

Annual ADA Celebration and Picnic

Come join us for the 17th anniversary of the ADA! The Massachusetts State-wide Independent Living Council cordially invites you and your family to the Annual ADA Celebration and Picnic at Dunn Pond State Park in Gardner, MA on Thursday, July 26, 2007 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Food and entertainment will be provided. SCIL has hired 2 buses for the event; we hope you will join us for a fun-filled day! Call us at 508 679-9210 to reserve your seat.

TAP

For students with disabilities, ages 14-22, SCIL administers the Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP).

Students receive assistance planning for their future after high school; drivers education permit classes, assistance with getting into college or getting a job, educational reinforcement, adaptive equipment and more.

For further information contact us! Call Jessica Silva At 508 679-9210, ext. 105.

Don't forget TAP Grads can still get continued services through SCIL's IL programs.



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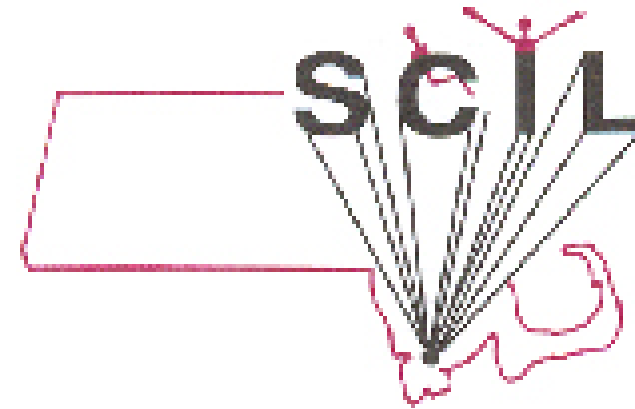
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SCIL Car Wash

The SCIL car wash was a great success! We raised \$585.00. Many thanks to Brian Talbot of Burger King for allowing us to have the car wash at Burger King, and to Seth Hockert-Lotz of Domino's Pizza for his generous donation of pizza. Also, our heartfelt gratitude goes out to our volunteers: Francis Verville, Damase Cote, Nicole Mann, Joan Maloney, Carol Souza, Liza Tobojka, Lisa, Laurianne, Lorelee, Joel and Daniel Mooney, and the girls from the St. Francis Home. We couldn't have done it without you! Many thanks to those who gave donations: Shirley Dufresne, Dick Johnson, Peg and William Anderson, as well as countless others who told us "to keep the change!" See what teamwork can do!



Greater Fall River MRC/ SCIL Consumer Advisory Council

The third Greater Fall River/MRC/SCIL Consumer Advisory Council meeting was held here in the SCIL Community Room on June 28th. Sabrina Cazeau-Class, MRC Director of the Protective Service Unit, gave a presentation on the physical and sexual abuse of people with disabilities. Our next meeting will be September 20th in the SCIL Community Room. Our guest speaker will be Margaret Flanagan, MRC Attorney, who will be doing a CORI presentation. Come and join us and help set the agenda for the next meeting.



Lisa Pitta Reappointed to SRPEDD

SCIL's Executive Director, Lisa Pitta, was reappointed as a Commissioner from the Fall River area to the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD), which does planning for transportation, economic development, environmental protection, and land use. SRPEDD serves 27 cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts. Commissioners are appointed on a yearly basis. Congratulations, Lisa, on your reappointment to your third term as an at-large commissioner!

Consumer Advisory Committee

SCIL is in the process of putting together the first of its kind in the area: a Consumer Advisory Committee. The Consumer Advisory Committee will be involved in planning consumer activities, fundraising ideas as well as ways to improve SCIL. The committee will be working closing with the Executive Director, Lisa Pitta. If you wish to be considered for a position on the committee, contact Lisa Pitta at 508 679-9210 x118.

SE Massachusetts Health and Rehabilitation Center Fair

SCIL had a table at the Health Fair at the SE Massachusetts Health and Rehabilitation Fair on Wednesday, June 27. About 25 agencies were represented, including the SE Mass & Rehab Center, Enos Oxygen, STAT Ambulance, Physicians Network, Neighborhood Health Plan, the Medicaid & Estate Planning Law Firm, Sunrise of Dartmouth, The Cedars, and others. It was a very hot day, but people stopped by and seemed interested in the services that we had to offer.



Computer Classes

New 8 week session coming up! Classes start week of July 30th.

Classes are held in the morning or afternoon and run for 8 weeks. A certificate of completion is given once class is completed successfully. All classes are free!

Monday, Introduction to Computers

Tuesday, Keyboarding and Data Entry

Wednesday, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access

Resume Development and Writing and Internet training are also offered on an appointment basis. Contact Steve Wood at 508 679-9210 at SCIL.

Also, SCIL has several computer monitors available for consumers. Please contact Steve Wood at 508 679-9210 for details.

Support Group for People with All/Any Disabilities

Meets every third Friday of the month
Group open to new ideas for topics and themes
Meet new people and make friends!

Date: Friday, July 20, 2007

Time: 1:15 P.M.

Place: Here at SCIL

Group run by Michelle Sabino, Independent Living Specialist

For info contact Michelle at 508 679-9210 ext.109 or email her at msabino@secil.org

Medical Equipment Available

If you or someone you know is in need of an item such as a:

Walker
Bath seat
Wheelchair
Crutches
Cane

SCIL may be able to help you! Please contact SCIL at phone/TTY 508 679-9210.

Need.....

Hearing aids
Wheelchair lift or ramp
Vehicle modification
Accessible bathroom
Computer Equipment
Or other Assistive Equipment

SCIL can help!

SCIL is an official site for the Massachusetts Assistive Loan Program, an alternative financing program to expand the independence of making assistive technology more affordable.

For more information contact SCIL at phone/TTY 508 679-9210, ask for Bill at ext. 114.

Are you interested in joining the Board of Directors here at SCIL?

Contact Lisa Pitta
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