

MFOFC

A Full Life Ahead Series 2019-2020 Southeast Workshop Listing

Massachusetts Families Organizing for Change collaborates with local agencies to create a series of workshops each year designed specifically for decision supporters and caregivers to learn more about topics relevant for transition-age youth and adults with disabilities with a focus on planning for a full life ahead.

September 24th: What is Family Support? And, how it can lead us to a Full Life Ahead

Come join us for an informative training that will cover the history of the family support movement, and what it is, how to access it, and ways in which it can help your loved one live a Full Life.



**Location: the Nemasket Group
109 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett
Time: 10am- Noon**

October 30th: Planning for when the School bus Stops Coming

This training, presented by Fletcher Tilton Staff is brought to you in a collaboration between MFOFC, Family Connections and SMEC. It will cover planning for Transition from High School to Adulthood: Eligibility for Government Benefits, Adult Supports and Services, ABLE Act, Preserving Eligibility when parents die or are infirm, Guardianship and less intrusive alternatives to Guardianship.



**Location: Greater New Bedford Voc,
1121 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford MA 02745
Time: 6:00PM-8:00PM.**

November 26th: Widening the Circle of Friendship Between People with & without Disabilities

Building and keeping relationships is an important part of a FULL LIFE. Happiness can come from knowing we have friends and people who care for us. Building relationships between people with or without disabilities should be encouraged wherever you live, learn, work and play. Ross Hooley, Director of the Building Futures Project, and Kathleen Amaral, Family Leadership Coordinator at The Nemasket Group will lead a discussion on ways to build relationships between individuals with and without disabilities.



**Date: November 26th, 2019
Location: the Nemasket Group
Time: 10am- Noon**

September 24th: Community Resources: What's out there, and How to get Connected

Presented by family support advisors, Yajaira Medeiros and Ana Colon, you'll not only hear a personal account of one families path toward being connected to meaningful resources, but also an overview of what is out there for Parents and Families that can help as they navigate this complicated path for their loved one with disabilities.



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April 28th, 2020: Planning for Life after Special Education in Massachusetts

Learn how to use the IEP process to develop comprehensive post-secondary vision statements, develop appropriate transition services for students, understand various diploma options, and share best practices for family involvement.



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May 26th, 2020: Leaving the School System - What Services are Available?

This presentation will provide an overview of the range of services that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission provide to individuals after they leave the school system. Representatives from the Southeast Region of the Department of Developmental Services, and from the New Bedford area office of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission will share information to assist individuals and families in determining which services might best meet their needs and how they can be arranged.



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