

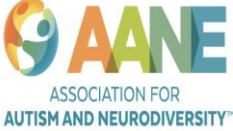








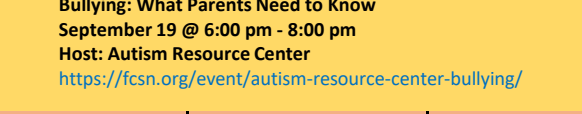





# Family Support Center SEPTEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> Fitness in the Park Summer Series Free! 	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> Home depot Workshop for Kids 
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>  ASSOCIATION FOR AUTISM AND NEURODIVERSITY™	<u>10</u>  WWW.DDSLEARNING.COM	<u>11</u>  WWW.DDSLEARNING.COM	<u>12</u> SHREWSBURY  SUMMER MARKET	<u>13</u> Taller de Educacion  FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u>	 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 FIRST PITCH: 6:05PM - GATES OPEN: 4:30PM	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> Centro's Drop-in Respite Program - programa de respiro de centro todos los miercoles	<u>19</u> Massachusetts Alliance for  21st Century Disability Policy	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Derechos Basicos: Evaluacion y elegibilidad  FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	<u>25</u> Walk-ins!  Wednesdays 9:00am to 4:00 Pm Get Assitance with new dds applications.	<u>26</u> 	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> Workshop em Português sobre Direitos Básicos na Educação Especial September 10 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Workshop em Português sobre Direitos Básicos na Educação Especial. Tema: Avaliações e Elegibilidade. Terça-feira, 10 de Setembro de 2024, das 19h às 21h. Evento virtual e gratuito. Inscreva-se para participar <a href="https://fcsn.org/event/workshop-em-portugues-sobre-direitos-basicos-na-educacao-especial/">https://fcsn.org/event/workshop-em-portugues-sobre-direitos-basicos-na-educacao-especial/</a>		<u>Grupo de padres Latinos (Charla con la comunidad Latina de la FCSN)</u> September 18 @ 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm Nos reuniremos durante una hora cada mes para ponerle al día sobre los recursos he Información sobre Educación Especial también traer invitados especiales que nos hablen de sus proyectos. <a href="https://fcsn.org/event/grupo-de-padres-latinos-charla-con-la-comunidad-latina-sept/">https://fcsn.org/event/grupo-de-padres-latinos-charla-con-la-comunidad-latina-sept/</a>				
			Centro's Drop-in Respite Program - Centro's respite program every Wednesday 	<b>DDS FAMILIES</b> We have ONEDAY MEMBERSHIP PASSES FOR: <b>Eco-Tarium &amp; Discovery Museum</b> Please call for more info. 508-798-1900 Ext. 230		
<b>Welcome</b>			<b>Back</b>		<b>school!</b>	
Family Support Center Worcester- 11 Sycamore St, MA 01608 (508) 798.1900						

**Home Depot Kids' Workshop – Free! September 7 @ 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! On the First Saturday of each month, Home Depot offers a **free** workshop for kids to build their own wooden masterpiece. Designed for kids ages 5-12, but all ages welcome! **Virtual Series, September 9th – October 17th, 2024, the Association for Autism and Neurodiversity of Watertown, MA.** Specifically curated for BIPOC (People of Color) Neurodivergent leaders aged 25 and above, this 5-session series embarks on an adventure of self-discovery.

\* Explore inclusive leadership frameworks, mental health and self-care strategies, and delve into the intricate ways culture and emotions shape your leadership experience.

\* Sessions are crafted to provide a supportive space where participants can engage in insightful discussions, share experiences, and collectively foster personal and professional growth.

**Fees applied, registration is required**

to <https://aane.org/events/online-closed-peer-resource-group-for-autistic-bipoc-leaders-9-9-24-10-7-24-400-pm-530-pm-et/> or contact [events@aane.org](mailto:events@aane.org)

[https://www.spedchildmass.com/event/online-peer-resource-group-for-autistic-bipoc-leaders/?instance\\_id=25239](https://www.spedchildmass.com/event/online-peer-resource-group-for-autistic-bipoc-leaders/?instance_id=25239)

**DDS Self-Directed Adult Disability Services in Massachusetts in Spanish**

**10 de septiembre 4:00-5:30 PM – Webinar – in Spanish, September 10th, 2024, with the Massachusetts' Department of Developmental Services.** Los modelos de prestación de servicios autodirigidos permiten al participante y a la familia la oportunidad de crear apoyos individualizados basados en la visión y las necesidades.

\* Únase al DDS para escuchar cómo los participantes y sus familias pueden diseñar servicios individualizados para satisfacer sus necesidades a través del Programa Dirigido por el Participante o los servicios de Agencia con Elección. \* Los servicios son flexibles y se pueden personalizar para satisfacer las necesidades cambiantes del individuo a medida que aprende y crece. Para registrarse o para obtener más información, visite [www.mass.gov/ds-self-directed-services](http://www.mass.gov/ds-self-directed-services) y desplácese hacia abajo hasta Eventos en español, o comuníquese con [amy.nazaire@mass.gov](mailto:amy.nazaire@mass.gov)

**DDS Self-Directed Adult Disability Services in Massachusetts Webinar, September 11th, 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.

\* Self-Directed service delivery models allow the participant and family the opportunity to create individualized supports based on the vision and needs.

To register or for more information visit [www.mass.gov/ds-self-directed-services](http://www.mass.gov/ds-self-directed-services) and scroll down to your desired event date, or contact [amy.nazaire@mass.gov](mailto:amy.nazaire@mass.gov)

**Shrewsbury Summer Market & Food Trucks!  
September 12 @ 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

Taller en Educación Especial en colaboración con FCSN y Elizabeth Amador 13 de septiembre a las 5:00 p. m. - 8:00 p. m. Esta presentación será en persona en:

Consulado Dominicano 891 Center Street Boston MA 02130 Intervención Temprana, Karen López

Conozca el programa de Intervención Temprana, cómo se determina la elegibilidad y cuáles son sus derechos, además de explorar la transición de la Intervención Temprana a la Educación Especial, incluidas las diferencias entre los dos.

Habilidades socioemocionales (HSE), Karen LopezDerechos Básicos, Ruth de la Cruz

Nuevo formulario de IEP, Ruth de la Cruz. No compartimos información personal ni vendemos a terceros.

<https://fcsn.org/event/taller-en-educacion-especial/>

Join us at Polar Park for the 3rd Annual "Police vs. Fire Baseball Classic," presented by Country Bank, scheduled for Monday, September 16.

Gates Open at 4:30pm

First Pitch is at 6pm

\$10 tickets on sale now at [polarpark.com/policefire](http://polarpark.com/policefire)

Proceeds benefit the Worcester Firefighters Memorials Care Fund, which supports the families of fallen Worcester firefighters.

When purchasing tickets, fans have the option to enter the code "POLICE" or "FIRE." The team that produces the most ticket sales will enjoy a 2025 home WooSox game from a luxury suite, generously donated by Country Bank.

**Adaptive Swim Program**  
at YWCA of Central Massachusetts  
1 Salem Square, Worcester, MA

**FREE**

**Accessible swim sessions the first Saturday and last Sunday of each month from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**September 7, 2024 through February 23, 2025**

Session 1: Ages 5-12 (2:00-2:45 p.m.)

Session 2: Ages 13+ and adults (3:00-3:45 p.m.)

- Open to individuals with disabilities of all ages & their families
- Led by aquatics instructor
- Participate in safety activities & water games
- Pool is fully accessible

Sat.	Sun.
9/7	9/29
10/5	10/27
11/2	11/24
12/7	12/29
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Contact Patrick Remy  
[PRemy@eastersealsma.org](mailto:PRemy@eastersealsma.org)  
508.751.6417  
to RSVP or learn more.

Must pre-register to participate.

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**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.

Nov 19, 2024 01:30 PM

To register

visit <https://arcmass.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZloc-Gppz8uH9xXWtrFDeWdmGrGAnNFChOM#/registration> or contact (781) 891-6270 or [ma21@arcmass.org](mailto:ma21@arcmass.org)

**Movies on the Worcester Common September 19 @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm** Event Series Free

Each movie night event takes place on the Worcester Common Oval and features fun, family-friendly pre-movie activities and entertainment, local food vendors, and a free movie shown on the big screen outdoors.

Pre-movie activities start at 6:00pm for all movies. Movie start times vary — check out the full movie schedule below for details. Come early! Space is limited. Bring your own blankets and chairs or use seating available on the Common.

**Thursday, September 19: In the Heights PG-13HISPANIC & LATINO/A/E/X HERITAGE NIGHT** Appr. start time: 7:05pm

Get ready for a lively celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month as we bring the musical sensation "In the Heights" to the big screen. The evening's pre-movie entertainment will also feature free salsa lessons and performances from Raices Latin Dance. In the event of rain, this movie will be shown in the YWCA's gym, located at 1 Salem Square.

**Sep 19, 2024 12:00 PM**

**"How the New IEP forms Affect Insurance" Insurance Resource Center Lunch and Learn Series**

<https://umassmed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0kfumsqjgrG9TI8jBnNuLtOvX2Voixw46w#/registration>

**Derechos básicos: evaluación y elegibilidad 24 de septiembre a las 4:30 p. m. - 6:30 p. m. Anfitrión: Escuelas públicas de Southbridge**

Esta presentación es una introducción integral a las leyes y procedimientos de educación especial. Profundizaremos en el propósito de la ley, las referencias, las evaluaciones y el proceso de reunión del equipo, incluida la determinación de la elegibilidad. La discusión adicional se centrará en los servicios, la ubicación y qué hacer cuando reciba un IEP propuesto.

<https://fcsn.org/event/southbridge-br-evaluation-and-eligibility/>