

ENDEPENDENCE CENTER NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

Celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month



Each October, during National Disability Employment Awareness Month, or “NDEAM,” we celebrate the value and talent workers with disabilities add to America’s workplaces and economy. NDEAM’s purpose is to confirm our commitment to ensuring disabled workers have access to good jobs, every month of every year. That’s the spirit behind this year’s official theme: “Access to Good Jobs for All.”

ECI offers employment support to persons with disabilities via the Ticket to Work program, as well as benefits counseling. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.endependence.org>.

You’re Invited: Halloween Party

ECI will celebrate Halloween with a Staff & Participant Party! Join us Thursday, October 31, 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Costumes are not required, but encouraged. Costumes can be funny or spooky, but should not be excessively scary, noisy, obscene, or revealing. Light snacks will be provided.

There is no cost to attend. Please register with Katherine Keesler by calling 757-351-1569 or emailing kkeesler@endependence.org.



Election 2024: Important Dates

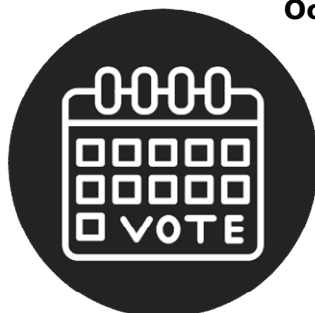
Election Day is **Tuesday, November 5**. Other important dates include:

October 15: Deadline to **register to vote** (or **update a registration**). Note, anyone who registers after this date can vote through Election Day using a provisional ballot.

October 25: Deadline to **apply for a ballot to be mailed** to you.

October 26: Voter registration offices open on Saturdays for early voting.

November 2: Last-day of in-person early voting.



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Endeppendence Center, Inc. Events

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

- 9th WED** **Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) 2:00pm – 3:30pm**
The CAC will discuss systems advocacy issues participants want to work on together with ECI staff.
- 10th & 17th THU** **Independent Living Skills Training on Podcasts 2:00pm – 3:30pm**
“What’s Bugging You?” – Podcast Editing Session
The “What’s Bugging You” series will meet twice this month and review how to edit audio files to bring an episode together. Both sessions will be held in the Media Room. Note, this ILS will not meet in November and December.
- 16th WED** **Independent Living Skills Training 2:00pm – 3:30pm**
Voting Rights: Join REV UP find out more about YOUR voting rights, curbside voting, check your registration status, register to vote, and more!
- 19th SAT** **Youth Independent Living Skills Training 1:30pm – 3:00pm**
Halloween Fun – costumes welcome!
- 30th WED** ***NEW* Group Peer Mentoring Discussion 2:00pm – 3:30pm**
The monthly Group Peer Mentoring Discussion is an opportunity for participants to share experiences, provide information, and support one another to accomplish their goals.
- 31st THU** **Participant & Staff Halloween Party 2:00pm – 3:30pm**
See page 1 for details.

Community Events & News

Transportation tickets are NOT provided to attend community events.

- 4th FRI** **Silent Dinner 5:30pm – 8:00pm**
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.
- 5th SAT** **ASL Hangout 6:00pm – 9:00pm**
Vanguard Brewpub and Distillery (504 N King St, Hampton)
The ASL Hangout goal is to bring deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing people together to socialize and expand the ASL/deaf community. All users of sign language, any level, are welcome!
- 15th TUE** **Participant-Led Event 12noon – 2:30pm**
Kelly’s Tavern (1412 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake)
This event is organized by participants.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
					Silent Dinner* @ Lynnhaven Mall 5:30pm – 8:00pm	ASL Hang-out* @ The Vanguard Brewpub 6:00pm – 9:00pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) @ ECI 2:00pm – 3:30pm	ILS Training: What's Bugging You?" Edit Session @ ECI 2:00pm – 3:30pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	ECI CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY	Participant-Led Event* @ Kelly's Tavern Noon – 2:30pm <i>Voter Registration Deadline</i>	ILS Training: Voting Rights @ ECI 2:00pm – 3:30pm	ILS Training: What's Bugging You?" Edit Session @ ECI 2:00pm – 3:30pm		Youth ILS Training: Halloween Fun! @ ECI 1:30pm – 3:00pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					<i>Deadline to Apply for a Mail-In Ballot</i>	<i>Voter Registrar Offices Open for Early Voting</i>
27	28	29	30	31		
			NEW Group Peer Mentoring @ ECI 2:00pm – 3:30pm	Participant & Staff Halloween Party @ ECI 2:00pm – 3:30pm	*These events are not organized by ECI. Bus and paratransit tickets will not be provided by ECI.	

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



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