

The Changing Landscape of Community and Residential Supports for Persons with Disabilities Webinar Series

Professionals, self-advocates, and family members are invited to this 4-part webinar series presented by the Task Force on Jewish Residential Alternatives for Adults with Disabilities outlining the changing landscape of community and residential supports for persons with disabilities. Spring and summer sessions will provide participants with an understanding of self-advocacy and best practices related to life planning and transitions from school to emerging adulthood. Fall and winter sessions will focus on changing policy impacting the creation of and access to residential services as well as changes to Medicaid and other policies that impact access to an array of support services.

The series is offered free of charge to all AJFCA network professionals and available to clients of AJFCA members and professionals and clients at non-member organizations for a fee. Register for each session individually or sign up for the entire series below.

Register for the entire series [here](#).
\$30

Life Planning

March 18, 2015, 1PM EST
Register [here](#) for \$10

Presenter Meredith Lee, Educational Coordinator and Family Consultant for the Melvin J. and Claire Levine LifePlanning® program, a free service of Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service & Levine Jewish Residential & Family Service, will highlight important elements to consider in planning for the future of a family member with special needs. The LifePlanning® program coordinates a yearly educational seminar series and offers one-on-one consultation to families for the purpose of developing future planning "next-steps" for their family members who have disabilities. This webinar will provide a brief overview of the program and will address essential topics one should consider in the future planning process, such as benefits, legal and financial planning, residential options, and vocation. Participants will gain insight into how they can be strong advocates and better prepared for future decision making.

Emerging Adulthood: Successful Transitioning from School to the Adult Community

June 17, 2015, 1 PM EST
Register [here](#) for \$10

Deborah Fisher, Strategic Change Consultant at Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, will present this webinar focused on the elements of a program that successfully promote individually determined transitions of young adults with disabilities from

the safety and familiarity of their schools to the adult community. The Jewish Foundation for Group Homes of Rockville, Maryland created the Meaningful Opportunities for Successful Transitions (MOST™) program in order to address the growing need for adults who either do not fit into existing programs, or who preferred to take time to focus on a particular skill or skills that would open up more opportunities for future jobs, school, or living and social arrangements. The webinar will address typical developing young adults' transitions, planning for successful transitions, the MOST™ program, and outcomes.

Residential Programming

October 21, 2015, 1PM EST

Register [here](#) for \$10

Funding for residential programming is experiencing a rapid shift away from congregate settings and towards individualized, person-centered supports. Join AJFCA members in a discussion with one of the top funders of Jewish residential services to learn about best practices for residential programming and the philosophy of funding residential programs in the future.

Changing Legislation

December 16, 2015, 1PM EST

Register [here](#) for \$10

Allan Bergman, CEO of High Impact Consulting, will review changes to Medicaid and other policies impacting persons with disabilities and their families. Allan is a recognized thought leader in influencing the development of federal and state policy reflecting best practice supports and services for persons with disabilities. This session will provide important information for both professionals and self-advocates interested in understanding changes for federal policy throughout 2014 and 2015 and anticipating future legislative changes.



Life Planning

This webinar will highlight important things to consider regarding future planning for a family member with special needs. Presenter Meredith Lee works as an

Educational Coordinator and Family Consultant in the Melvin J. and Claire Levine LifePlanning® program, which is a free service of Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service & Levine Jewish Residential & Family Service. The program coordinates a yearly educational seminar series and offers one-on-one consultation to families for the purpose of developing future planning "next-steps" for their family members



who have disabilities. This webinar will provide a brief overview of the program and will also address essential topics one should consider in the future planning process, such as benefits, legal and financial planning, residential options, and vocation. Participants will gain insight into how they can be strong advocates and better prepared for future decision making.

This is the first webinar in a 4-part series focused on the changing landscape of community and residential supports presented by the Task Force on Jewish Residential Alternatives for Adults with Disabilities.

March 18, 2015 1-2PM EST

EMERGING ADULTHOOD: Successful Transitioning from School to the Adult Community

Deborah Fisher, Strategic Change Consultant at Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, will present this webinar focused on the elements of a program that successfully promote individually determined transitions of young adults with disabilities from the safety and familiarity of their schools to the adult community. The Jewish Foundation for Group Homes of Rockville, Maryland created the Meaningful Opportunities for Successful Transitions (MOST™) program in order to address the growing need for adults who either do not fit into existing programs, or who preferred to take time to focus on a particular skill or skills that would open up more opportunities for future jobs, school, or living and social arrangements. The webinar will address typical developing young adults' transitions, planning for successful transitions, the MOST™ program, and outcomes.

This is the second webinar in a 4-part series focused on the changing landscape of community and residential supports presented by the Task Force on Jewish Residential Alternatives for Adults with Disabilities.

June 17, 2015 1-2PM EST

Residential Programming

Funding for residential programming is experiencing a rapid shift away from group homes and towards individualized, person-centered supports. Join AJFCA members in a discussion with one of the top funders of Jewish residential services to learn about best practices for residential programming and the philosophy of funding these programs in the future.

This is the third webinar in a 4-part series focused on the changing landscape of community and residential supports presented by the Task Force on Jewish Residential Alternatives for Adults with Disabilities.

October 21, 2015 1-2PM EST

Changing Legislation

Allan Bergman, CEO of High Impact Consulting, will review changes to Medicaid and other policies impacting persons with disabilities and their families. Allan is a recognized thought leader in influencing the development of federal and state policy reflecting best practice supports and services for persons with disabilities. This session will provide important information for both professionals and self-advocates interested in understanding changes for federal policy throughout 2014 and 2015 and anticipating future legislation.

December 16, 2015, 1PM EST