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Important Family Updates

YOUR ADVOCACY IS NEEDED



Make Your Voice Heard!

Dear Coalition Members,

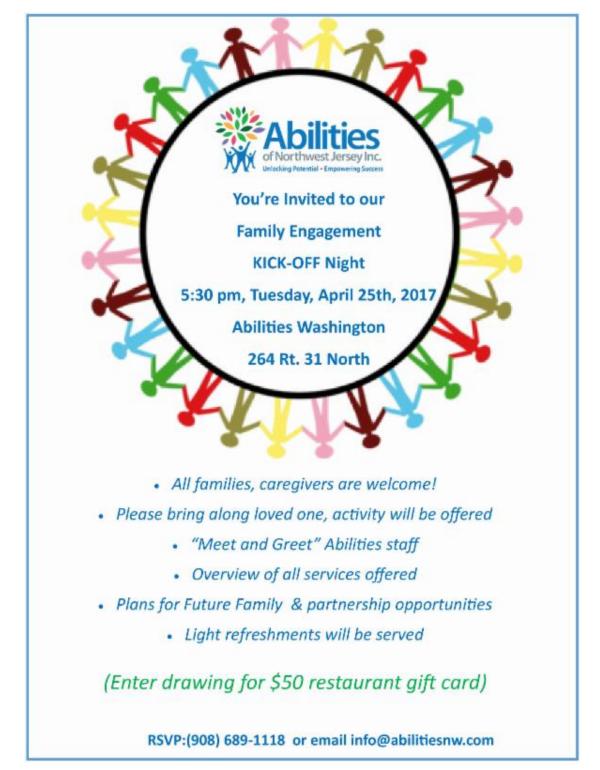
The Budget Committees are wrapping up their public meetings and will now hear from members of the Administration regarding the FY18 Budget. This is the time to contact the Senate and Assembly Budget Chairs and weigh in with your support of the Coalition's efforts! It is critical for the chairmen to hear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

How Can You Help?

- Download the letter to Senator Sarlo by <u>clicking here</u>. Download the letter to Assemblyman Schaer by <u>clicking here</u>.
- 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!





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 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, CLTC 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 Lofredo, 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 DDD, SSI, Medicaid & Community Care Waiver. ABLE Accounts.

A Sincere Thank You to our Presenters









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