

Caregiver Connection and Support Program



As a caregiver, we rely on the support of other caregivers to:

- ◇ help us learn how to navigate a complex system,
- ◇ share our stories, and
- ◇ discuss our challenges

Caregiving is a lifelong journey that no one understands unless they have experienced it. This program offers education, support and socialization for caregivers who are caring for a loved one with a disability. There is a focus on those caring for a loved one with a developmental disability, but all are welcome.

We hope you will consider joining us.

August Caregiver Recreation Activity: Dinner Out

Come join us for a relaxing and fun dinner out at Black River Barn, located at 1178 Route 10 West in Randolph, NJ. We'll enjoy the Barn's American cuisine while dining outside on their patio. Space is limited so spots will be given to the first 10 caregivers who register. Each caregiver will pay her/his own way. Here's to good company, tasty food, and an opportunity to unwind and connect with other caregivers!

Please only register for the event if you truly plan to join us.

(If more than 10 caregivers register for dinner, we will keep a waiting list and contact the next person on the list should any openings occur.)

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Register in advance for this dinner:

<https://dawncil-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAufuCpqzMoH928JmhU9XeSk29NyeYKeIRK>

As this is an in-person event, the Zoom link accompanying your approved registration will not be needed. All future communication concerning the dinner will come from Julie Ferguson via email.



If you are new to our caregiver programming, Julie Ferguson, DAWN's Caregiver Support Coordinator, will reach out to you to welcome you to the program, share information, and answer any questions you may have.

Please contact Julie Ferguson at (862)-753-7424 for further information.

This program is supported by Morris County Office on Aging, Disabilities, and Community Programming. Contributions are gladly accepted. Contributions are voluntary and are not required to participate in this programming.

August Caregiver Education Sessions

A brief note: We record our educational sessions whenever given permission to do so. However, please be advised that this is not always possible so we encourage you to attend the sessions “live” if you are able to do so. Being there in real time also gives you the opportunity to ask our experienced and knowledgeable presenters any questions you may have. And when you join us live, you help support the grant that enables us to bring you this caregiver programing!

Challenges with Medicaid

**Presenter: Kristine Marietti Byrnes, Esq.
Chief Attorney, Health Care Access Project & Chief Counsel, Health Care
Legal Services of New Jersey**

Encountering challenges with Medicaid, and the possibility of a loved one losing his or her benefits, can be a very nerve-wracking and overwhelming experience. In this webinar, learn about the process to appeal a denial or termination of Medicaid services delivered through a Managed Care Organization. Once her presentation is finished, Ms. Byrnes will answer caregiver questions.

Thursday, August 15, 2024
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Register in advance for this meeting:

https://dawncil-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArdOGhpjwrEtKZwpgAIV13VnCh9ZLr_MSF



Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of New Jersey (PLAN NJ)

Presenter: Jason Miller, Director of Social Services, PLAN NJ

“Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of New Jersey, Inc. helps families of people with disabilities answer the question, ‘Who will care for my loved one once I am gone?’”

In this session, Jason Miller will address future planning issues such as independent living supports, estate planning, and legal and financial protections. Topics include how to implement a future life plan for people with disabilities; guardianship and alternatives to guardianship; Special Needs Trusts; and ABLE accounts. Mr. Miller will also share how PLAN NJ can assist families with their future planning needs. Handouts will be provided to families to highlight the topics of the session, and caregivers will be able to ask questions at the end of the session.

Thursday, August 22, 2024
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://dawncil-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsdO6vrDsoH9RLV5WUCFgzg8YwtKJyaEGN>