



# Family Support News



5-5-2023



## Are you drowning in IEP paperwork?

### We can help! Join The Arc of Bristol County for an IEP Toolkit and Binder Making Workshop!

Bring your IEP documents (evaluations, progress reports, report cards, behavior plans, IEP's, etc...) and our educational advocates will guide you on how to get organized and advocate for your student. You will receive a free pre-loaded IEP binder with advocacy strategies and educational resources. **Registration required by Thursday, May 11th.**



### Date/Time:

Monday, May 15th  
12:30-2pm

OR

Thursday, May 18th  
6-7:30pm

### Location:

The Arc of Bristol County  
16 Hillside Ave  
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**REGISTER**



### The Arc of Bristol County Family Support department is seeking additional Family Advisory Council members!



Families of individuals that are supported by The Arc of Bristol County are invited to express interest in joining our Family Advisory Council. We are a group of family members who currently meet virtual on an every other month basis to provide feedback and ideas to the staff and administration. We assist with putting out a yearly satisfaction survey to families, give input on events, and make suggestions on how to make improvements in communicating and working with the Family Support.



**Click to learn more!**

Want to learn more? Share your contact information with us and we will invite you to our next meeting. Future meeting dates and times are scheduled according to the convenience of the council members and are flexible.

## You are invited!



We invite all moms and those playing the role of a mom to join Family Support Coordinator Ida Liguist for our upcoming virtual support groups. This is a casual atmosphere where you can gain insight from other families, socialize, and enjoy spending some time with others who understand what it's like to be a special needs caregiver. Kindly register online and you will receive the meeting link by email.

**Upcoming Virtual Moms' Support Groups:  
Tuesdays May 16th and June 27th, 7-8pm**



Follow The Arc of Bristol County on Facebook for daily information updates and further resource sharing!

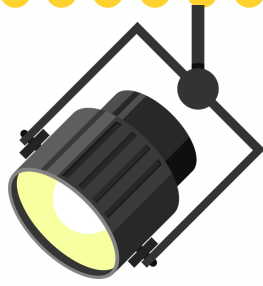


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. Children's Playgroup 10am – 12pm	2. Nurturing Fathers 5:30pm – 7:30pm	3. Teen Empowerment Group 6:15pm – 7:15pm	4. Active Parenting: First Five Years 5:30pm – 7:30pm	5. Coffee, Tea & The FRCI 10am – 12pm  True Course 3:30pm – 5pm	6. <b>Closed</b>
8. Children's Playgroup 10am – 12pm  Resume and Cover Letter Workshop 3pm – 5pm	9. Nurturing Fathers 5:30pm – 7:30pm	10. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 11am – 12:30pm  True Course 3:30pm – 5pm  Teen Empowerment Group 6:15pm – 7:15pm	11. Active Parenting: First Five Years 5:30pm – 7:30pm	12. Coffee, Tea & The FRCI 10am – 12pm	13. Mother's Day Breakfast 11am – 1pm
15. Children's Playgroup 10am – 12pm	16. IEP Workshop: Helpful Hints & Getting Organized For Your Child's IEP Meeting 10am – 12pm  Nurturing Fathers 5:30pm – 7:30pm	17. Pop-Up Pantry Day <u>"call by 5/15/23 to register"</u>  True Course 3:30pm – 5pm  Teen Empowerment Group 6:15pm – 7:15pm	18. Active Parenting: First Five Years 5:30pm – 7:30pm	19. Coffee, Tea & The FRCI 10am – 12pm	20. Taunton Downtown Art Jam 2pm – 5pm   Imagine. Create. Listen.
22. Children's Playgroup 10am – 12pm	23. Nurturing Fathers 5:30pm – 7:30pm	24. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 11am – 12:30pm  True Course 3:30pm – 5pm  Teen Empowerment Group 6:15pm – 7:15pm	25. Active Parenting: First Five Years 5:30pm – 7:30pm	26. Coffee, Tea & The FRCI 10am – 12pm  FRC Weekend Movie Night 4pm – 6pm  	27. <b>Closed</b>
29. <b>Closed for Memorial Day</b>	30. Nurturing Fathers 5:30pm – 7:30pm	31. True Course 3:30pm – 5pm  Teen Empowerment Group 6:15pm – 7:30pm	*Registration is required for these events. Please call the Family Resource Center for more information and to sign up for any of these FREE programs. ALL ARE WELCOME!*		Locally operated by:    OLD COLONY YMCA

**Hours of Operation:** Monday through Friday: 9am-5pm, Saturday: appointment or event only (Saturday 5/13 & 5/20)  
**Walk-In Hours of Operation:** Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm, and during Saturday events



# Local Resource Spotlight!



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Boston, MA 02111  
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Massachusetts Advocates for Children's mission is to remove barriers to educational and life opportunities for children and youth.

They do so by advocating for and partnering with students and families; transforming school cultures to be inclusive, safe and supportive; and creating systemic change so all children and youth can learn, reach their potential, and thrive.

They focus their advocacy on children and youth who face significant barriers, inequities, and/or discrimination because of their economic status, disability, race, ethnicity/culture, immigration status, English Learner status, and/or traumatic life experiences.



Do you have special education questions?

**Ask the Advocate!**

Family Support News is starting an "Ask the Advocate" segment. Submit your questions any time and we will follow up with the answer and include the most frequently asked questions in an upcoming newsletter! There will also be helpful tools, tips, and advice. Many thanks to our staff Educational Consultant, Angela Ferreira, for being our Family Support educational advocacy expert!

**Click to submit a question!**

