

Spring 2020 Educational & Empowerment Seminar Series

Free and open to the community

All seminars will be held at the Katz Building on the campus of the Posnack JCC
5890 S. Pine Island Road, Davie, FL 33328

Tuesday
January 7, 2020
10:30 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m.

Surfing in Cyberspace - Keeping Your Loved One Safe on the Internet Highway

The internet is clearly one of the greatest inventions of the last century. While surfing the web can be fun, it can also be very dangerous, especially for those with developmental disabilities. Internet safety is extremely important. This workshop explores the pros and cons of spending time in cyberspace, and offers tips on how to be protected from scams and catfishing and how to keep personal information safe while on the internet.

Educator: Jacqueline Wood, FAU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

Tuesday
February 4, 2020
10:30 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m.

Identifying and Preventing Abuse of People with Developmental Disabilities

Abuse and exploitation are constant dangers for people with developmental disabilities. According to a recent study, they are four to ten times more likely to be abused than their peers without disabilities. In this workshop, adults with developmental disabilities and their families will learn what abuse is, what the signs of abuse are, what to do if you or a loved one has experienced abuse and what steps can be taken to reduce the risk of abuse.

Educators: Sierra Schnitzer and Rhonda Schuval, Goodman JFS of Broward County

Tuesday
March 10, 2020
10:30 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m.

Medicaid Waiver and Consumer Directed Care +

The Med Waiver and CDC+ are two state funding programs that assist Floridians who have developmental disabilities. This workshop provides a comprehensive overview of the various Medicaid waivers available in Florida, the criteria for eligibility, the application process, what to do while on the waiting list, and what services are covered once you receive funding.

Educators: Pamela Romack and Beatrice Dejoie, Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Tuesday
April 14, 2020
10:30 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m.

Alphabet Soup - Understanding Social Security for People with Disabilities

Applying for and receiving Social Security benefits can be extremely challenging for most people. This is especially true for someone with a developmental disability. In this workshop, Social Security benefits consultant Richard Friedkin will explain the differences between the SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) programs, as well as how to qualify for benefits, the application, interview and appeals process, and how to continue qualifying for benefits while working.

Educator: Richard Friedkin, Friedkin Associates

Tuesday
May 12, 2020
10:30 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m.

Letters of Intent, Special Needs Trusts and Able Accounts

It is incorrect to assume that financial planning is strictly for the wealthy. This workshop addresses the importance of financial and estate planning for people with developmental disabilities, including letters of intent, special needs trusts, beneficiaries and trustees, Able Accounts, benefits of using a financial planner, and how to find an experienced and honest financial professional to address your specific needs.

Educator: Melissa L. Barnhardt, Esq., Wells Fargo



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