

## Coming soon New Bedford Office

We will soon have a greater presence in New Bedford. SCIL has rented space in the Cherry and Webb building at 800 Purchase Street on the third floor, where we can meet with consumers. While we are very thankful to the New Bedford Public Library for allowing us the use of their facilities to meet consumers; we look forward to having our own space.

Consumers will be seen by appointment only at the New Bedford office.

## 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.

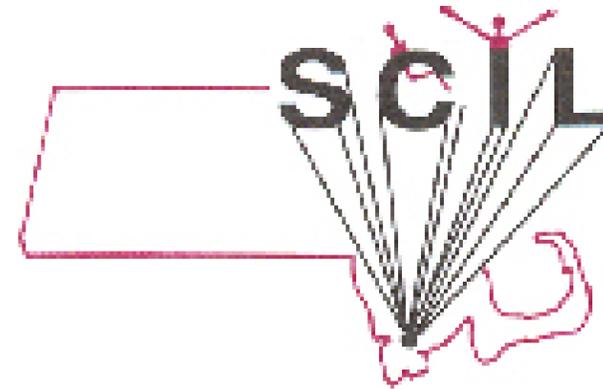
For further information contact us! Call Jessica Silva At 508 679-9210, ext. 105.

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



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# SCIL Gazette

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## ADA Day Dunn State Park

On July 26, SCIL celebrated the 17th anniversary of the ADA by attending the festivities at Dunn State Park in Gardner, MA. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Statewide Independent Living Council, consumers and staff from SCIL as well as other independent living centers enjoyed the beach, kayaking, a cookout and just lounging around, soaking up the sun and sights. Former Commissioners Elmer Bartels and David Govostes received recognition for their years of service, and the new MRC Commissioner, Charles Carr was introduced to the assembly. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed seeing and chatting with people from other independent living centers.



## Upcoming Event Don't forget to send in your reply card!

November 2, 2007 SCIL's 20th Anniversary Luncheon and Award Ceremony at White's of Westport's Plymouth Room 11:30-2:00 P.M. For more info on tickets and transportation, contact SCIL at 508 679-9210.



## TAP Summer Session

The TAP driver's education program held a special summer session. Six students took advantage of the program, and enjoyed a week's worth of lessons taught by Lois Alves, Leily Colon, Peter Oliver and Jessica Silva. The students had fun and learned a great deal of information. Two of them have passed the driver's permit test; the others are waiting for appointments to take the test. Congratulations to Tom and Tim Manchester who passed the test!



## A Whale Watch (Mis)Adventure!

Twenty two consumers and staff set out on a beautiful day for a whale watch on August 31. The sun was shining, not a cloud in the sky; the weather was perfect. However, once out on the boat, the weather grew stormy and the boat was rocking from side to side. Several of the consumers ended up being sick; many had queasy stomachs. The wind picked up and it got very cool and foggy. Some saw five whales, while others saw none. Unfortunately, it didn't turn out to be that much fun, and several people were overheard saying they wouldn't go on a whale watch again! So much for New England weather!



## Lisa Pitta appointed to Board of Directors, Bristol Elder Services

SCIL's Executive Director, Lisa Pitta, has been appointed as a Board member to the Board of Directors of Bristol Elder Services, Inc. This is an important first step in developing a successful partnership where both our missions are to keep people in the community and improve quality of life. Congratulations, Lisa on your appointment!

## Whaling City Festival

This summer in July, SCIL had a booth at the Whaling City Festival, in the non-profit aisle in the middle of Buttonwood Park. We got to meet a lot of great people, as well as see some of the familiar faces that we know. Staff and board members manned the booth, passing out materials about SCIL and what services we offer to the Greater New Bedford and Fall River communities.



## Computer Classes

New 8 week session coming up! Classes start week of October 1st.

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, October 19, 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](mailto: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! While we can't provide these items, we can give you information as to where to get assistance.

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.

**Look for our article on Independent Living in the September edition of the South Coast Insider magazine!**