



INDEPENDENCE CENTER NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022

ECI Operational Plan

ECI recognizes the seriousness and effect that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) can have on people we work with. So that ECI staff and participants stay safe, we have established the following operational plan:

1. In observance of Juneteenth, ECI is closed on Monday, June 20, 2022.
2. ECI's office will be open for scheduled appointments only.
3. You can call and speak with your IL Coordinator about scheduling an appointment to discuss your goals.
4. ECI staff continue to be available by phone and e-mail, Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm.
5. ECI will be holding a few in-person group activities.
6. ECI's will update the Facebook page, website, and newsletter to reflect this policy and any changes.

Independent Living Skills Training Medicaid Renewal Process

Join us on **Tuesday, June 14, 2022, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm** to discuss the Medicaid renewal process. For more information, and to register, ECI participants should contact **Travis Webb** by phone at **757-351-1574** or by email at **twebb@endependence.org**. **Please inform Travis Webb no later than Friday, June 10, if you plan to attend.**



VIRGINIA ORGANIZING Listening Session for Norfolk Residents with Disabilities

Attend a virtual listening session to talk about issues you or a family member has had in the City of Norfolk regarding disability rights. This could include anything from policing to education, ADA compliance, workplace issues and more. Hear from others and make a plan of action for change!

- When: Thursday, June 2 – 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- To join on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/NorfolkListening>
- Interpreter and Closed Captioning Provided

Questions? Contact Meghan at 847-922-1213 or Meghan@virginia-organizing.org
www.Virginia-organizing.org



Y.E.A (Young Endependent Advocates) Summer Enrichment

WHO: Youth with Disabilities ages 16-24

WHAT: Independent Living Skills Training:

- Goal Planning
- Advocacy
- Work Readiness
- Social Interaction

This four-week series of workshops and interactive events will give youth with disabilities a chance to learn new skills, learn about their rights, and to socialize with others.

Participants should be motivated to be involved in activities with others and interested in learning and sharing.

WHEN: Four-week event Monday-Thursday each week 1:00pm-5:00pm each day

Week One: July 25 - 28

Week Two: August 1 - 4

Week Three: August 8 - 11

Week Four: August 15 - 18

WHERE: Endependence Center, 6300 E. Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk
Depending on weather, and interest of the participants, one event a week will be at a different community location.

TRANSPORTATION: Participants will arrange their own transportation. Paratransit and bus tickets will be provided.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Accommodations for disability will be provided. Request when registering.

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration required. Accepted on a first come, first served basis with a priority for youth who plan to attend all four weeks.

CONTACT: Amy Ouellette, aouellette@endependence.org, (757) 351-1597





Upcoming Local Job Fairs and Hiring Events

Tru Home Health Care Hiring Event

Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Address: 861 Glenrock Road. Suite 114, Norfolk VA, 23502

Need: Social Media Manager, Personal Care Aids and more!

Tidewater Staffing Job Fair

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Address: 157 N. Main Street, Suffolk, VA

Need: Reach Truck Operators, Unloaders and loaders, Stock and Cherry Picker Operators, and Forklift drivers.

Elite Hearts Nurse Staffing Job Fair

Date: Every Saturday, June 4 (11, 18, 25), 2022

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Address: 3210 Churchland Blvd. Suite #5 Chesapeake, VA 23321

2nd Annual Department of Labor Career Fair

Date: Friday, June 24, 2022

Time: 9:30am to 7:00pm

To register: <https://www.dol.gov/general/jobs>

For more information about upcoming job fairs, please visit <https://www.vec.virginia.gov/node/14321>
ECI's Employment Network Contact: Carol Robinson, 757-351-1570, crobinson@endependence.org

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Beginning July 16, 2022, people can dial 988 and connect to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

The new 988 dialing code will be available for call, text, or chat. Until July 16, those experiencing a mental health or suicide-related crisis, or those helping a loved one through crisis, should continue to reach the **Lifeline** at its current number, **1-800-273-8255**. The 10-digit Lifeline number will remain after July 16, 2022.

For more information, ECI participants can visit the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988>

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You can access it two
different ways

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2. Go to your personal Facebook page, and in the search box, look for **Endeppendence Center, Inc. – Norfolk, Virginia**

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