

THE ENDEPENDENCE CENTER

June 2025

Opening Doors to Opportunities

Proposed Federal Changes: ECI to Hold Meetings to Discuss Potential Impacts



The federal Administration and the U.S. Congress continue efforts to develop a new federal budget for the funding year beginning October 1, 2025. Details continue to be developed. ECI will hold two meetings to discuss federal changes that have been proposed and for advocates to discuss the impact of proposed changes. Both meetings will cover the same topics. Please plan to attend the meeting that works best for your schedule. Both meetings will be at ECI. To register to attend by Zoom, please visit <https://endependence.org/zoom>.

Wednesday, June 4, 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Thursday, June 5, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

To request accommodations for the meeting you plan to attend, please contact Tammy Manno, 757-351-1586, 757-461-7527 TDD, tmanno@endependence.org.

Reminder: The CAC Wants to Hear From You



The Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) conducts an annual ECI Participant Satisfaction Survey to gather information regarding the quality of services active participants receive from ECI staff. The CAC compiles survey results without interference by ECI staff and presents the findings so we can deliver high quality services and meet participants' needs. **The survey was mailed to all active participants in May. If you have not already done so, please complete the survey, and use the enclosed return envelope to mail it back. If you prefer, you can also complete the survey online at <http://www.endependence.org/feedback>.**

EVENT LISTINGS

June 2025



ECI Events

Unless noted otherwise, events are held at ECI (6300 E. Virginia Beach Blvd., Norfolk)

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| 4th WED | Federal Budget Discussion See page 1. | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Zoom Option |
| 5th THU | Federal Budget Discussion See page 1. | 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Zoom Option |
| 11th WED | Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) This month, we'll discuss the Annual Participant Satisfaction Survey and upcoming ILS training topics. | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | |
| 18th WED | Independent Living Skills Training June's Independent Living Skills Training is the first in our new ILS Training Series, <i>Health & Wellness Planning</i> . This month, participants will create documents about their health and goals, and set goals. | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Zoom Option |
| 24th TUE | Independent Living Skills Training on Podcasts This month, we'll brainstorm episode topics for our fourth episode. | 3:00pm - 4:30pm | |
| 25th WED | Group Peer Mentoring The monthly Group Peer Mentoring Discussion is an opportunity for participants to share experiences, provide information, and support one another to accomplish their goals. | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | |
| 28th SAT | Youth Independent Living Skills Training Summer Goals and Plans: This month, we're coming together to discuss your summer goals and plans as well as ways to accomplish your summer goals and plans by discovering events you want to attend. | 1:30pm - 3:00pm | |

Community Events & News

Transportation tickets are NOT provided to attend community events.

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| 2nd MON | PEATC Community Office Hours Endeppence Center (6300 E. Virginia Beach Blvd., Norfolk) This is an opportunity for families to visit Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) staff in-person. For questions, call or text PEATC's Region 2 Family Support Specialist at (757) 271-6613 or visit https://peatc.org . | 10:00am - 1:00pm | |
| 6th FRI | Silent Dinner Market Hall Dining Pavillion @ Norfolk Outlets (1600 Premium Outlets Blvd., Norfolk) All are welcome! Come meet the Deaf Community, ASL-English interpreters, ASL students, CODA (Child of Deaf Adult), signers, and others interested in ASL. | 5:30pm - 8:00pm | |

JUNE 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| 1 | 2 PEATC Community Office Hours* @ ECI 10:00am – 1:00pm | 3 | 4 Federal Budget Discussion @ ECI 2:00pm - 3:30pm | 5 Federal Budget Discussion @ ECI 6:00pm – 7:30pm | 6 Silent Dinner* @ Norfolk Outlets 5:30pm – 8:00pm | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Consumer Advisory Committee @ ECI 2:00pm - 3:30pm | 12 | 13 | 14 ASL Hangout* @ Ocean View Fishing Pier 6:00pm – 9:00pm |
| 15 FATHER'S day | 16 | 17 | 18 ILS Training: Health & Wellness Planning @ ECI 2:00pm - 3:30pm | 19 ECI CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 ILS Training on Podcasts @ ECI 3:00pm – 4:30pm | 25 Group Peer Mentoring @ ECI 2:00pm - 3:30pm | 26 | 27 | 28 Youth ILS: Summer Goals & Plans @ ECI 1:30pm – 3:00pm |
| 29 | 30 | <p><i>*This event is not organized by ECI and bus and Paratransit tickets will not be provided</i></p> <p><i>The TOUCH Group will not be meeting in June.</i></p> <p><i>Events subject to change. Check the ECI website and Facebook for up-to-date information.</i></p> | | | | |



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