



Family Support Center NOVEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<u>3</u> TidePool Bookstore Kid Sunday! 	<u>4</u> DDS Design individualized 	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> Centro's Drop-in Respite Program - programa de respiro de centro todos los miercoles 	<u>7</u> Basic Rights: Transition Planning 	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
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<u>17</u> 	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> Massachusetts Alliance for 21st Century Disability Policy	<u>20</u> All the Wednesday you can get your questions answered or assistance without an appointment! respite program; Call us 	<u>21</u> WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY 	<u>22</u> 	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> NextGen Carrers Information Session 	<u>27</u> 	Thanksgiving Brake Schools Closed		<u>30</u>
			Centro's Drop-in Respite Program - Centro's respite program every Wednesday 	DDS FAMILIES We have ONEDAY MEMBERSHIP PASSES FOR: <u>Eco-Tarium, New England Botanic Garden & Discovery Museum</u> Please call for more info. 508-798-1900 ext. 230		

Home Depot Kids' Workshop – Free! November 2 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 FREE Home Depot Kids' Workshop! There's no reason your kids shouldn't be put to work swinging a hammer. Well, I mean, not at *your* house, but Home Depot welcomes the little builders! Designed for kids ages 5-12, but all ages welcome! It is best to [sign up in advance](#), availability of kits is not guaranteed, so arrive early if you can. **Show up anytime between 9am and 12pm**

Kids' Workshop held at all Home Depot locations (although it's always a good idea to call first)

For information on monthly projects or workshop details, visit the [Home Depot Kids' Workshop website](#).

Boston, Museum of Fine Arts, November 2nd, 2024. For kids with Autism Spectrum Disorders, ages 8 – 12. Artful Healing and Beyond the Spectrum offers a specially designed program for Autism Spectrum, including Asperger's Syndrome, accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Fees Apply – registration is required
 to www.mfa.org/programs/community-programs/beyond-the-spectrum or contact 617-369-4027 artfulhealing@mfa.org.

TidePool Bookstore: Kid Sunday! November 3 @ 2:00 pm FREE

Every Sunday is KidSunday at TidePool Bookstore!
 Come join us for storytime and a craft. On select Sundays, we will have a local author join us! [TidePool Bookshop](#) 372 Chandler St Worcester, MA 01602

Shrewsbury Library: Tiny Tots Playgroup (Under 3 yrs) November 4 @ 10:00 am

Tiny Tots Playgroup This playgroup occurs on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

This 45-minute open playgroup is for children under three and their grownups. (Siblings welcome!) This is a great opportunity to socialize and learn from one another! **No registration is required** 609 Main St Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Webinar, November 4th, 2024, with the Massachusetts' Department of Developmental Services. Hear how participants and their families can design individualized services to meet their needs through the Participant Directed Program or Agency with Choice.

* The services are flexible and can be customized to meet the changing needs of the individual as they learn and grow.

To register or for more information

visit <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/154deee2-caca-4359-a0ab-86e606f2fd18@3e861d16-48b7-4a0e-9806-8c04d81b7b2a> or www.mass.gov/ddc-self-directed-services and scroll down to your desired event date, or contact amy.nazaire@mass.gov

Webinar, November 4th, 2024, with the Parent Professional Advocacy League of Massachusetts (PPAL). Free PPAL workshops are meant for parents, caregivers, family members, individuals, family partners, and/or peer leaders with experience supporting children with emotional, behavioral, or mental health needs.

Transition Planning
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 visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/8kbpv5> or contact (866) 815-8122 or (617) 542-7860

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Basic Rights: Transition Planning November 7 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Host: New Heights Charter School Of Brockton

This presentation addresses the planning involved when a student is of transition age. The importance of planning, the roles of both parent/guardian and student and the student's post-secondary vision. We will discuss how to prepare for the transition planning meeting, the age of majority, and procedural due process rights for resolving disputes.

<https://fcsn.org/event/new-heights-transition-planning/>

Worcester, MA, November 10th, 2024, with the Autism Resource Center of Worcester. An sensory-friendly game and Autism Acceptance Night with the Worcester Railers. The DCU Center doors will open early (2:05 pm) for families and groups.

Railers will be playing the Norfolk Admirals.

For ticket purchase or more

information, visit <https://railershc.com/games/2024/11/10/autism->

Free Admission to National Parks! Many in MA!

November 11

FREE

Free Admission to National Parks! National parks across the country will be hosting in-park programs and virtual experiences. Entrance fees are also waived to encourage everyone to come out to enjoy their national parks!

Come experience the national parks! On several days in 2024, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone. Mark your calendar for these entrance fee-free dates in 2024!

Fee-Free Dates for 2024:

November 11: [Veterans Day](#)

[Find a park near you!](#) Did you know that there are more than a [dozen in MA?](#)

November 1st: Last day to mail or email the children autism waiver application
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/awp-2024-open-request-application-english/download>

Próximos Eventos

LOS CENTROS DE APOYO PARA FAMILIAS Y AUTISMO DE DDS CENTRAL/OESTE Y LA FEDERACIÓN (FCSN) SE COMPLACEN EN COMPARTIR LA SIGUIENTE SERIE DE CAPACITACIONES EN ESPAÑOL.

08 OCT
INTRODUCCIÓN A LA ESCUELA ESTADOUNIDENSE
 Dirigida a los recién llegados a Massachusetts, especialmente a los inmigrantes recientes, esta formación ofrece una exploración interactiva de las normas escritas y no escritas del sistema educativo de nuestro país, estado y comunidades.

22 OCT
DERECHOS BÁSICOS: EVALUACIÓN Y ELEGIBILIDAD
 Una introducción a las leyes y procedimientos de Educación Especial con un enfoque en referencias, evaluaciones y el proceso para determinar si un estudiante es elegible para Educación Especial.

05 NOV
DERECHOS FUNDAMENTALES: ENTENDER EL IEP
 Profundizar en el conocimiento del documento IEP. Aprender qué contiene un IEP y cómo asegurarse de que incluye objetivos mensurables.

19 NOV
DERECHOS BÁSICOS: PLANIFICACIÓN DE LA TRANSICIÓN
 Conozca la importancia de la planificación de la transición y el papel de los padres/tutores y del alumno en el desarrollo de un plan de visión.

03 DIC
BULLYING: LO QUE LOS PADRES DEBEN SABER
 Entender qué es un acosador e identificar la obligación legal de la escuela de prevenir y abordar el bullying.

Para reservar tu lugar aquí [LINK](#)

Opción virtual o Transmisión en persona

Federación para Niños con Necesidades Especiales
 Centro
 MCS
 Autism Resource Center
 Department of Developmental Services

EcoTarium's Naturalist Program – FREE for Teens November 16 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The Naturalist Program at the EcoTarium is a series of weekend sessions geared toward teens who are interested in exploring nature and science. In this program, we will learn to observe the natural world and consider what we can do to protect it – our one and only shared home here on Earth.

Schedule: The group will meet on Saturdays from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. Sign up for as many weeks as you'd like!

Fall (October to December), Grades 7-9

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/NatProgRegistration>

If you have questions, please contact NaturalistProgram@ecotarium.org. 222 Harrington Way Worcester, MA 01604

Webinar, meetings throughout 2024, with the Massachusetts Alliance for 21st Century Disability Policy (MA21). Join the conversation about Massachusetts Alliance for 21st Century Disability Policy (MA21) advocacy for changes to MA DDS Self-Directed Services to comply with the 2014 Real Lives Law. Help improve regulations and waivers at the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to increase transparency, flexibility, and self-determination.

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To register visit <https://arcmass.zoom.us/join/91234567890> or contact (781) 891-6270 or ma21@arcmass.org

Worcester Main Library: Toddler Time November 21 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am FREE

Is your little one between the ages of 1 ½ and 3 years old? Do you love books? Do you love to have fun? You are invited to Toddler Time! Check out the new children's library space (the Children's Center) and make some new friends! We will get all our wiggles out!

Registration is required as space is limited. Register [here](#):

Shrewsbury Library Coloring Club November 21 @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am Free!

A perfect way to have fun and practice school readiness skills! For toddlers, preschoolers, and their parents/caregivers. (No registration required)
 No Registration Required

Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry & Gem Show November 23 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Kid-Friendly Event!

Join us at the 47th Annual Worcester Mineral Club Mineral, Gem, Fossil and Jewelry Show!

•20+ vendors with hundreds of minerals, fossils, gems, and more!
 •Live demonstrations and interactive activities
 •Door prizes, raffles, and free children's grab bags
 •Delicious food and beverage concessions
 •Rock and mineral identification table

They will have an "open your own geode" station

ADMISSION INFO:

Adults: \$6 Seniors and Students: \$5 Children (12 and under): FREE Scouts in Uniform: FREE

SHOW HOURS:

SATURDAY: 9:00a to 4:00p SUNDAY: 10:00a to 4:00p

Location:

St Joseph School Lincoln St Webster, MA

NextGen Careers Information Session

November 26

Every Tuesday at 12 pm and 6:00 pm

(1 hour sessions)

A weekly Information Session for young adults, their families, and professionals interested in NextGen Careers.

The NextGen Careers Information Session is a one-hour support session to better help eligible young adults (ages 18-30) their families and their professionals learn more about what NextGen may offer, how it differs from traditional vocational rehabilitation, assist with the application process and answer any questions that may arise throughout the process.

We provide assistance in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Khmer, Chinese, and Haitian Creole.

<https://fcsn.org/event/ngc-info-session-2-2-2/2024-11-26/>