

## Consumer Advisory Council

Wanted! A few good consumers who want to take an active part in planning activities, and events at SCIL. Must be able to attend meetings, have great ideas and be willing to follow through! Contact Lisa Pitta at 508 679-9210 x 118 for details.



Just a reminder: SCIL is a scent-free environment. Please refrain for using scented products when visiting our offices or attending our events. We thank you for your courtesy.

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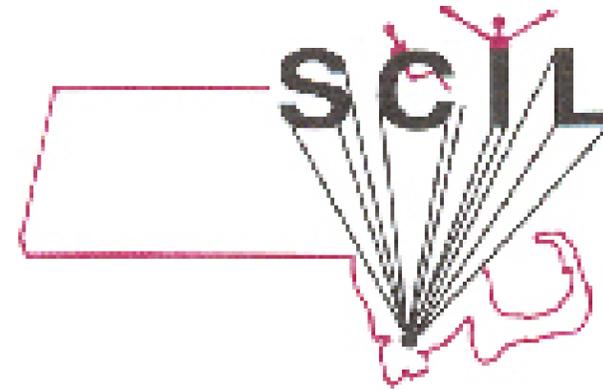
## TAP

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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## Terrific Turnout for our New Bedford Open House!

On Wednesday, January 9, 2008 SCIL officially opened its New Bedford Office at 800 Purchase Street, third floor in New Bedford. Light refreshments were served in the UMass Dartmouth New Bedford campus conference room. Approximately seventy five people attended the event. Mayor Lang officiated at the ribbon cutting, announced it was the first one of 2008, and welcomed us to the city. Many of our fellow agencies came out to support us, and we met some new friends from agencies in New Bedford.



## Antonio S. Almeida named Fall River's Youth of the Year

SCIL is proud that one of our TAP students, Antonio S. Almeida, has been named the City of Fall River's first ever Youth of the Year at a ceremony at Government Center March 19th. The award is designed to recognize and encourage the contributions and excellence of Fall River residents in their senior year of high school or in the process of attaining their G.E.D, whose accomplishments in the areas of personal achievement, leadership abilities, extra-curricular activities, healthy living, effective learning opportunities, and/or community involvement are worthy of acknowledgement.

Antonio was recipient of SCIL's Mairilou Leonard Service Award at our own 20th Anniversary celebration last year. When the call went out for nominations for the City Youth of the Year Award, it was our pleasure to nominate Antonio who continues to make remarkable progress in his transition to adulthood.

He was presented a check for \$500 and a plaque bearing his name that will be hung at the Veterans Memorial on Bank Street in public recognition of the honor. A reception for family and friends was held at Mesa 21 to recognize Antonio and the runners-up.



## CAM Training

SCIL, along with the Fall River Commission on Disability and DBTAC New England will be hosting a two day Community Access Monitor Training Session on Wednesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 10 from 9:00-4:00 P.M. at White's of Westport, 66 State Road, Westport, MA. The training will be conducted by the Massachusetts Office on Disability. This training is designed for both the individual who seeks to advocate for increased access in our community as well as the individual who wants to better understand our obligations to provide access to the disability community. Tuition is \$15.00 for non-profit consumers and \$85.00 for professionals. This is a scent-free event. Contact the Massachusetts Office on Disability at 617 727-7440 V/TTY or 1-800 322-2020 V/TTY by March 28 if you require reasonable accommodation (Braille, large print, sign language, interpreters, etc.) Prepayment and registration are required. Please submit registration and make checks payable to Southeast Center for Independent Living, Inc., 66 Troy Street, Fall River, MA 02720.



## Greater Fall River MRC/SCIL Advisory Council Meeting

The Greater Fall River MRC/SCIL Advisory Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24th from 4-6 P.M. in the SCIL Conference Room. Kim Thacker, Benefits specialist for MRC will be the speaker and will discuss how work impacts your benefits as well as the PASS program. Light refreshments will be served. To register, contact SCIL at (508) 679-9210.



## Board of Directors

If you are interested in having your name submitted to the nominating committee of our Board of Directors or know someone who is, please contact Lisa Pitta at 508 679-9210 ext. 118. Even when there is no current vacancy, please never hesitate to submit your name or make recommendations, so we can build our file of recommendations.



## SILC State Annual IL Day

Please join us at our annual IL Ed Day at the State House in Boston on April 22. We will be advocating for increases in monies for all the independent living centers to provide additional services to underserved populations in Massachusetts; to reduce the waiting time for consumers seeking services at independent living centers and MRC so that the waiting lists are eliminated; to provide additional staff at each center to help divert people from costly institutions to ensure instead that they receive supports and services in the community where they reside; and to focus on the 1115 Waiver issues. Lunch will be provided. For more details and to reserve your seat on the bus contact SCIL at 508 679-9210.



## Computer Classes

**New 8 week session coming up! Classes start week of April 7th.**

Classes are held in the morning from 10-12 or afternoon from 2-4 and run for 8 weeks. A certificate of completion is given once class is completed successfully. All classes are free!

On Monday, Introduction to Computers

On Tuesday, Keyboarding and Date Entry

On Wednesday, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access

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

