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REVISED DATE *
MEETING AGENDA
DISABILITY ACCESS COMMISSION
Thursday, September 23, 2021 — 7:00 PM

NEW DATE: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 – 7:00 PM *
Remote Meeting

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1. Opening
2. Minutes Approval: August 18, 2021
3. Old Business
 - a. Tree update in honor of Mark Clark
4. New Business
 - a. Review of potential Massachusetts Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations to be added to the DAC website. Resources to review are at bottom of the agenda starting on page 2.
5. DAC Benchmarking Project
 - a. How do we serve Belmont moving forward?
 - b. What do we want to work on next?
6. Future meeting dates (3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm)
 - a. 2021: October 20, November 17, December 15th
7. Adjourn

Massachusetts Disability Resources and Advocacy Organizations

Below find links to government agencies and disability rights organizations in Massachusetts.

Protection & Advocacy Organization

The Massachusetts state disability protection and advocacy (P&A) agency is the [Disability Law Center \(DLC\) of Massachusetts](#). The DLC is part of the nation's federally-funded P&A system. It provides help to people with disabilities in Massachusetts to expand and defend their rights, including supporting self-advocacy groups and legal assistance. The DLC is part of the [National Disability Rights Network \(NDRN\)](#).

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)

ADRCs are the main points of access for long-term supports and services for older adults and people with disabilities, including home health care and assistive technology.

[Massachusetts Aging and Disability Consortia \(ADRCs\)](#)

[Aging and Disability Resource Consortium of the Greater North Shore MassOptions](#)

Legal Services Organizations

These organizations provide free legal assistance for low-income individuals, including help with accessing Social Security and Medicaid benefits.

[Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation Community Legal Aid, Inc.](#)

[Greater Boston Legal Services](#)

[Northeast Legal Aid](#)

[MetroWest Legal Services](#)

[South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. MassLegalHelp](#)

Other Disability Advocacy Organizations

These organizations protect and advocate for the civil and human rights of people with disabilities.

[Disability Community Advocacy - Executive Office of Health and Human Services The Arc of Massachusetts](#)

[Special Needs Advocacy Network, Inc.](#)

[The Arc of the South Shore](#)

[COFAR, Inc.](#)

[Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee Easter Seals Massachusetts](#)

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) helps remove barriers to independent living for people with disabilities and works to increase necessary supports and services. It is part of the [National Council on Independent Living \(NCIL\)](#).
[Massachusetts Statewide Independent Living Council \(MASILC\)](#)

Other State and Non-Profit Agencies

These agencies provide help for people with disabilities and their families and caregivers.

[MassOptions](#)
[Disability Services - Massachusetts Health and Human Services](#) [Massachusetts Office on Disability](#)
[Learning Disability - Massachusetts Health and Human Services](#) [Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission](#)
[Massachusetts Department of Children & Families](#) [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#) [Massachusetts Department of Youth Services](#)
[Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services](#)
[CHD - Social and Mental Health Services](#)
[Career Resources Corporation](#)

Regional Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Center

Provides information, training, and guidance on disability access and Massachusetts disability services.
One of 10 regional centers in the ADA National Network.
[New England ADA Center](#)

Developmental Disabilities Services

These agencies address the specific needs of people with developmental disabilities including advocate for community inclusion and access to Massachusetts disability services.

[Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services](#) [Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council](#)
[Intellectual Disability - Massachusetts Health and Human Services](#) [The Arc of Massachusetts](#)
[Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Network](#)
[The Arc of the South Shore](#)
[COFAR, Inc.](#)
[Vinfen - Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services](#) [Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers](#)
[Vocational Rehabilitation Services](#)

MassMATCH - Assistive Technology
Career Resources Corporation

Mental Health Services

These agencies address the specific needs of people with mental illness and promote mental health. Some agencies offer free or low-cost group counseling and education programs.

Massachusetts Department of Mental Health
Massachusetts Department of Mental Health
Offices Association for Behavioral Healthcare
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Massachusetts
Massachusetts Association for Mental Health (MAMH)
Vinfen - Mental Health Services
CHD - Social and Mental Health Services
Massachusetts Clubhouse Coalition
Screening for Mental Health, Inc.
Massachusetts Mental Health Resources for Men
Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee
Black Mental Health Alliance of Massachusetts, Inc.
Vocational Rehabilitation Services
The Parents' How-to Guide to Children's Mental Health Services in Massachusetts

Physical Disabilities Services

Free or low-cost Massachusetts disability services for people of all ages, including physical therapy, access to employment and education, support for independent living, and assistive technology.

Massachusetts Disability Services - Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)
Massachusetts Office on Disability
Massachusetts Services for People with Disabilities
Adult Supported Living Program

CHD - Social Services
Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Money Follows the Person (MFP) Waivers
MassMATCH - Assistive Technology
Assistive Technology Program
Career Resources Corporation

Traumatic Brain Injury Services

Information and resources for individuals with traumatic brain injuries and their loved ones.

Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts
Statewide Head Injury Program
Brain Injury and Statewide Specialized Community Services

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) - Department of Health and Human Services
Acquired Brain Injury Medicaid Waivers
Vinfen - Brain Injury Services
Vocational Rehabilitation Services
MassMATCH - Assistive Technology
Assistive Technology Program
Career Resources Corporation

Addiction and Substance Abuse Services

Information and resources for people with substance abuse and their loved ones.

Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Abuse Services
Massachusetts Substance Abuse Helpline
Association for Behavioral Healthcare
Substance Abuse - Health and Human Services
Substance Abuse - NAMI
Massachusetts