

September Update #1



DHILS BERKSHIRE REGION

NEWSLETTER



OUR MISSION

We believe individuals with disabilities and other societal disadvantages are an essential resource for our country's future. Our mission is to help build a world in which individuals with disabilities and other disadvantages realize their full potential.

OUR VISION

VIABILITY will be a positive disruptive force in the marketplace leading the innovative designs of future service delivery for individuals with disabilities and other disadvantages to realize their full potential within their communities of choice.

DEAF VISUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Workshop Series 2021



Art Through an Intersectional Lens

by Youmee Lee

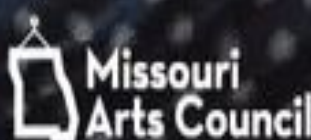
Tuesday, September 14, 2021

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm CDT

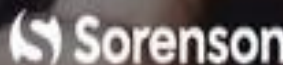
Youmee Lee, a Korean American woman artist, studied art in New York City, Seoul, and Amsterdam. She will introduce the methods that she uses to create her art and how to make art inclusive. There will be a brief lecture on the value of the arts, the impact of the pandemic on artists, and contributions by Deaf Asian Artists.

FREE! Register today! <https://dvaf.deafinc.org>

This festival was made possible with the support from:



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Mildred Lane
Kemper Art Museum

The background of the poster is a dark navy blue, adorned with various colorful geometric and floral patterns. These include large mandala-like designs in shades of orange, teal, and magenta, as well as smaller starburst and flower motifs in yellow, teal, and magenta. The patterns are scattered across the entire background, creating a vibrant and culturally rich aesthetic.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 to October 15

Viability Workshop with MassEDP!



Need a special phone to meet your needs?

MassEDP offers landline phones for low vision, deaf & hard of hearing, speech and motion difficulties.

You might qualify for a free or low cost phone depending on your income.

WHEN?

September 16, 2021

WHERE?

The workshop will be on Zoom.

Time:

1030 am –1230 pm

Interested?

Zoom:

Meeting ID: 832 0227 8312



ASL Interpreters
AVAILABLE!



EVERYBODY is welcome to
join us and it's
completely free.

Presented by:
Marguerite A. Szczawinski
Katelyn Sylvia
Massachusetts State 9-1-1 Department

Have a Story of Healthcare Discrimination?

DPC Needs Your Help!

Discrimination against people with disabilities is a big issue in healthcare. *H.1256/S.745*, "An Act relative to preventing discrimination against persons with disabilities in the provision of health care," is new legislation. DPC (Disability Policy Consortium) needs people to share their stories of healthcare discrimination to help get this legislation passed.

Have you ever been:

- ♦ Denied care because of a disability?
- ♦ Told a treatment you need was too expensive to be worth it?
- ♦ Pressured to sign a *Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)* order?
- ♦ Told by a healthcare provider that being disabled meant you have a lower quality of life?

Email advocacy@dpcma.org for more information or to share your story.



DISABILITY POLICY CONSORTIUM

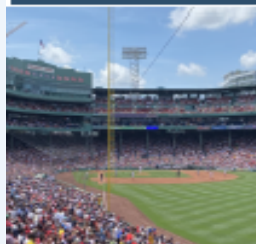
DEAF AWARENESS NIGHT WITH THE RED SOX AT FENWAY



RED SOX IS HOSTING A DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, DEAFBLIND, AND LATE DEAFENED AWARENESS DAY!

COME JOIN US ON

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2021 @ 1:10 PM!



VS



DEAF

Our Deaf Survivors Center, Inc.



565 TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FOR SALE!

Section GRANDSTAND 1	\$36
Section GRANDSTAND 2	\$39
Section R.F. Box 87	\$56
Section R.F. Box 88	\$56

A portion of the proceeds of each ticket sold will go to Our Deaf Survivors Center, Inc. and DEAF, Inc.

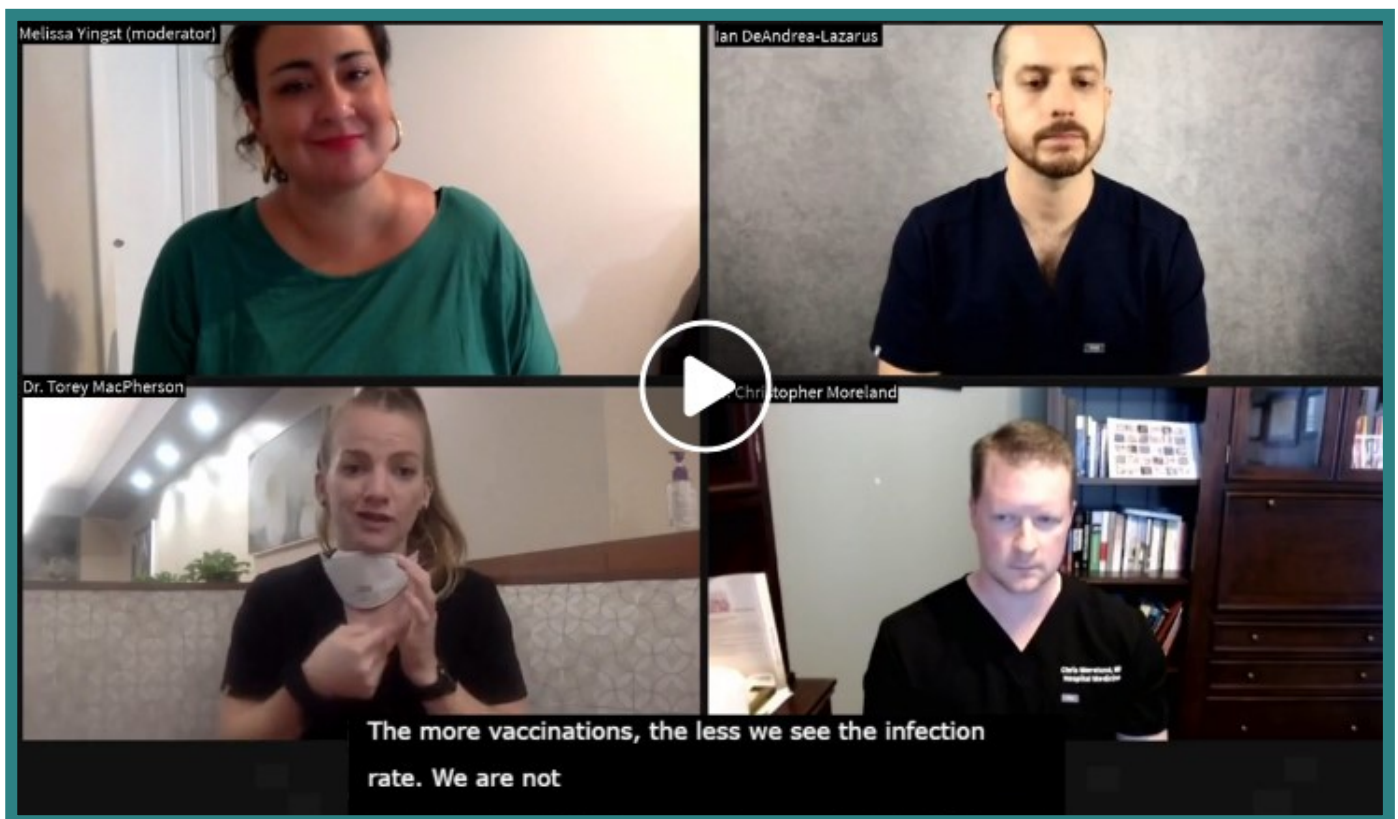
ORDER TICKETS THRU THIS LINK! <https://fevo.me/deafandhoh0919>

"Run the Bases" day, where after the game, kids can go on the field and run the bases on the field at Fenway Park.

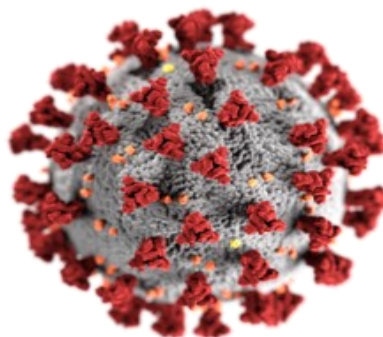


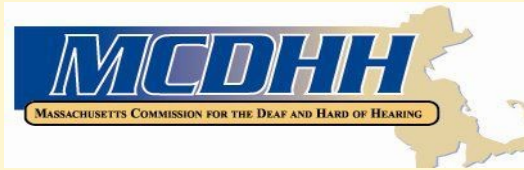
COVID-19 and the DELTA Variant

COVID-19 cases are exploding and the Delta variant is the big reason why. Join Melissa and three medical professionals as they get together to break down the latest updates and what you should do next!



Watch vlog: <https://bit.ly/3twllk>





MCDHH'S Communication Access, Training and Technology Services (CATTS)



Watch vlog: <https://bit.ly/3hINGZv>

Willie Ross School's Annual Gala — October 14th

In-person and livestreamed.

Entertainment by **Robert DeMayo** — Live online auction starts **8/30**.



Watch vlog: <https://bit.ly/38qpccet>



**FREE
VIRTUAL EVENT!**

Teaching Consent to Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children

Please join Pathways' Deaf Survivors Program and jooux for a discussion on Teaching Consent to Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children.

ASL interpreters and captioning will be provided.



Register now!

<https://tinyurl.com/Consent-For-Deaf-Children>



SEPTEMBER

21ST

@ 6 PM



DAAHR Forum on One Care!
Wednesday, September 22, 1:00 pm

What's working for you? What can be better?

For present, past or future enrollees of:

Tufts Unify, Commonwealth Care Alliance (CCA), and soon United Health Care.

- Concerns on PCAs, DME, meds, supplies, homemaking services, meals?
- Is your care team functioning? Do you have easy access to your medical team and specialists?
- What has best supported recovery and independent living for you?
- What has changed since you've been a part of One Care? Were there services you used to receive that you don't get anymore?

Please attend - your voice is vital!

To register in advance for this virtual meeting please go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/>

ASL & CART will be provided.

Contact Jessica Podesva at **jpodesva@bostoncil.org** regarding accommodation requests or more information.

ASL SPACE TGWS (THANK GOD WE'RE SOBER) MEETINGS LIST*

***All Meetings E.S.T.**

SUNDAY

7 - 8pm RECOVERY DHARMA (OPEN) - ID 942 608 395 65; PW 009060

MONDAY

12 - 1pm ALL RECOVERY MEETING (OPEN) - ID 627 244 220; PW 010149

9:30 - 10:30pm EST Grateful Deaf OA – ID 597-893-497; PW 011461

TUESDAY

12 - 1pm AL-ANON /DISCUSSION (OPEN)

ID 597 893 497; PW 011461 (same ID & PW for all Tuesday)

Every Tuesday, 7 – 8pm N.A. MEETING – (CLOSED) ID 188 837 193; PW 003465

WEDNESDAY

5:30 - 6:30pm A.A. MEETING – (CLOSED) ID 706 212 294; PW 000556

THURSDAY

12 – 1pm AL-ANON STEP MEETING/DISCUSSION (OPEN) ID 597 893 497; PW 011461

THURSDAY

7 – 8pm N.A. MEETING – (CLOSED) ID 188 837 193; PW 003465

FRIDAY

12 - 1pm ALL RECOVERY MEETING – (OPEN) ID 627 244 220; PW 010149

5:30 - 6:30pm A.A. MEETING – (CLOSED) ID 706 212 294; PW 000556

TGWS INCLUSIVE BUSINESS MEETING, last Friday of every month at 6:45pm, following A.A. meeting, same ID and PW

SATURDAY AA Beginners meeting 7 - 8 pm A.A. ID: 409 018 780; PW 030655. Open meeting, newcomers, or non-alcoholics welcome!

WHAT IS A CLOSED MEETING?

Closed meetings are for A.A. or N.A members only, or for those who have a desire to stop drinking or using drugs.

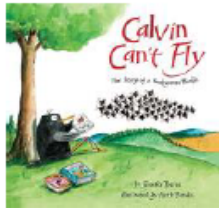
WHAT IS AN OPEN MEETING?

Open meetings are available to anyone interested in A.A. or N.A. Non-alcoholics and addicts may attend as observers.

Please be mindful of this recent update to our TGWS meetings.

~ Love and Hope, RECOVERY IS REAL ~

This workshop is open to ALL members of the signing community. Fun surprise for the first 30 parents, guardians, or educators of Deaf or hard of hearing children to register, so **SIGN UP NOW!**



**Read along with Crom Saunders, in ASL!
Games and ASL instruction provided!**

Thursday, September 30, 2021

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT



Calvin is one unusual starling! While his siblings and cousins learn to fly, this rare bird buries his beak in a book.

Yet, when it comes time to migrate, poor Calvin realizes he cannot fly. His sisters, brothers, and cousins carry him into the air.

But on their way south, the winds blow hard, the trees bend, and the air starts to smell strange. It's a hurricane, and only Calvin can save the day — because he has read all about it.

And Calvin... well, Calvin discovered a BOOK.

Join this workshop in ASL with Deaf storyteller *Crom Saunders*.

- ♦ Accessible in: English, Spanish, American Sign Language
- ♦ Learn tips for reading with your Deaf/hard of hearing child in ASL
- ♦ Fun theater games

Register [here](https://bit.ly/3mB6kjz): <https://bit.ly/3mB6kjz>



Closed captions, ASL performance, narration, enhanced text and animation.

2021

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OUR
FUTURE
WHAT

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Saturday, September 18, 2021

9:30 am – 12 pm Guest speaker & Community Forum

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Business Meeting

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Entertainment

✓ Info

✓ Awards

✓ Elections

Need accommodations? Email Jennifer Rogers at missjenro@gmail.com

Meeting ID: 458 765 5196 Passcode: MSAD



Go to [NAD.org](https://nad.org)
for vlogs and lots
of useful
information!



Watch this vlog – <https://bit.ly/3sQSfPS>

First Time Homebuyer Hybrid Workshops



In these MassHousing approved, HUD and CHAPA certified workshops, attendees will...

- Learn about programs available to assist first time homebuyers
- Understand the steps in the homebuying process
- Meet a sampling of professionals who will teach you what to look for in your homebuying team (Lender, Realtor, Inspector, Homeowner Insurance Rep, and Attorney)
- Receive the necessary certification required by many first time homebuyer programs



~~Aug 16, 23, & 30~~

~~REGISTER:~~

~~<http://bit.ly/FTHBAug21>~~

Sept 16, 23, & 30

REGISTER:

<http://bit.ly/FTHBSept21>

Nov 1, 8, & 15

REGISTER:

<http://bit.ly/FTHBNov21>

Workshops run from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. First 2 sessions of each workshop will be held in-person.

RCAP Solutions • 191 May Street • Worcester

3rd session of each workshop will be held virtually. Instructions on how to join the virtual session will be shared with attendees during the 2nd in-person session.

Cost: \$100 per household

All three sessions must be attended to receive certification.

Food and refreshments provided. Tickets are first come, first served. Limited seats are available.

Those unable to attend can join our waitlist for future workshops at: <http://bit.ly/HCECWatlist>

Want to earn your certificate at your own convenience? Take the online course in English or Spanish at: www.ehomeamerica.org/rcapsolutions

Questions? Please contact:

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HomeSafe Post-Purchase Workshops

For Homeowners



Congratulations, you bought a house! Now what? By attending RCAP Solutions' HomeSafe Post-Purchase workshop you will sharpen your knowledge and become equipped with the necessary skills to maintain your home and finances.

~~Sept 7 & 14, 2021 • 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM~~

~~*Virtual~~

~~REGISTER:~~

~~<http://bit.ly/HomeSafeSept21>~~

Dec 11, 2021 • 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

In-Person

REGISTER:

<http://bit.ly/HomeSafeDec21>

Feb 9 & 16, 2022 • 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**Virtual*

REGISTER:

<http://bit.ly/HomeSafeFeb22>

Apr 30, 2022 • 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

In-Person

REGISTER:

<http://bit.ly/HomeSafeApr22>

Workshop Topics Will Include:

- Home maintenance & repairs
- Budgeting skills & maintaining a good credit file
- Home, life, & disability insurance basics
- Refinancing options
- How to keep your home safe from fire & theft
- Other resources for homeowners

There is no charge for these classes.

In-person workshops will take place at our office on 191 May Street, Worcester, MA

**For virtual workshops, both sessions must be attended to receive credit.*

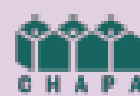
Limited seats are available. Those unable to attend can join our waitlist for future workshops at: <http://bit.ly/MCECWaitlist>

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WWW.NEWENGLANDDEAF.COM/ADE/RVSP.HTML

VISIT: newenglanddeaf.com/ade/index.html

FOR MORE INFORMATION | VP (860) 866-1324 | newenglanddeafefe@yahoo.com



COVID-19 Screening and Appointment Rules

Before we can see you in person for an **ESSENTIAL (VERY IMPORTANT)** appointment, we have to ask you some questions every time we meet in person: at the office or at your home.

Question 1: Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 14 days? **YES/NO**

Question 2: Has anyone in your household been diagnosed with COVID - 19 within the past 14 days? **YES/NO**

Question 3: Have you had a fever over 100 degrees, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache within the past 72 hours? **YES/NO**

Question 4: Have you or anyone in your household had the following: cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, abdominal pain, new muscle aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea within the past 72 hours? **YES/NO**

Question 5: Have you or anyone in your household traveled to any hot spots within the last 14 days where areas where a large number of COVID-19 cases have been confirmed?
YES/NO

If you answered **NO** to all, then we can meet in person
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Confirmed Appointment: Now What?

We **MUST** do this when we meet in person at your home OR at office:

Maintain 6 ft at all times 	Wash or sanitize your hands upon entry and exit of the building 
Wear a face mask or covering when speaking with people face-to-face, in the same room  	Sanitize or wash your hands frequently while on-site 
Only come at times agreed upon by you and staff and come by yourself. Do not bring people with you. 	Sanitize all surfaces that you utilize while on-site, including furniture, equipment, writing utensils 