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Education and Training Opportunities Offered by The Arc and Chapters

Both The Arc of Massachusetts and its chapters across the Commonwealth offer many educational programs throughout the year. Here is a list of upcoming seminars and workshops, with contact information. Since additional programs are frequently added, check The Arc website (www.arcmass.org) for up-to-date information on educational opportunities.

Transition Training Series: Planning for Life's Changes

Life changes are difficult for us all. Change is especially difficult for individuals with disabilities and their families. Having a solid plan for the future, therefore, is essential for an individual's happiness and well being. These workshops are designed to provide family members and their loved ones with the tools they need to develop their plans for their futures and to ensure that those futures become realities.

Each workshop provides essential information to help prepare for and negotiate life's critical changes. **School Dayz: Transition Planning – Turning 22** provides important information about the high school transition process which guides a student's emergence from high school to adulthood. This workshop is for parents of children between the ages of 14 and 22 and is geared to those eligible for receiving supports from DMR. **Future Planning, Trusts and Legal Alternatives** provides participants with information on trusts, government benefits and how to effectively use family assets. Likewise, **Sooner Than Later** explains how to plan a "good life" for your child with disabilities when parents are no longer able to do so. It explores thorny issues related to community services, entitlements and service plans. **Who's in Charge** gives practical advice regarding self-directed community supports and services and explains Medicaid waivers that support individuals with disabilities. **Tools for Tomorrow** is designed to help families and individuals to envision the kind of lives they desire and to help them to gather information about the type of services and supports they need and want. Materials and fact sheets are available at each workshop.

School Dayz (1/2 Day; Fee \$25; \$15 for members of The Arc)

March 3, 2007: WIC Conference Room

239 Commercial Street, Malden

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hosted by The Arc of East Middlesex

(781) 942-4888

March 21, 2007: 6 Southside Rd., Danvers

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hosted by North Shore Arc

(978) 762-4878

April 7, 2007: Plymouth Public Library

132 South Street, Plymouth
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Hosted by The Arc of Greater Plymouth
(508) 732-9292

Sooner Than Later (1/2 Day; Fee \$25; \$15 for members of The Arc)
March 31, 2007: Stonehill College, Brocktonian Room
Center for Non-Profit Management
16 Belmont Street, Easton
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Hosted by Brockton Area Arc
(508-583-8030)

May 2, 2007: 6 Southside Rd., Danvers
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Hosted by North Shore Arc
(978) 762-4878

Who's In Charge (1/2 day; Fee \$25; \$15 for members of The Arc)
March 24, 2007: 6 Southside Rd., Danvers
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Hosted by North Shore Arc
(978) 762-4878

April 28, 2007: Location TBA (Malden)
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Hosted by The Arc of East Middlesex
(781-942-4888)

Future Planning, Trusts and Alternatives (1/2 Day; Fee \$25;
Full Day; Fee \$35; \$20 for members of The Arc)
March 31, 2007: The Center of Hope, Southbridge
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Hosted by SWCARC
(508) 764-4085

May 5, 2007: 564 Main Street, Fitchburg
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Hosted by Arc Community Services, Fitchburg
(978) 343-6662

June 16, 2007: Plymouth Public Library
132 South Street, Plymouth
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Hosted by The Arc of Gr. Plymouth
(508) 732-9292

Tools for Tomorrow (Full Day; Fee \$75; Group Discount Available)

February 10, 2007: Plymouth Public Library

132 South Street, Plymouth

10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hosted by The Arc of Greater. Plymouth

(508) 732-9292

February 28, 2007: 6 Southside Road, Danvers

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hosted by North Shore Arc

(978) 762-4878