



DAWN AWAKENINGS

Awaken to Independence

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SUMMER 2016

REGISTER TO VOTE AND HELP MAKE SURE THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY'S NEEDS ARE MET!

Not only is this an election year, it is a presidential election year! It is very important for the disability community to get out there and vote. But you can't vote if you are not registered.

That is why DAWNcil, in collaboration with the REV UP New Jersey voter registration campaign, has held three voter registration events in mid-July of this year, one in each of the counties we serve (Morris County, Sussex County, and Warren County). Each event was held at three different locations to maximize the impact.

Even if you missed those events, though, it is still not too late. The registration deadline to vote in this year's general election is October 9th. You can register by mail by visiting <http://www.njelections.org/voting-information.html> and sending the form that is specific to your county.

In addition, registration forms are available at Motor Vehicles Commission offices. You can also register to vote at the same time you are applying for assistance or service at the following agencies:

- ♦ NJ Medical Assistance & Health Services Program
- ♦ WIC (Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infant & Children)
- ♦ Work First NJ Programs
- ♦ Division of Developmental Disabilities
- ♦ Office of Disability Services - Department of Human Services - Public Offices
- ♦ Armed Forces of the United States Recruitment Offices
- ♦ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services - Department of Labor
- ♦ Commission of the Blind & Visually Impaired
- ♦ County Welfare Agency or County Board of Social Services

So if you aren't registered to vote, please register. In order to vote, all you need to do is register, be at least 18 years old, and be a U.S. citizen. You don't even need to be your own legal guardian.

Voting is the best way for an individual to have a say in the political process. Don't get left out. Register to vote!

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REV UP New Jersey Kickoff Event

The REV UP New Jersey voter registration campaign is holding a fun kickoff event on July 25th!

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From the Executive Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe we are already well into the Summer of 2016. There was a time when summer brought with it a chance to slowdown and a time to regroup. That is no longer the case. No longer can we count on the lazy days of summer. Things are changing every day and we all must be on our toes ready to shift with these changes. Here at DAWNcil all the staff are making every effort to be informed of whatever changes are happening in the disability service system so we can be available to assist you with your questions. I encourage you to reach out and ask for help in understanding the changes. In this newsletter, you will find information about upcoming events as well as important information about registering to vote. If you need help with registering, contact us and we will assist you with the application. If you have questions about the voting process, contact us and we will help explain the process. It is critical that every individual register to vote and exercise their right to vote!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the "Painted Grape" located in Hamburg and "FH Fitness" located in Wantage for their support of our Paint and Sip fundraiser. A fun evening was had by all and DAWN was the beneficiary of a portion of the proceeds from the evening.

Have a safe summer!

— Carmela



REV UP New Jersey Kickoff Event

The REV UP New Jersey voter registration campaign will hold a kickoff event on the steps of the NJ State House in Trenton on July 25th, 2016, from 1 to 3 p.m. It will feature speeches by disability advocates, T-shirt giveaways, voting registration tables, voting machine demonstrations, and live music!

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to adacil.org, by phone at 732-138-4388, or by emailing lkoppisch@adacil.org.





Get Your 2016 Calendar Raffle Tickets Now!

DAWN CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING'S ANNUAL 3-MONTH CALENDAR RAFFLE BEGINS

AUG. 1, 2016

Call 973-625-1940

\$2,000 IN CASH PRIZES

66 CHANCES TO WIN!

ALL TICKETS CAN WIN MORE THAN ONCE!
CHANCES TO WIN EACH WEEKDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM AUGUST TO OCTOBER

PRIZES RANGING FROM \$20 TO \$200

DONATION: \$20 PER TICKET

All proceeds benefit programs serving people with disabilities in Morris, Warren, Sussex counties. All drawings are held on or prior to the dates for which prizes are to be awarded.

Drawings are held each Monday at 4 p.m. in the DAWNcil office in Denville. No substitutions of the offered prizes will be made.

Winners need not be present. Winners will be notified by mail and winning ticket numbers will be posted on www.dawncil.org, which will be updated weekly on Tuesdays by 10 a.m.



Family Fun Day

Sponsored by

DAWN Center for Independent Living



Sunday, July 31, 2016

Noon to 4 p.m.

Central Park of Morris County

91 Central Avenue

Morris Plains, NJ 07950



● Experience Morris County's Fully Accessible Playground and Ball Field

● Get Information on Disability Services and Resources



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For more information, call 973-625-1940 or email to: info@dawncil.org

7TH FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT FRANKI'S FUND

Date: 11/06/2016-Sunday

Time: 12:30-4:30 p.m.

DAWN's 7th fundraiser to benefit Franki's Fund will take place on Sunday, November 6, 2016, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Zeris Inn/Chrisandi's, 372 Route 46, Mountain Lakes, NJ. The mission of Franki's Fund is to offer young adults with special needs ages 14 to 25 the opportunity to explore artistic and vocational pursuits that enrich their lives and expand their horizons.

Formal invitation to follow



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New Jersey Disability Pride Parade

The New Jersey Disability Pride Parade and Celebration (NJDPP) is a grass-roots effort organized and hosted by The Alliance Center for Independence (ACI) with the support of the statewide disability community. The 6th Annual NJDPP will be held on Friday, October 7th, at 9 a.m. in downtown Trenton, NJ. Hundreds of people and organizations are expected to attend, representing a wide variety of disabilities. They will march and roll from the State House to the post-parade celebration on East Lafayette Street.

The post-parade celebration will feature a talented lineup of motivational speakers, entertainers, singers, dancers, musicians, and comedians. There will also be children's activities, prizes and giveaways.

ACI has hosted the NJDPP since they first organized it six years ago. The event is intended to bring people and organizations together to celebrate the pride of the disability community while promoting the belief that disability is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity. The event also raises national awareness of the disability community.

SkIL *Old-Fashioned Family Picnic*

By Pamela Hamilton



burgers, hot dogs, salads, and watermelon.

The SkIL Spring 2016 *Old Fashioned Family Picnic* hosted by DAWN Center for Independent Living and sponsored by United Way was a huge success. Thirty-three family members attended the picnic at Tourne Park in Boonton on Saturday June 4, 2016. The families began the day with a Wiffle Ball game where parents, siblings, participants, and DAWNcil staff participated. Volunteers were recruited to BBQ while the families enjoyed the game and making peer connections. The families enjoyed ham-

After the social interactions over lunch, the participants and siblings had a potato sack race, a three-legged race and Hula-Hoop contest. The day wrapped up with pictures of the participants around the SkIL 2016 cake and desserts. Some families continued their day long after the picnic by remaining at The Tourne enjoying each other's company.



*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me
and I remember.
Involve me and I learn."*

-- Benjamin Franklin

Interactive Enhanced Life Skills

For Individuals who wish to continue to grow

Hosted by DAWN Center for Independent Living

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(Reserve your spot today by calling 973-625-1940)

Held on the 4th Tuesday of the month

6-7:30 P.M.



Topics:

Ticket to Work-March 22, 2016

Understanding Budgets/Online Banking

May 24, 2016

Self Assertiveness-June 21, 2016

Self-Advocacy-July 26, 2016

Healthy Relations-August 23, 2016

Strengthening Self-Reliance-September 27, 2016



Computer Lab (limited seating—call now!)

3rd Wednesday of the Month

1-2:30 p.m.

Basic online employment searches, résumé writing

Special Event: Understanding Emotion

Saturday April 16, 2016

2-5:30 p.m.



Recreation Events

If interested in attending any event, please contact Marc Moldé at 973-625-1940 ext. 211. Check dawncil.org for info on additional events and/or changes to the current schedule.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TRANSPORT PROVIDED?</u>
August 12th 7 – 10 pm	Bowling Fundraiser	Rockaway Lanes, Rockaway	Minimum donation - \$ 20.00	NO

BOWL-A-THON

“Lucky Strike Night”



August 20th 10:30 – 2:30 pm	Day Cruise/ Miniature Golf	37 Nolans Point Park Rd. Lake Hopatcong	\$ 50 per person	NO
Sept. 10th 12 – 4 pm	Annual Picnic	Hedden Park, Dover	Dues paid - \$25 Non-dues paid - \$35	YES
Sept. 20th 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Dinner Out/ Shopping	Rockaway Townsquare Mall – Outside Entrance to Red Robin	Cost of meal + spending money	NO
October 14th 7 – 10 pm	Halloween Dance	St. Mary's Prep School, Denville	\$ 20.00	NO
October ?? TBD	Theater Event	NJPAC	TBD	?
November 7th 6 – 9 pm	Game Night & Pizza	DAWN, 66 Ford Rd., Suite 121, Denville	FREE	NO
December 10th 12 – 4 pm	Holiday Gala	TBD	TBD	YES

DAWN in the Community

Abilities Expo – Products, Resources & Showcasing Abilities

By Lindsay Tuman

On April 29 – May 1st the New York Metro Abilities Expo took place in Edison at the NJ Convention Center. Staff that attended from DAWNcil staff were on hand at the Statewide Independent Living Council table to share information and resources available through the Centers.

The Expo is for all individuals with disabilities to gain information about various products available to assist with activities of daily living, community news, recreation demonstrations (quad rugby, dance, and basketball), durable medical equipment, assistive technology, accessible vehicles and wheelchair/mobility devices repairs. Products are also on display for individuals to tryout. Presentations were given throughout the weekend on specific topics such as accessible travel and information for parents and/or caregivers.

The United Spinal Association was on hand to hear from individuals about the difficulties encountered in obtaining medical equipment through health insurance.

Eric LeGrand (the disabled former Rutgers football player) attended on Saturday, April 30th, for a Meet and Greet through AT&T's "Beyond Limits" Campaign (a campaign to celebrate the achievements of people with disabilities). To learn about AT&T Beyond Limits and share your own Beyond Limits story, visit att.com/BeyondLimits.

Abilities Awareness Fair at Randolph Middle School

By Peter Gimbel

On May 23rd, Lindsay Tuman and Marc Molde represented DAWNcil at Randolph Middle School's Abilities Awareness Fair. The evening was dedicated to understanding the needs of students with disabilities and the resources that are available to them. DAWNcil was one of several local service providers represented at the fair.

The event also included former students with disabilities who spoke about their experiences at the school and accomplishments after leaving it.

Parent Forum and Opportunity Expo

By Danielle Lepore

On June 4th, my co-worker, Brianne Lermond, and I represented DAWN Center for Independent Living at Celebrate the Children School's "Free Parent Forum and Opportunity Expo" in Denville. This was a wonderful opportunity for parents to sit in on workshops on topics related to Support Coordination, the continuum of community services, financial planning and eligibility requirements for state programs. The expo offered families the opportunity to connect with state and county government entities as well as service coordinators, community service providers, recreation providers as well as other information and referral services. This event not only offered students and families the opportunity to connect with different services and programs, but also offered service providers the ability to network with various state and local agencies in order to learn about the different services we all provide.

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DAWN MISSION STATEMENT

DAWN Center for Independent Living empowers people with disabilities to strive for equality and to take control of their own lives by:

- Providing the tools that encourage independence and self-advocacy.
- Promoting public awareness of the needs, desires and rights of individuals living with disabilities.
- Offering community activities that create new experiences and opportunities.
- Creating informed communities that advance the Independent Living Philosophy.

DAWN PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES AND MORE:

- Independent Living Skills Training
- DDD Support Coordination
- Living Well with a Disability
- Skills for Independent Living (SkIL)
- Early Intervention Service Coordination
- Aktion Club (Morris County only)
- Brain Injury Alliance Support Group
- Working Well with a Disability
- Advocacy
- Peer Support
- Recreation
- Information and Referral
- Next Chapter Book Club
- Care Management
- It's All About Work
- Employment/EN Services

For questions or comments about the newsletter, contact the Newsletter Coordinator Peter Gimbel at pgimbel@dawncil.org or 973-625-1940, ext. 219.