



**Massachusetts Families Organizing for Change (MFOFC)** in partnership with **Building Futures and Family Connections** of the **The Nemasket Group** is sponsoring “**A Full Life Ahead**” ~ a series of monthly workshops for family members of young adults with disabilities. The series focuses on transition, employment, housing, friendships and other topics that will lead to interdependent full lives in the community for young people with disabilities.

All workshops will be held at the  
**Trescott Street Gallery**  
**8 Trescott Street-Taunton, MA**  
**Time: 6 – 8 PM**

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### **Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

#### **~ Alternatives to Guardianship ~ Exceptional Lives**

Guardianship doesn't have to be an all-or-nothing deal. If your family member needs help making decisions in some areas of life, but not others, there are a number of other options available. **Jay O'Brien, Co-founder and Executive Director of Exceptional Lives (and former Taunton resident)**, will talk about the alternatives to guardianship for families and caregivers of persons with disabilities.

### **Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

#### **~ Widening the Circle ~**

#### **Expanding Opportunities for Friendships between People with and without Disabilities**

Building and keeping relationships is an important part of a REAL LIFE. Happiness can come from knowing we have friends - people who care for us. Building relationships between individuals with and without disabilities should be encouraged wherever you live, learn, work and play. **Jim Ross, Coordinator of Widening the Circle-SE, Metro and NE Regions**, will lead a discussion with a focus on ways to build relationships between individuals with and without disabilities. *Widening the Circle (formally the Real Friends Project) is a partnership between The Arc of Massachusetts and MA Department of Developmental Services.*

### **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

#### **~ Planning for Life after Special Education in Massachusetts ~**

This workshop, presented by **Pamela Coveney and Hillary Dunn, Attorneys of the Disability Law Center**, will identify specific suggestions on how to develop comprehensive post-secondary vision statements, IEPs and transition plans, developing appropriate transition services for students, knowing various diploma options, best practices for family involvement and more.

### **Wednesday, May 24, 2017**

#### **~ Turning 22 ~ What services are available for young adults with a developmental disability?**

This presentation will provide an overview of the range of services available through the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC).

**Ed Wilson, Manager of Self-Directed Services, DDS SE Region and Tracey Daigneau, Regional Eligibility Coordinator, DDS SE Region along with Sarah Alden and Kaitlin Bailey of MRC**, will provide information to assist individuals and families in determining which services might best meet their needs and how they can be arranged.

For more information: <http://www.mfofc.org/events/afla/index.html>