



SAVE THE DATE
2018 Transition Conference
Putting the Pieces Together:
The Path to Adulthood



A Free Event Sponsored by Minute Man Arc for Human Services, Inc.

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018 (inclement weather date: April 14, 2018)
Time: 8:45-1:00 (8:15 registration)
Address: 35 Forest Ridge Road, Concord, MA 01742

This event is for parents/guardians who are helping their loved ones with disabilities to achieve a happy, productive life and a smooth transition from school into the adult world. We will be offering five workshops that will address issues facing your families.

Ask the Agency

Representatives from the Department of Developmental Services Northeast Regional Office will provide information and answer questions regarding:

• Children's Services • Adult Autism Services • Family Supports • Transitioning to Adulthood • DDS Eligibility • Self-Directed Services, and more

Erin Krol, LICSW, *Regional Eligibility Coordinator*; **Amy Nazaire**, *Regional Family Support Director*;

Lea Hill, *Regional Autism Program Coordinator*; **Beverly McGovern**, *Regional Self-Directed Support Manager*

The Many Facets of Adult Insurance Services and Supports

This workshop will focus on insurance options available for adults with autism, as well as those with intellectual/developmental disabilities in Massachusetts. A review of both public (MassHealth) and private (BCBS, Cigna, etc.) options will be included. An overview of Medicare, SSDI and SSI will be presented.

Terri Farrell *Project Director, Autism Insurance Resource Center*

Guardianship – Exploring the Options

Attorney Meredith Greene will focus on the variety of legal options that are available when your child turns 18 and the pros and cons as you make that decision.

Additionally, she will speak about the importance of the Special Needs Trust.

Meredith Greene, *Attorney, Fletcher Tilton*

Planning for Two Generations

Special needs financial planning is planning for *two generations*. Many children with a disability must be supported their entire lives, even long after their parents have died. Our approach reaches beyond the limited boundaries of wills and trusts to provide you with a road map to address your own family's special needs.

Planning for Two Generations centers upon our Special Needs Planning Timeline™.

The timeline highlights the various planning pressure points where parents should be aware of changes relating to their child's benefits, legal, and financial issues. The primary focus is to help parents avoid common mistakes and pitfalls in their own planning.

In addition, the new ABLE account and its potential role in planning for your child will be discussed.

Alexandria Nadworny, CFP® and John Nadworny, CFP®, *from the Special Needs Financial Team, Shepherd Financial Partners*

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)

The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) helps people with disabilities to live and work independently. This workshop will include an overview of services and support through MRC, which includes Disability Determination, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Community Living assistance. Additionally, how MRC partners with other state agencies to deliver these services will be addressed. MRC is an essential agency to explore, particularly for those who will (or may not) be eligible for DDS.

Jeffrey C. Roberge, MA CRC

West District Director

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

**Details will be forthcoming. I hope you will be able to attend.
Gail Palm, Family Training coordinator**

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