

Family Support News

The Arc

4-11-2025







Do you need help navigating the special education process or working with your student's school?
We can help!

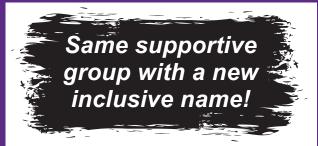


Schedule a
School
Questions
Consultation
here! Click to
complete the
interest form.









Are you looking to connect with other caregivers?

Do you have questions about how to best support your child?

Are you looking to meet people who understand the ups and downs of caring for loved ones with disabilities?

Join Family Support Coordinator Ida Linquist for our Parents' & Caregivers' Group!

Questions? Contact:
Ida Lindquist
Family Support Coordinator
ILindquist@arcnbc.org

VIRTUAL

Tuesday
4/15/25
7-8pm
Register to
receive
the meeting
link by email.

IN-PERSON

Thursday
4/17/25
10:30am-11:30am
Family Support
Center
140 Park St 3rd FL
Attleboro
*Refreshments
served*





Wednesdays 6-7 pm

2 Knotty Walk Taunton, MA



Join Jacob Anderson, our Family Support Center Autism Navigator, for a drop-in social hour for adult folx with autism. Allies, support staff, and friends are welcome. Light refreshments are served.

Ages 18+ are welcome, except for the last Wednesday of each month when ages 13+ and a caregiver are also welcome.

Questions? Email Jacob at JAnderson@arcnbc.org.

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APRIL 2025						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		2:00-7:00pm Bracelet Making &	2.00-6.00pm Drawing & Drap-in Hours	3:00-7:00pm DIY Fidurts &	6:00-7:00pm Support Group for Parents.	5
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Join us at Camp Calcia, a one-of-a-kind summer camp for adults 18-50 years old living with special needs.

Camp Calcia is a half-day camp held at the North Attleboro YMCA on Saturdays and Sundays in July. Campers will have the opportunity to try new things and make new friends, all while enjoying a traditional day camp.

Each weekend will have a variety of activities which may include swimming, sports, arts and crafts, gardening, outdoor education, ropes course climbs, theatre/improv, and more! We will also have special guests for our campers to enjoy. Pizza lunch will be provided on Sundays.





We will have 1 staff for every 6 campers in order to provide participants with the necessary supports to be successful throughout the camp day.

Campers should bring a swim suit and towel, sunscreen, bug spray, refillable water bottle, snacks, and a lunch each day.

We will host a Spring Open House for campers and families on n North Attleboro - details to come. Join us to learn more and try some of our fun camp activities!

Weekend 1: July 5-6, 2025 9am-2pm Weekend 2: July 12-13, 2025 9am-2pm Weekend 3: July 19-20, 2025 9am-2pm Weekend 4: July 26-27 2025 9am-2pm

Campers are welcome to join us for as many days as they like!

Member: \$163/Weekend \$92/day or Non Member: \$244/Weekend or \$132/day

Visit hockymca.org/camp to register.

Questions? Contact Camp Calcia Director Laurie Inferrera at Lauriei@hockymca.org or 508-772-1327.



Please reach out to the YMCA staff directly with guestions. This activity is not organized or sponsored by our Family Support Center. We are sharing the camp opportunity for families to explore independently.

Autism Services & Systems **Virtual Workshop**

Thursday, April 28th 10:00-11:00AM on Zoom



Join Jan Randall, CAR's Director of Family Support, to learn about Services and resources offered by Community Autism Resources. She will also be discussing DDS Services, how to apply, how the system works and how and where to get access to services once your child is accepted.

If you have ANY questions about Autism services in Massachusetts this is your opportunity to get your questions answered!

This short workshop can be really helpful for those who are wondering how services work, if your child was recently diagnosed, you are new to the area, or if you want to learn what you may be missing out on for your child/teen/adult.

Register Now

DTLUCK













Our adult Autism Navigators, Jacob and Christine, invite DDS eligible folks to join them for bi-weekly movie nights. These nights are open to ages 18+ and are free.

Come spend time with friends, make new connections, snack, and relax in a comfortable and safe atmosphere.

If you are able, kindly bring a snack to share with the group.

For RSVP & questions contact: JAnderson@arcnbc.org or CDenis@arcnbc.org













DDS SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES

Please join us to hear how participants and their families can design individualized services to meet their needs through the:

Participant Directed Program or Agency with Choice

DDS will present their info sessions at the following dates and times. Click on the individual date and time listing below to register for the offering that is most convenient to you.

Thursday, April 24th 10:00AM-11:30AM

Tuesday, May 6th 10:00-11:30AM

Wednesday, May 21st 4:00-5:30PM

Tuesday, June 3rd 10:00-11:30AM

Wednesday, June 25th 4:00-5:30PM

Visit our website for more information:

DDS Self-Directed Services

For questions contact amy.nazaire@mass.gov

























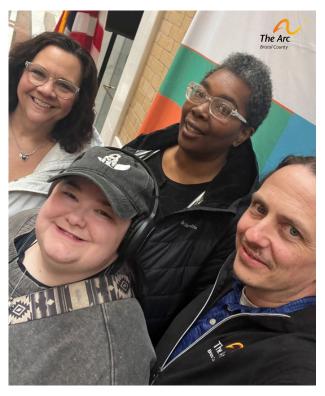


Advocating for Rights and Opportunities Across the Spectrum of Need

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 Great Hall, Massachusetts State House

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20th Annual Autism Advocacy Day - Tuesday, April 8, 2025 - The Great Hall, The State House $\,$





Transition to Adulthood Workshop

Date: Monday, April 28th, 2025

Time: 3:00 - 5:00pm

Location: Middleboro Dept. of Developmental Services

151 Campanelli Drive, Middleboro, MA 02346

Transition planning for students starts at age 14 in Massachusetts. Applications for adult services in many areas should take place at the age of 18. Many families feel overwhelmed with the transition process. The Arc of Bristol County is here to help. Join our Family Support Center staff for a training workshop to learn about:

- Transition timelines
- · How to address transition in your child's IEP
- How to begin navigation adult services

Families will come away with a one-of-a-kind binder with transition to adult services info neatly organized for you.

Advance registration is required by Thursday April 24th, 2025. Questions can be directed to Kristin Boisclair at KBoisclair@arcnbc.org











