ENDEPENDENCE CENTER

June 2025

Opening Doors to Opportunities

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



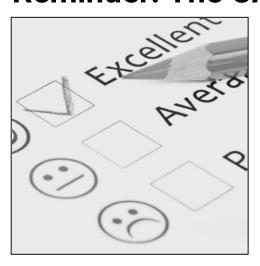
The federal Administration and the U.S. Congress continue efforts to develop a new federal budget for the funding year beginning October 1, 2025. Details continue to be developed. ECI will hold two meetings to discuss federal changes that have been proposed and for advocates to discuss the impact of 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)

4th Federal Budget Discussion 2:00pm - 3:30pm Zoom Option

WED See page 1.

5th Federal Budget Discussion 6:00pm - 7:30pm Zoom Option

THU See page 1.

11th Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) 2:00pm - 3:30pm

WED This month, we'll discuss the Annual Participant Satisfaction Survey and upcoming ILS

training topics.

18th Independent Living Skills Training 2:00pm - 3:30pm Zoom Option

WED June's Independent Living Skills Training is the first in our new ILS Training Series, Health & Wellness Planning. This month, participants will create documents about their health

and goals, and set goals.

24th Independent Living Skills Training on Podcasts 3:00pm - 4:30pm

TUE This month, we'll brainstorm episode topics for our fourth episode.

25th Group Peer Mentoring 2:00pm - 3:30pm

WED The monthly Group Peer Mentoring Discussion is an opportunity for participants to share

experiences, provide information, and support one another to accomplish their goals.

28th Youth Independent Living Skills Training 1:30pm – 3:00pm

SAT 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.

Community Events & News

Transportation tickets are NOT provided to attend community events.

2nd PEATC Community Office Hours 10:00am – 1:00pm

MON Endependence 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.

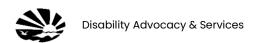
6th Silent Dinner 5:30pm – 8:00pm

FRI 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.

JUNE 2025

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



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