

Upcoming Event SCIL CAR WASH

Date: Saturday, June 2

Time: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Place: Burger King, 66 Plymouth Ave.
Fall River

Cost: \$5.00

All proceeds to benefit SCIL. Volunteers needed, anyone interested in helping out, please contact SCIL at phone/TTY 508 679-9210.

TAP

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



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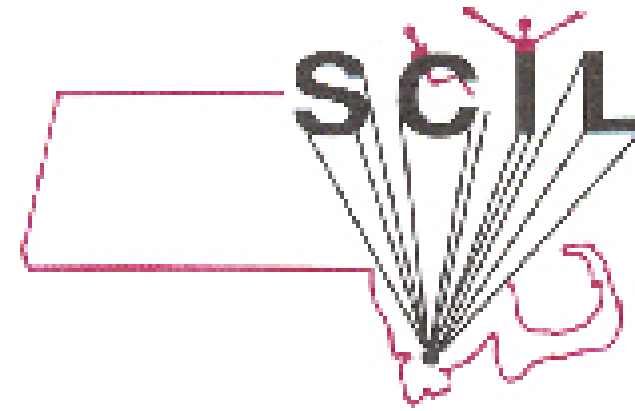
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Students receive assistance planning for their future after high school; drivers education permit classes, assistance with getting into college or getting a job, educational reinforcement, adaptive equipment and more.

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

We'd also like to congratulate our class of 2007 TAP graduates!

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



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Can-Work Resource Fair

Approximately 53 agencies were represented at the Can-Work Resource Fair held at White's on Thursday, April 12. Major sponsors were SCIL, Sousa & DeMayo, Rex-Cut Products, Inc., Mallard & Pops Printing, Montle Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc. Lisa Pitta, Executive Director of SCIL, along with Liza Tobojka, Vice President of the Board of Directors of SCIL, was part of the Planning Committee for the Can-Work Resource Fair. The fair was well attended by the general public.

People were able to learn about and connect with different community resources, get questions answered about different issues such as housing, education, adaptive technology, MassHealth, transportation, Social Security, independent living services, ADA, and accommodations and so much more.

Many thanks to the representatives and all the collaborating agencies that devoted so much time and energy into planning and coordinating this very successful event.



Greater Fall River MRC/ SCIL Consumer Advisory Council

The Greater Fall River MRC/SCIL Council held their second meeting on Thursday, March 29 in the new community room at SCIL. Topics covered were the Consumer Involvement Program, the roles, responsibilities and purpose of the group, and the composition of the Council. All are welcome to attend and be a part of this new dynamic group and share ideas and voice your opinion! **Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 28th in the SCIL community room.**



Boston Museum of Science Trip

Approximately 33 consumers, children, and staff went to visit the Boston Museum of Science on Friday, April 20. It was the first time that many of them had been to Boston, and to the Museum of Science. It was a great learning experience and very informative. The highlight of the trip was the movie "Hurricane on the Bayou" about Hurricane Katrina. A great time was had by all.

The museum was very accessible, and the staff extremely responsive and friendly. It will definitely be considered in the future for another visit.



New Community Room

SCIL has a brand new community room! It was used for the first time for our second Greater Fall River MRC/SCIL Consumer Advisory Council Meeting. It measures 27 x 18 feet, and has a fancy donated conference table and chairs and a fully accessible kitchen (Kitchen measures 21 feet, 7 inches by 18 feet). It is attractively appointed with greenery in the windows.

We look forward to and are open to making arrangements for cost sharing use of this space with friends, sister agencies, and neighbors.

State House ILC Day

On Tuesday, March 6, 2007, SCIL staff and consumers headed to Boston to educate their legislators on the importance of additional funding for independent living centers. These funds are needed to provide services to all people throughout the Commonwealth, as well as to help eliminate the list of consumers waiting for services at centers. More monies are also needed to provide for additional staff at each center to help prevent people from going into nursing homes, while increasing support and services for community living. Other Massachusetts Independent Living Centers gathered with us at the Grand Staircase in the State House. Together we can accomplish much!

Computer Classes

New 8 week session coming up! Starting week of May 21st.

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!** Registration is required.

Monday, Introduction to Computers

Tuesday, Keyboarding and Data Entry

Wednesday, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access

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

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, May 18, 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

Apartments available

47 Mason St., Fall River
1 and 2 bedroom units, \$600-\$700.
Section 8 ok. 3 bedroom unit also available. For info. contact Lisa at 508-679-9210 ext 118



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.

New Staff Member

SCIL has a new staff member; her name is Karen Sullivan.

Karen is our new Community and Transition Coordinator. She will be working with Filomena Tripp to help transition people out of nursing homes and other institutions. She will also be involved with community projects, public relations and marketing for SCIL. She can be reached at 508 679-9210 ext.119 or emailed at ksullivan@secil.org. Welcome aboard, Karen!