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## Important Family Updates

### YOUR ADVOCACY IS NEEDED



### ***Make Your Voice Heard!***

Dear Coalition Members,

The Budget Committees are wrapping up their public meetings and will now hear from members of the Administration regarding the FY18 Budget. This is the time to contact the Senate and Assembly Budget Chairs and weigh in with your support of the Coalition's efforts! It is critical for the chairmen to hear from as many people as possible about why we need to increase wages and how community services depend on a stable and fully-staffed workforce.

### **How Can You Help?**

- Download the letter to Senator Sarlo by [clicking here](#). Download the letter to Assemblyman Schaer by [clicking here](#).
- Print out the letters.
- We encourage you to add a personal sentiment at the bottom to better explain your experiences with DSPs and the critical role they play in your life or the life of your loved one.
- Be sure to print and sign your name at the bottom of the card and add your home address.
- Also, if possible, include a photo of your loved one who depends on the help of a DSP.
- Next, mail each card to the following addresses.

- **Senator Sarlo**  
496 Columbia Blvd.  
1st Floor  
Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075

- **Assemblyman Schaer**  
1 Howe Avenue  
Suite 401  
Passaic NJ 07055

## EVENT UPDATES

We invite our Abilities families to join us!



**Abilities**  
of Northwest Jersey Inc.  
Unlocking Potential - Empowering Success

**You're Invited to our  
Family Engagement  
KICK-OFF Night**

**5:30 pm, Tuesday, April 25th, 2017**

**Abilities Washington  
264 Rt. 31 North**

- *All families, caregivers are welcome!*
- *Please bring along loved one, activity will be offered*
  - *"Meet and Greet" Abilities staff*
  - *Overview of all services offered*
- *Plans for Future Family & partnership opportunities*
  - *Light refreshments will be served*

*(Enter drawing for \$50 restaurant gift card)*

**RSVP:(908) 689-1118 or email [info@abilitiesnw.com](mailto:info@abilitiesnw.com)**



**In honor of Autism Awareness Month**  
**Join us for an evening of Complimentary Special Needs Workshops**  
*For parents, grandparents & caregivers*

**Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm**  
**Certified Financial Services, LLC**  
**52 Forest Avenue**  
**Paramus, NJ 07652**

Workshops begin promptly at  
6:30pm and will repeat at 7:30pm

Space is limited. RSVP – [marykate\\_gensler@cfsllc.com](mailto:marykate_gensler@cfsllc.com)  
Refreshments will be served

**Supportive Affordable Housing for the Special Needs Adult**

**Presenter:** Tom Toronto, President, Bergen County's United Way

**Moderator:** John Capo, III

**Audience:** Adults with special needs; parents, grandparents and caregivers

**Topics:** Safe, supportive and affordable housing for adults with special needs

**Employment for the Special Needs Adult**

**Presenter:** Cindy Wildermuth, CEO, Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc.

**Moderator:** Vincent M. Blazewicz, CLIC

**Audience:** Adults with special needs; parents, grandparents and caregivers

**Topics:** Individualized employment and support services for people with disabilities

**Comprehensive Estate Planning for Families and**  
**Overview of Autism Services at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital**

**Presenters:** Alex Hilsen, Esq., Sussan, Greenwald & Wesler; Richard Loffredo, ChFC, CLU, ChSNC, Certified Financial Services, LLC

**Special Guest:** Peggy S. Eicher, M.D., Binder Autism Center, St. Joseph's Children's Hospital

**Audience:** Parents and grandparents of children with special needs

**Topics:** Guardianship, Benefits of a Special Needs Trust, financial considerations. Requirements for DDID, SSI, Medicaid & Community Care Waiver, ABLA Accounts.

*A Sincere Thank You to our Presenters*



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