

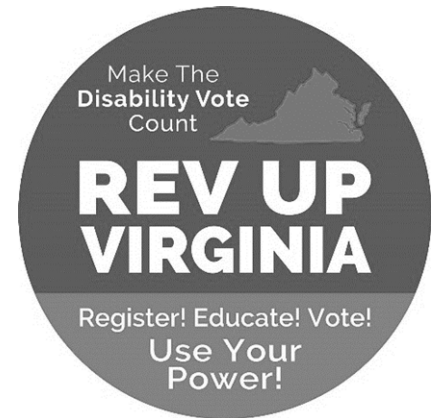
# ENDEPENDENCE CENTER NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2023

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## ECI to Host Event with REV UP Virginia for Disability Voting Rights Week.

This November, all 40 seats of the Virginia Senate and all 100 seats of the Virginia House of Delegates will be on the ballot, as well as many local offices. Due to redistricting, new districts have been drawn, and some voting locations changed. ECI is working with REV UP Virginia (Register, Educate, Vote, Use your Power) and local organizations to celebrate Disability Voting Rights Week.



On Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am – 3:00pm, ECI will host an event with REV UP Virginia, where Virginians with disabilities can register to vote, confirm their new district, learn about accessible voting and mail-in ballots, and even see an accessible voting machine! There will also be an open forum to discuss why our vote matters. ASL Interpreters will be available. For other accommodation needs, e-mail [ehoapili@endependence.org](mailto:ehoapili@endependence.org).

Let's **SHOW THE POWER OF THE DISABILITY VOTE** and make sure **WE'RE HEARD** in **EVERY** election. **YOU** have the **POWER** to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

*The national REV UP campaign is a program of the American Association of People with Disabilities. Visit [www.aapd.com/revup](http://www.aapd.com/revup) for more information.*

## Prepare for Hurricane Season

Hurricane season began June 1 and goes through November 30. Being ready for a hurricane or other disaster is a part of maintaining your independence. Each person with a disability should develop a Personalized Emergency Plan that can be implemented during a disaster. For more information, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). We have also posted links and checklists to our website.

## Housing Wait List Opening at Kindred

For a limited time, Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA) will open its Project Based Voucher/Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program waitlist and accept applications for Origin Circle at Kindred and Senior Living at Kindred. For more information, visit our website or e-mail [vclay@endependence.org](mailto:vclay@endependence.org).

# **SEPTEMBER 2023**

## **Endependence Center, Inc. Events**

Held at ECI, 6300 E. Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk

**9<sup>th</sup> REV UP! Event 11:00am – 3:00pm**

**SAT** To celebrate Disability Voting Rights Week, ECI is co-hosting an event with REV UP Virginia. For details, see page 1.

**13<sup>th</sup> ECI Board of Directors Meeting 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**WED** ECI's Board of Directors meetings are open to the public.

**16<sup>th</sup> Youth Independent Living Skills Training: How to Get Involved in the**

**SAT Community and Advocacy 1:30pm – 3:00pm**

Learn about how to find out what is going on in your community, how to get involved and how to advocate.

**20<sup>TH</sup> Independent Living Skills Training: Time Use 2:00pm – 3:30pm**

**WED** Time use, or time management, means using your time well. Using your time well allows you to meet your goals, build stronger relationships, and lower your stress. Time use may also mean exploring ways to spend your time and learning about what you like to do. Learn the ins and outs of time use.

## **Community Events & News**

*Transportation tickets are NOT provided to attend community events.*

**1<sup>ST</sup> Silent Dinner 5:00pm – 8:00pm**

**FRI Lynnhaven Mall (701 Lynnhaven Parkway, Virginia Beach)**

Southside Silent Dinner is a silent, social, family-friendly event for the deaf community, CODA (Child of Deaf Adult), ASL beginners and students, and others interested in ASL.



**24<sup>th</sup> Deaf Awareness Day 9:30am – 1:00pm**

**SUN Crossroads Community Church (1420 Lakeside Drive, Yorktown)**

Crossroads Community Church will be hosting an event for Deaf Awareness Day. Deaf and hard-of-hearing vendors and exhibits, along with ECI staff, will be attending. ASL interpreters will be on site. Refreshments provided. For more information, e-mail [CCCdeafministry@yahoo.com](mailto:CCCdeafministry@yahoo.com).

***Note: There will be no participant-led event this month.***

# September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><i>*These events are not organized by ECI. Bus and paratransit tickets will not be provided by ECI.</i></p>					1	2
					<p><b>Silent Dinner*</b> @ Lynnhaven Mall 5:00pm – 8:00pm</p>	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<p><b>ECI CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY</b></p>					<p><b>REV UP! Event</b> @ ECI 11:00am – 3:00pm</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 <p><b>National Disability Voting Rights Week</b></p>			<p><b>ECI Board Meeting</b> @ ECI 1:00pm – 3:00pm</p>			<p><b>Youth ILS Training Community &amp; Advocacy</b> @ ECI 1:30pm – 3:00pm</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			<p><b>ILS Training: Time Use</b> @ ECI 2:00pm – 3:30pm</p>			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p><b>Deaf Awareness Event*</b> @ Crossroads 2:00pm – 3:30pm</p>						



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[www.endependence.org](http://www.endependence.org)  
or call  
(757) 461-8007, option 4

## Accommodations

To request accommodations  
for ECI activities:  
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## Social Media

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