

ExpertCare CHRONICLE

October 2026



OCTOBER GIVEAWAY

We're drawing two winners for
October to Target!

Find out who won in next
month's Newsletter!

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NOVEMBER GIVEAWAY

Congrats to September 2026
Giveaway Winners:

Clarence Rabb & Patrick Meyer

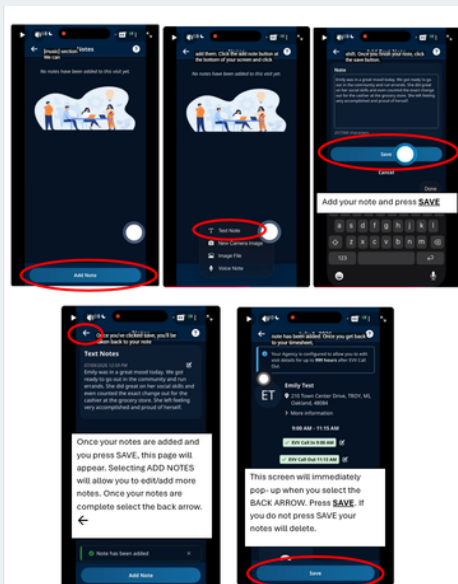


HHA TIP OF THE MONTH

October 2026

Don't Forget Your Shift Notes!

If you are going back to add your notes to a visit, you will need to make sure you are clicking **both save** buttons; once when you add your note and a second time when you're saving your notes to your timesheet. If you do not press the second **save** button, your notes will be deleted. Please see the image below for a step-by-step process of adding your notes and clicking both **save** buttons.



ExpertCare HHA+ Refresher Trainings Held Weekly:

Wednesday, Oct. 7th at 10am

Monday, Oct. 12th at 12pm

Thursday, Oct. 22nd at 3pm

Wednesday, Oct. 28th at 10am

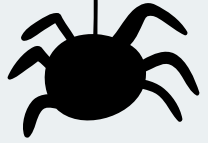
If you are interested in joining our virtual refresher training for the app, please use this link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/270767705834444?p=zmbjjT5Ri7UjjJeqIw>

PAYROLL CORNER



**COUNTY FISCAL YEAR END IS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**



All shift corrections through September 30 must be submitted by Monday, October 5, 2026 at 8am without exception. We will not be able to process any shifts with outstanding corrections beyond this date due to the county fiscal year end deadline.

WE MUST RECEIVE ALL VISITS BY MONDAY 10/5/26 at 8AM!

AUTOMATED TEXT MESSAGES

If you haven't already, you will begin to receive automated text messages going out every Monday to you if you are missing something from your timesheet. Please save this number in your phone as it will let you know if we are missing something on your timesheet for that pay week:

(248) 643-4360

This is an automated number so if you have any questions or need assistance, please make sure to reach out to your Billing Specialist or give us a call to speak with a member of the HHA Specialist Team at (248) 643-8900.



MISD SPECIAL NEEDS EXPO 2026

ExpertCare was so excited to join in on the EXPO for our 3rd year in a row!



We even had the opportunity to meet our recipients and caregivers in person!





UPCOMING EVENTS

MACOMB

TRUNK OR TREAT AT BIG BEST IN GAMES - WARREN! 🎃

GET READY FOR A SPOOKTACULAR TIME AT BIG BEST IN GAMES - WARREN! JOIN US FOR OUR TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT, WHERE FAMILIES CAN ENJOY A FUN-FILLED HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION WITH DECORATED CARS, SWEET TREATS, COSTUMES, AND PLENTY OF FESTIVE FUN. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY, DRESS UP IN YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME, AND GET READY TO TRICK-OR-TREAT IN A SAFE AND EXCITING ENVIRONMENT!

 **17** SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026
 STARTING AT 10:00 AM

-  TRICK-OR-TREATING
-  FESTIVE DECORATED TRUNKS
-  COSTUMES & FAMILY FUN
-  SPOOKY PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US FOR A HALLOWEEN EVENT THE WHOLE FAMILY WILL LOVE!

BIG BEST IN GAMES - WARREN
COME FOR THE GAMES, STAY FOR THE HALLOWEEN FUN! 🎃

Halloween Spooktacular in Shelby Township
October 10th 2026
Free Halloween event featuring trick-or-treating, spooky crafts, cider and donuts, and a kid-friendly haunted garden. Registration is required and spots are limited.

Halloween Hoopla

Macomb Township - Macomb Township Recreation Center
October 16th

A family-friendly Halloween costume carnival with a magic show, trunk-or-treat trail, haunted house, DJ dance party, and photo opportunities.
Residents: \$5 adults / \$8 children
Non-residents: \$10 adults / \$13 children. Pre-registration is required, with tickets limited.

English Gardens Fall Family Fest

October 17th
44850 Garfield Rd. Clinton Township
586-286-6100

Family fall event with seasonal activities and hayrides.

Children- \$3.00
Adults- \$5.00





UPCOMING EVENTS

OAKLAND

🌙✨ MOONLIGHT MARKET IN WATERFORD ✨🌙

DISCOVER SOMETHING SPECIAL AFTER DARK AT THE MOONLIGHT MARKET IN WATERFORD! JOIN US FOR AN EVENING FILLED WITH LOCAL VENDORS, UNIQUE FINDS, DELICIOUS TREATS, AND A LIVELY COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE.

 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026
 STARTING AT 4:30 PM
 WATERFORD

STROLL THROUGH THE MARKET, SHOP SMALL, DISCOVER NEW FAVORITES, AND ENJOY A FUN EVENING WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ONE-OF-A-KIND GIFTS, HANDMADE TREASURES, OR SIMPLY A GREAT WAY TO SPEND YOUR EVENING, THE MOONLIGHT MARKET HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

-  SHOP LOCAL VENDORS
-  ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD & TREATS
-  DISCOVER HANDMADE & UNIQUE FINDS
-  ENJOY AN EVENING OF COMMUNITY & FUN

SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US AT THE MOONLIGHT MARKET! 🌙✨

Southfield Civic Center- Halloween Happiness

Specifically designed for individuals 16+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Includes music, dancing, trick-or-treating, carnival games and pizza. Pre-registration is required.

October 21st
26000 Evergreen Rd. Southfield MI.
48076
248-858-0916 / 248-221-8040
\$8.00/person

Bloomfield Hills School Farm Fall Festival

Bloomfield Hill's School Farm -
Pumpkin Patch
Festival has pumpkins, wagon rides, animals, seasonal games, crafts, inflatables and a hay-climbing tower. Admission is \$17 per person

Halloween Movie Night Riverside Park,
Auburn Hills
October 2nd
free outdoor showing of Monsters Inc.
Bring blankets and lawn chairs. A
Halloween giveaway will also be available
before the movie.





UPCOMING EVENTS

WAYNE

WYANDOTTE'S OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!

GRAB YOUR BLANKETS, LAWN CHAIRS, AND FAVORITE MOVIE SNACKS—IT'S TIME FOR WYANDOTTE'S OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!

 **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026**

 **7:00 PM**

 **WYANDOTTE**

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING UNDER THE STARS! RELAX, ENJOY THE FRESH AUTUMN AIR, AND SETTLE IN FOR A MOVIE NIGHT THE WHOLE FAMILY CAN ENJOY.

 **MOVIE UNDER THE STARS**

 **OUTDOOR FAMILY FUN**

 **BRING YOUR BLANKETS & LAWN CHAIRS**

 **FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL MOVIE NIGHT IN WYANDOTTE!  

Stand Out! Adaptive Adult Org: Social Night Halloween Party

Knights of Columbus:

28301 Little Mack Avenue

St Clair Shores, MI 48081

6:30pm - 8:30pm

\$15.00 per person

Caregivers/Parents are free to attend

Registration required and opens October 1st. Scan below for registration info:



Wayne County Harvest Festival

Crosswinds Marsh, New
Boston

Saturday, October 17

 **FREE**

Family-friendly harvest event with a forested hayride, bonfire, games and crafts. Kids 17 and under can participate in a costume parade.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center
Low cost outing with turtles, reptiles and local nature/ecosystem exhibits. It's open Monday-Saturday. You can combine the visit with a walk or picnic.



CAREGIVER OF THE MONTH



LAUREN PRYOR

ECare: What made you decide to become a Caregiver?

Lauren: I decided to become a caregiver because I am in school for Social Work to become a therapist. I feel like caregiving is a direct way to gain experience helping others and making real changes in the world. Caregiving and volunteering have taught me a lot more than my textbooks ever could. I'm graduating from Macomb Community College during the winter semester, and then I will be attending Wayne State University to pursue my BSW and eventually my MSW.

ECare: What is the most exciting part of your job?

Lauren: The most exciting part of my job is going on fun outings with my recipients and seeing how much they improve over time. There's something special about forming bonds with individuals and their families and being able to be someone they can count on. I love being a safe and supportive person for my recipients while also getting to do exciting things together, like crafting or going to the movies.

ECare: What do you do for fun?

Lauren: In my spare time, I enjoy caring for my 11 houseplants. Sometimes I even sing to them to encourage growth! I also enjoy reading, doing yoga, thrift shopping, and traveling with my boyfriend whenever possible.

ECare: Have you ever met anyone famous?

Lauren: I've never met anyone famous, unfortunately, but if I did, I would love to meet Megan Thee Stallion. Her music and philanthropy inspire me deeply. Megan is one of my favorite artists, and she inspires me to pursue my education despite hardships every day.

ECare: What is your best piece of advice for other Caregivers?

Lauren: My best piece of advice for other caregivers is to remember that some days will be fun, and others will be tough. Sometimes individuals have a bad day, and it might come off on you, but that doesn't necessarily mean you did anything wrong. On days like these, and especially during stressful times, remember that it's okay to take that bathroom break, take a moment to breathe, and then get back to it.

ECare: What have you learned from your Caregiving experience that has helped you in other aspects of your life?

Lauren: From caregiving, I would say I've learned how to implement boundaries better in my personal life. Sometimes you need to say "no" to certain things to protect yourself and the recipient, while still doing so in a way that respects their autonomy. This hasn't always come naturally to me, but since learning to set boundaries as a caregiver, I've noticed that I've become better at saying no to things in my personal life in order to protect my mental health and overall well-being.



We are excited to recognize Lauren Pryor as our Caregiver of the Month!

Every family that Lauren has worked with has consistently shared wonderful feedback about her and expressed how thankful they are to have her as part of their lives. Her dedication, caring nature, and commitment to the individuals she supports have made a lasting impression on every family she has served.

Lauren is also an excellent communicator and never hesitates to reach out when she needs assistance or has a concern. Her willingness to ask questions, communicate openly, and ensure everything is going well demonstrates how much she genuinely cares about providing the best possible support to her recipients and their families.

We are incredibly grateful to have Lauren as part of the ExpertCare team. Her compassion, communication, and dedication exemplify the qualities we value in our caregivers and make a meaningful difference in the lives of the families we serve.

Thank you for demonstrating ExpertCare's core values of:

Champion People
Pursue Excellence
Own the Impact
Be Stronger Together
Inspire Joy
Innovate Boldly



EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Debra Byrd - 25 Years
Peggy Staley - 20 Years
Lovette Fisher - 10 Years

5 Years

Reginald Travis Jr
Cindy Lahm-Phoel
Amaria Knight

5 Years

Dimitre Yousif
Cynthia Davis
Zena Shamoon

EXPERTCARE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: AMBER MALOTT



What is your job title and role at ExpertCare?

As a Lead Recruiter, I oversee our recruiting team and help drive staffing and onboarding efforts across the organization. Much of my work focuses on process improvement, compliance, and operational support to ensure a smooth experience for both employees and the families we serve. I enjoy collaborating with teams across ExpertCare to solve challenges and build more effective systems.

What do you enjoy most about working with your colleagues?

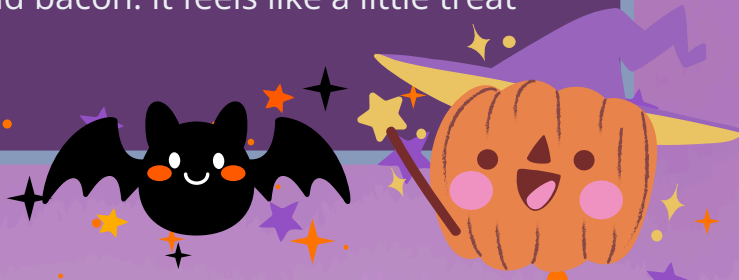
The collaborative spirit and genuine compassion everyone brings every single day. Whether we're collaborating across departments on new initiatives or navigating complex staffing needs, our team is always ready to step up, support one another, and celebrate each other's wins.

What is one piece of advice you want to share with our Caregivers and Therapists?

Never underestimate the impact of your daily presence. The small moments of care, patience, and empathy you show every day make a world of difference to the individuals and families we serve.

If you had to eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Breakfast for dinner, especially pancakes and bacon. It feels like a little treat no matter what time of day it is.





RECIPIENT RIGHTS CORNER



Mental Health Services Suited to Condition

Every person we support has a unique set of needs and goals. Under Michigan law, they have an absolute right to care suited specifically to them. As a caregiver, you bring this right to life simply by following their unique plan and respecting their pace.

Questions?

Contact ExpertCare at 248-643-8900

*Recipient Rights Is Everybody's
Business.*

We are here to help!

Pause and Ask:

Am I following the plan?

Am I delivering the exact care
authorized for this specific person
today?

Am I rushing?

Am I keeping a patient pace that
matches the consumer's comfort
level?

Am I over-helping?

Am I giving them the space to try
things on their own first?

Am I providing a safe environment?

Is the space clean, dignified, and safe
while I provide care?

What this looks like:

Stick to the Blueprint:

Following the care plan exactly
as written ensures the consumer
gets the precise, authorized
support they need.

Promote Independence:

Step back and let the consumer
do as much as they safely can
for themselves. Care suited to a
condition always builds skills,
never takes them away.

Respect the Pace:

Everyone has different comfort
levels. Moving at the consumer's
speed makes sure the care feels
supportive, not forced.



Guide to The Work Number

Automated income and
employment verifications from
The Work Number database

The Work Number® from Equifax helps
privately and quickly provide automated
income and employment verifications 24
hours a day, 7 days a week to help keep your
life moving! No more searching for paystubs!



What can theworknumber.com do for me?

Get an Employment Data Report (EDR):
A consumer report required by the Fair Credit
Reporting Act (FCRA) so you can see your personal
information and who requested it. We want you to
be able to see this report so here's how:



Fill out the Employment Data Report
Request Form and mail or email it to:
Equifax Workforce Solutions
ATTN: EDR

3470 Rider Trail South
Earth City, MO 63045



Email: EDR@equifax.com
(Use of secure email function recommended)

Ask for Data Dispute Assistance:
If you notice something inaccurate on your
Employment Data Report (EDR,) call The Work
Number Employee Service Center for assistance:



866-222-5880
M-F 8:00 am - 8:00 pm (ET)



TTY- hearing impaired:
800-424-0253

If a Verifying Organization Needs Assistance:
(including mortgage lenders, property leasing,
financial institutions, a government agency, etc.)



theworknumber.com



800-367-5690
M-F 8:00 am - 8:00 pm (ET)



member@equifax.com

Freeze your Information to Verifiers:
If you would like to put a freeze on your employment
information available to verifiers:



Fill out the Freeze Request Form and
mail or email it to:

Equifax Workforce Solutions
ATTN: FREEZE

3470 Rider Trail South
Earth City, MO 63045



Email: twnfreeze@equifax.com -
(Use of secure email function recommended)



Phone: 1-866-222-5880

For assistance contact The Work Number
Employee Service Center at:

Phone: 800-367-2884
M-F 8:00 am - 9:00 pm (ET)

TTY- hearing impaired:
800-424-0253

STAY SAFE ON HALLOWEEN

Check your kids' candy for choking hazards like gum and hard candies.

Face paint is safer than masks.

Stay visible with a reflective bag.

Lighter-colored costumes are easier to see in the dark.

Always use a crosswalk to cross the street.

Fire-proof your pumpkins by lighting them with glow sticks.



MAKE SAFE HAPPEN™



#MAKESAFEHAPPEN

Self - Care Corner



Take a Fall Walk

Enjoy the cooler weather and changing leaves. Even 10-15 minutes outside can be a nice way to clear your mind and get some movement.

Make a Cozy Drink

Treat yourself to coffee, tea, apple cider, or hot chocolate. Take a few minutes to enjoy it without multitasking.

Have a No-Spend Cozy Night

Put on your favorite fall movie, make a snack, light a candle, and get comfortable at home.

Get Outside Before It Gets Too Cold

Visit a local park, take a scenic drive, sit outside with a blanket, or enjoy a fall festival.

Create a Fall Playlist

Make a playlist with songs that put you in a good mood and listen while driving, cleaning, cooking, or relaxing.

Try a Fall Hobby

Bake something, read a short book, do a puzzle, color, make a craft, or try a new recipe.

Have a Halloween Self-Care Night

Put on a favorite Halloween movie, make popcorn, wear comfy pajamas, and enjoy a relaxing evening.

THINGS TO NOT BE SCARED OF THIS WEEK:

@MIRABELLECREATIONS



OUTGROWING
UNHEALTHY
RELATIONSHIPS



GARVING OUT
TIME FOR SELF
CARE



SAYING NO TO
PROTECT YOUR
PEACE



UPHOLDING YOUR
PERSONAL
BOUNDARIES



TAKING CARE OF
YOUR OWN
NEEDS



BEING HONEST
WITH YOURSELF &
OTHERS

STAND OUT!

ADAPTIVE ADULT ORGANIZATION

FALL 2026

Social Nights

6:30pm-8:30pm \$15.00 per person

October 29 - Halloween party

Hosted at the SCS Knights of Columbus

November 5 - Music Bingo

Hosted at Saint Clair Shores Golf Club

November 19 - Friendsgiving

Hosted at the SCS Knights of Columbus

December 3 - Immersive Movie Night

Hosted at Saint Clair Shores Golf Club

December 17 - Christmas Party

Hosted at the SCS Knights of Columbus

Craft Nights

6:00pm-7:00pm \$15.00 per person

Hosted at The Art Shack SCS with Tracy

October 20 - Tuesday

November 3 - Tuesday

November 17 - Tuesday

December 1 - Tuesday

December 15 - Tuesday

Adaptive Crossfit

12:00pm-1:00pm (**New Time!**)

\$15.00 per person

Hosted at Crossfit Freshwater
with Coach Alexa

October 24 - Saturday

November 7 - Saturday

November 21 - Saturday

December 5 - Saturday

Adaptive Yoga

4:45pm-5:45pm \$15.00 per person

Hosted at Shores Yoga with Angela

October 28 - Wednesday

November 11 - Wednesday

December 9 - Wednesday

Ballroom Dance

6:00pm-7:00pm \$15.00 per person

Hosted at In Movement Ballroom Dance
Studio with Jason and Tori

October 26 - Monday (**New Day!**)

November 9 - Monday (**New Day!**)

November 23 - Monday (**New Day!**)

December 7 - Monday (**New Day!**)

Register online at: [Standoutao.org](https://standoutao.org)

- All events are for adults of all abilities 18+
- Caregivers/parents are free to attend
- Prior registration only - no walk-ins

Contact us: scsstandout@gmail.com

REGISTRATION
OPENS
OCTOBER
1st





STAND OUT! ADAPTIVE ADULT ORGANIZATION

EVENTS WE OFFER



Social Nights

In partnership with the city of Saint Clair Shores parks and recreation, we offer a variety of themed events such as themed parties, game nights, and dances.



Craft Nights

In partnership with the Art Shack SCS, we host a craft nights at the art studio. In a small group setting, we create fun crafts with a different theme each time.



Adaptive Crossfit

In partnership with Crossfit Freshwater, we host an adaptive group workout at a CrossFit gym. Our adaptive workouts are designed to make fitness fun that's accessible, and inclusive!



Adaptive Yoga

In partnership with Shores Yoga, we offer an adaptive approach to the typical yoga flow in a traditional yoga studio.



Adaptive Ballroom Dance

In partnership with In Movement Ballroom Dance Studio, our members learn traditional ballroom dances in an adaptive paced class.



Frosted Formal

Our annual formal dance hosted at Encore Banquet Hall. Get dressed up, enjoy a catered dinner, dancing and a photobooth.

Semester Schedules

FALL SCHEDULE: OCTOBER - DECEMBER

FROSTED FORMAL: JANUARY

SPRING SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY - APRIL

SUMMER SCHEDULE: JUNE - AUGUST

About Us

Stand Out! Adaptive Adult Organization is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing inclusive recreational activities for adults of all abilities. Our mission is to create opportunities for social connection and personal growth through engaging events and activities. Whether you're looking to make new friends, build confidence, or enjoy enriching experiences, we are here to support your journey. Through a variety of social events, adaptive fitness, creative activities, and community outings, Stand Out provides a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone can feel connected, supported, and valued.

What We Do

At Stand Out!, we bring people together through experiences that are fun, active, and meaningful. Our calendar is filled with opportunities to get out, try something new, and spend time with friends in a welcoming environment. From fitness and creative activities to dances, parties, and community outings, we offer something for everyone. We focus on creating experiences that encourage participation, independence, friendship, and most importantly, having a great time together.



scsstandout@gmail.com



www.standoutaaao.org



Stand Out! Adaptive Adult Organization

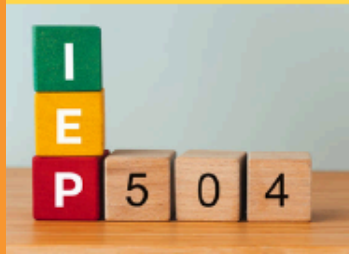
LUNCH & LEARN SERIES



**IF YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE OR SUPPORT A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY
JOIN US IN PERSON**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2026
12:00pm - 1:00pm**

**Topic: Disability Benefits
Presented by:
Attorney Mark A. Aiello**



The Arc Northwest

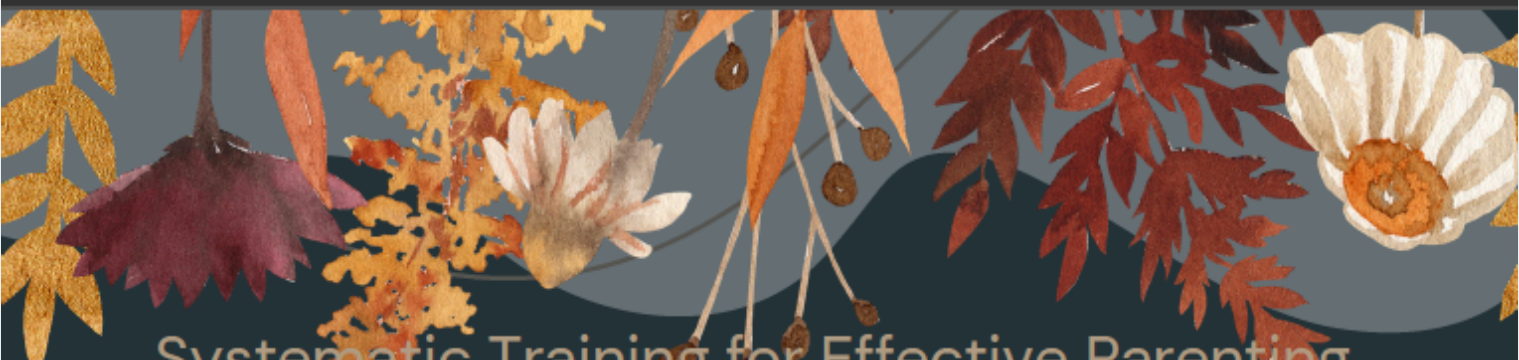
7170 N. Haggerty Rd. Canton, MI 48187



For more information

(313) 532-7915, ext. 200 or 204

Bring your own lunch...we provide snacks & drinks



Systematic Training for Effective Parenting

Free Parenting Classes

October 27th-December 8th, 2026

Tuesday Nights

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Free to all Wayne County Residents

Hegira Health Westland

**8623 N. Wayne Rd.
Westland, Mi 48185**

Located in the Holiday Plaza, one block south of Joy Rd.

Class is held in Group Room "A" on the 2nd Floor

There is no cost to you for this 7-Week parenting class.

**To register, please call 734-513-7598 or e-mail
Kristin at kcobb@hegirahealth.org**

****Certificates of Completion are provided to parent who attend ALL 7 sessions****

Interpreter Services Available Upon Request



FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE DETROIT WAYNE INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK





Systematic Training for Effective Parenting

Free Parenting Classes

October 29th-December 17th, 2026

Thursday Nights

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Free to all Wayne County Residents

Hegira Health Lincoln Park

26184 Outer Drive
Lincoln Park, MI 48146

Located at Outer Drive and Fort Street, Building "A"
(Formerly Community Care Services)

There is no cost to you for this 7-Week parenting class.

**To register, please call 734-513-7598 or e-mail
Kristin at kcobb@hegirahealth.org**

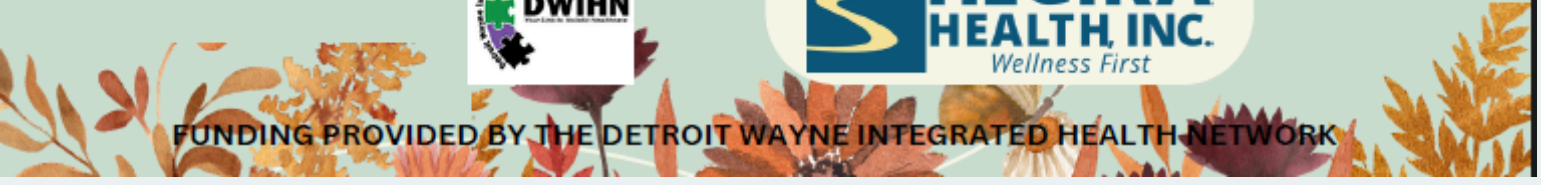
No Class on
11/26/26
Thanksgiving

****Certificates of Completion are provided to parent who attend ALL 7 sessions****

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The After I'm Gone Program Technical Support Services

Advocacy Services

The Arc can act as an advocate for your family member with a disability. Advocacy services include assistance in obtaining appropriate services in education, housing, government benefits, employment, family support, prevention and health care, mental health services and supports coordination.

Alternatives to Guardianship

There are many alternatives to guardianship. If someone can get the supports and services they need and want with the help of family and friends who are involved in their life, there is no need for guardianship. Other alternatives include durable powers of attorney, advance directives for health care, financial powers of attorney, trusts, family consent policies, and other surrogate arrangements.

Advisor to Trust

The Advisor to the Trust assists the trustee of your family member's Special Needs Trust by providing information about public benefits, special education services, community mental health services and other programs, laws and regulations that the trustee may not be familiar with.

Trustee

A trustee is a person or entity responsible for watching over a trust and following its instructions on when and how to distribute the assets.

Letter of Intent

The letter of intent is a document that communicates important information and guidelines to people who may become responsible for the care of your family member with a disability. The Arc can provide you with a template from which you can develop your own letter of intent for your family member.



For more information and to RSVP for sessions, please visit www.thearcww.org/aig/

The Arc Western Wayne County
2257 South Wayne Road in Westland, MI
734-729-9100 X 206 or
tequila@thearcww.org

The Arc Northwest Wayne County
7170 North Haggerty in Canton, MI
313-532-7915 X 204 or
bcunningham@thearcnw.org



2026-2027 SCHEDULE THE AFTER I'M GONE PROGRAM

The After I'm Gone Program assists families who have a family member with a disability in planning for their future when they are no longer able to provide care.

This program is offered free of charge by The Arc Western Wayne County and The Arc Northwest Wayne County, funded by The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network.



After I'm Gone Trainings for 2026-2027

All sessions will be held via Microsoft Teams webinar!
You must register in advance by visiting www.thearcww.org/aig/

Go to the www.thearcww.org/aig/ to download the App.



THURSDAY 6:00PM TO 8:00PM

Supported Decision Making

Speaker will discuss the various options for supporting people in making important decisions, such as Power of Attorney, Representative Payee, and Trusts.
September 24, 2026 & February 25, 2027

Letter of Intent

Speaker will discuss the importance of creating a document that will help the future caregivers for your family member.
October 8, 2026 & February 11, 2027

DHHS Programs

Speaker will discuss the programs and services available to your family member with a disability, including Medicaid, DAC, Food Assistance, and Adult Home Help.
October 22, 2026

Social Security Programs

Speaker will discuss the Social Security programs available to your family member with a disability including SSI, SSDI and DAC, the application process, and what to do if denied.
November 5, 2026 & March 11, 2027

Person Centered Planning and Self-Determination

Speaker will discuss how to use Person Centered Planning and Self-Determination to support your family member with a disability to live the life they want in their community.
November 19, 2026

Estate Planning

Speaker will discuss the importance of establishing an estate plan to handle the future needs of your son or daughter with a disability. Topics include Special Needs Trust, Power of Attorney and Patient Advocate designations, Wills and Letters of Intent.
December 3, 2026 & April 8, 2027



IEP Transition Planning for Adult Life

Speaker will discuss the legal requirements of IEPs regarding transition planning, career and interest assessments, student, family and school responsibilities, community resources, and how to make a smooth transition from school to post school life.
December 17, 2026 & May 6, 2027

MI SIBS (Michigan Supporting and Including Brothers & Sisters)

Speaker will discuss resources and support for adult siblings of individuals with developmental disabilities. MI SIBS is a statewide network dedicated to supporting, informing and empowering adult siblings of individuals with disabilities.
January 14, 2027

Housing Options

Speaker will discuss the various community living options available beyond group homes with support from the mental health system. A panel will talk about their personal experiences living independently in the community.
January 28, 2027 & April 22, 2027

ABLE Accounts

Speaker will discuss the MABLE savings accounts which provide eligible individuals the opportunity to save and fund a variety of qualified expenses without jeopardizing their entitlements.
May 20, 2027



Special Strong is opening in North Oakland County. Join owner Patricia Knickerbocker at the Upland Hills Farm Fall Festival to meet our trainers, see adaptive fitness in action, and celebrate with families across the community.

Saturday, October 10, 2026 | 12:00 to 5:00 PM

Upland Hills Farm, 481 Lake George Rd, Oxford, MI

Registration is free. Reserve your spot today.