PCA Nurse Manager

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Transition Planning into Adulthood and Using the IEP to Create Success

Thursday, October 8, 2020

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

This webinar will address the transition planning and services required for youth with disabilities ages 14-22. The training will focus on both the transition special education services which prepare youth for employment, independent living and further education and discuss mechanisms to plan for services students may require when they exit special education as well as transition to the adult human service system. Using case examples, parents and professionals will learn strategies that may help students receive important transition services mandated by special education laws.

Parents and professionals will also gain an understanding on Chapter 688, the federal law that helps plan for youth with disabilities after they leave school.

Presenter:

Johanne Pino, Projector Coordinator

Massachusetts Advocates for Children (MAC)

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Navigating the Transition Planning to Adulthood Timeline

Thursday, October 22, 2020

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Are you lost in the transition maze? This webinar will address transition timelines while discussing state benefits and programs including; age of majority, post-secondary education, employment, adult services and more. Transition planning is a unique process for every student. There will be plenty of time to share experiences and ask questions.

This informational webinar is geared towards students ages 14 - 22 but is open to anyone who would like to learn more about Transition Planning into Adulthood. It is never too early or late to begin!

Presenter:

Andrea Morris, Education & Outreach Manager
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Understanding Public Benefits & Saving with ABLE Accounts

Thursday, November 5, 2020

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Kathy Kelly from Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC), will provide basic information about Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, the impact work can have on SSI benefits, and the various work incentives available for students. She will also discuss other public benefits such as MassHealth, housing, and SNAP.

Mary Rubenis from MEFA, will cover the basics of ABLE accounts and Attainable, The Massachusetts ABLE Savings Plan, a tax advantaged savings account that can be used by an individual with a disability to save for qualified disability expenses. With an Attainable Savings Plan, individuals

with disabilities and their families can save for these expenses while keeping benefits such as Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid.

Presenters:

Kathy Kelly, Student Benefits Counselor
MRC, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

Mary Rubenis, Attainable Outreach Manager
MEFA, Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority
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A Team to Carry On

Thursday, November 19, 2020

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

A Team to Carry On covers the considerations beyond the wills and trusts: the details of living. This workshop outlines how to build a team of legal, medical, social services and financial professionals, plus family and friends that will continue to care for your child or sibling when you can no longer be there for them. While *no one can replace a parent*, identifying a team to carry on is a critical part of planning for the future of an individual with special needs.

Presenter:

Alexandria Nadworny, CFP®, CTFA, Wealth Advisor
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Making Sense of MassHealth & Private Healthcare Financing

Thursday, December 3, 2020

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

This webinar will give an overview of different private insurance options and MassHealth programs with emphasis on CommonHealth, and pathways to eligibility to MassHealth/CommonHealth. We will also discuss how to access benefits and services including the MA Premium Assistance Program, explaining associated costs; and changes/options that occur to health insurance when a child turns 18.

Presenter:

Pat Nemia, Project Director

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