

Trailblazers Morning Workshops - 11:00 am – 12 Noon

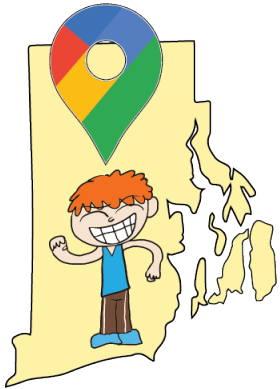


Working for Fun and Money!

In this powerful presentation, you'll hear how Jessica Callison and Audra Johnson have combined their love of pets with their employment goals.

They'll share stories about their job demonstrating Finley's Dog Treats at Rumford Pet Centers around the State.

Jay McKay & Elvys Ruiz from BHDDH will join this session to talk about how you can use Employment Services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities to support your own career path!



YOU on the Map!

Google Maps is a free online app that you can use to discover and navigate your community.

In this interactive session, PJ Kochan will demonstrate how he used Google Maps to create a personalized community map based on his interests.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their own interests and discover how Google Maps can help them, too!

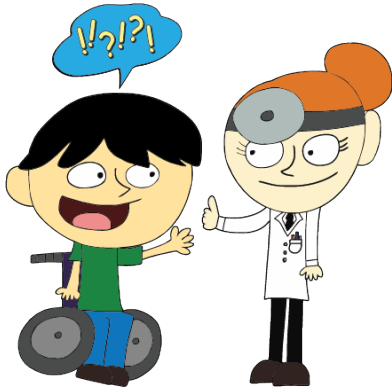


How to Beat Loneliness

We all get lonely from time to time.

In this presentation, Katie Lowe and Bob Maucaux will share suggestions and ideas as they lead a conversation about how to beat the blues.

Trailblazers Afternoon Workshops - 1:30 – 2:30 pm

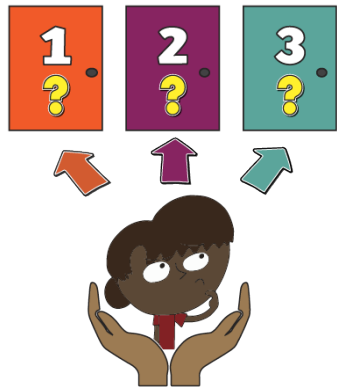


How to Speak Up at the Doctor's

In this session, Molly Smith, a community member with lived experience, will be joined by Brown University medical students Madeline Day and Joanne Lee.

Molly and her co-presenters will share ideas about how to speak up when you're at the doctor's office and other medical settings.

You may be the patient, but you're still the person in charge. Remember, it's your life!



Supported Decision Making

Supported Decision-Making is an alternative to Guardianships that puts YOU in charge of deciding how you want to live your life.

In this presentation, Crystal Cerullo, Nick Fartura, and Anna Reagle will share a real-life account of someone with a disability using Supported Decision-Making.

Join in to learn how you can use Supported Decision Making, too!



By Us For Us: The Power of Peer Support

Peer-to-Peer Supports is a new service that's being rolled out by the Division of Developmental Disabilities. In this panel presentation, you'll hear what members of the Rhode Island Cross Disability Coalition have been doing to help develop and promote Peer Supports.

Join coalition members as they discuss how their lived experiences can help peers. Some of the things they'll talk about include information about different DD services, how technology can support day-to-day life, employment, making friends, and more.

