## **Advocacy Matters**

A digital newsletter produced by The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project

# **July 2023**

Let's look back at the advocacy activities that took place this month!

In need of virtual programming? Inquire about our virtual trainings, webinars, and events!

Take a look at our **New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network** Council pages and the current NJSSAN Priorities.

We host one brand new webinar each month and present replays of past content<u>Register</u> for our weekly webinars each Tuesday and watch the recorded versions of our past webinars here.

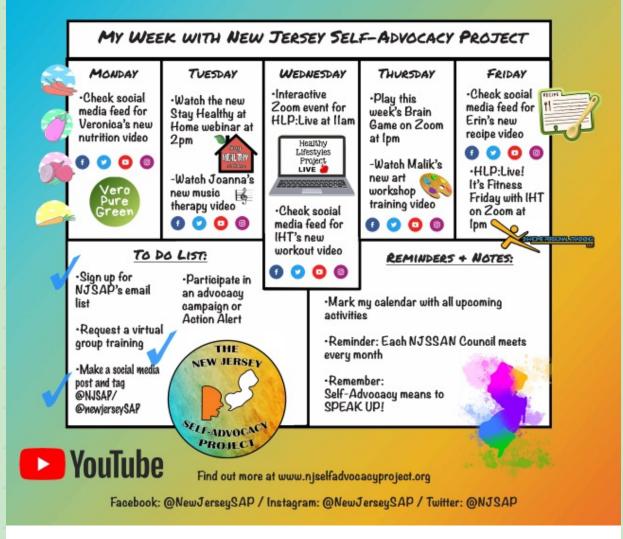
We continue to host our interactive Zoom series<u>Healthy Lifestyles Project: Live!</u> You can check out our past events below and <u>register for upcoming sessions here.</u>

Our weekly Brain Games session is held each Thursday at 1 PM!<u>Watch archived videos</u> here and join in LIVE every week on Zoom.

We continue to post all across our social media pages! You can find new videos every **Monday**, **Wednesday** and **Friday** about Health, Fitness and Nutrition!

We have a lot to say, so make sure to click "View entire message" if it appears at the bottom of this newsletter. If you have been forwarded this message, you can subscribe here.

### Virtual Programming every day of the week!



Click the image above to download the planner, complete with live links to all of our programming! Email NJSAP@ArcNJ.org if you have any questions.

- Struggling with technology? <u>Maybe one of our tech tutorials can help.</u> You can also <u>contact us</u> to set up a virtual training.
- Looking for a training for your group? Check out our Training Portal for topics. We hosted 201 trainings this year for 5,606 self-advocates!

## NJSAP & NJSSAN Update



We are holding monthly NJSSAN Council meetings *virtually*! For information regarding your Council area, please <u>click here.</u>

Visit your council page to download calendars for 2023.

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Network

The New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (NJSSAN) is made up of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) throughout the state. The NJSSAN is used as a means of supporting positive change on both a personal and social level. It consists of 5 Councils based on geographic location within the state.

You can read the current NJSSAN **Priorities here.** 

# **ADA Awareness Month**

This month we celebrate the anniversary of the The ADA, also known as The American With Disabilities Act, which was signed on July 26, 1990. This is a civil rights law that prohibits any discrimination against people with disabilities in any public or private areas that are open to the public.

#### **Resources Available**

**ADA Factsheets** 





### Trainings

Take a look at some of the trainings that took place in July. If you are interested in hosting a training for your group, take a look at our available trainings list and send us a request through the form below.



**Training Request Form** 

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Take a look at the delicious **Raspberry Crumble** that we made with SCARC. The recipe can be found below if you'd like to give it a try!

#### **New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project** R Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

A program of The Arc of New Jersey **Raspberry Crumble Bars** 

12 Ounces Fresh Raspberries
14 Odium Orange, Zested
3 Tablespoons Orange Juice
3 to 4 Tablespoons Brown Sugar
17ablespoon Al-Purpose Flour
1/2 Tablespoon Cornstarch
1 teaspoon Nanilla Extract
1/2 teaspoon Almond Extract
4-5 Tablespoons Raspberry Jaw

#### Prep Time 20 Minutes Cook Time 30 Minutes Total Time 50 Minutes Ingredients: Raspberry Filling:

- 1 Stick Butter, cubed and frozen
- 1 Stuck Butter, cubed and frozen 11/2 Cup Old Fashion Rolled Oats 1 Cup All Purpose Flour 6 Tablespoons Brown Sugar 1/2 teaspoon Baking Powder 1/2 teaspoon Ground Cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon Ground Ginger Pinch of salt

#### **Cooking Instructions:**

- Cut the butter into cubes and then place in the freezer to firm up Preheat oven to 350<sup>F</sup>. Line a 8x8 or 9x9 baking pan with parchment paper. Make the crumble dough: In a food processor pulse together the rolled oats, flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, and salt until the oats are mostly ground up. Add the cold butter cubes and pulse until you have a crumbly dough that comes together when pressed. Press 2/3 of the dough into the lined baking pan and bake for 10-12 minutes, or until likely colden
- until lightly golden.
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- combined. Dollop the berry filling in an even layer over the baked crust, then spoon the jam on top of the berries. Sprinkle the remaining dough on top as a crumble, leaving a few pockets of raspberry visible. Bake for 30-35 minutes.

Recipe link: https://rainbowplantlife.com/vegan-raspberry-crumble-bars/



### **Scavenger Hunt**

Our Summer Scavenger Hunt is going on until July 31st to celebrate Disability Pride Month! Enter for a chance to win a Healthy Lifestyles Gift Basket!

#### Scavenger Hunt Form





The Healthy Lifestyles Project (HLP) is a program of <u>The</u> <u>Arc of New Jersey</u> and receives funding through a grant awarded by The <u>Horizon Foundation for New Jersey</u>. The program aims to provide people with I/DD with functional education about the importance of healthy choices related to diet, exercise and stress management.

improving health, improving lives

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### Let's give a big THANK YOU to The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey for making this programming possible!

We are now on our 9th grant cycle for the Healthy Lifestyles Project and we are greatly looking forward to continuing to help people with IDD live healthier lives!

### Trailblazers

Join us for our virtual movement club on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM on Zoom. Take a look at the topics that have been discussed at our previous meetings.



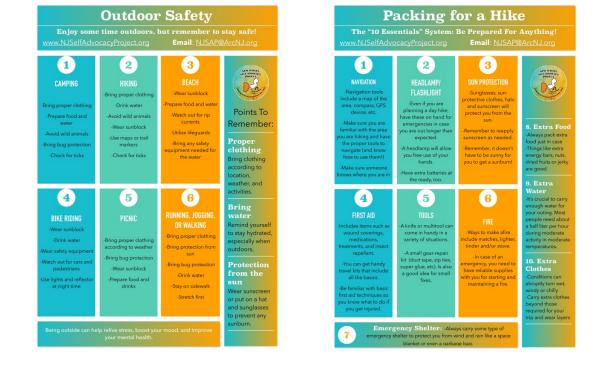


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JOIN OUR NEW VIRTUAL MOVEMENT CLUB, CREATED FOR PEOPLE WITH IDD TO LEAD THE WAY INTO LIVING A HEALTHIER LIFE. MEMBERS WILL MAKE PERSONAL GOALS, SOCIALIZE, AND LEARN ALL ABOUT HIKING, NATURE, & FITNESS.



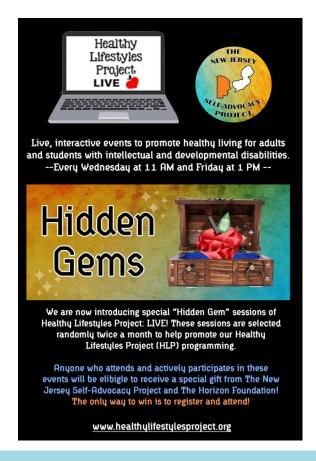
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Avhile foxes are mostly harmless to humans we should stay away. Foxes can get protective of their kits, which might be hidden nextly. If a fox starts to get aggressive you should slowly back away and don't make any sudden movements.	5 DEER -Deer are all over New Jersey. They are more afraid of you and will run when they see you. -Do not approach a male deer, it will protect itsdf using it's anters. Ticks love to bid deer so do not touch them or you are sure to also get ticks on you.	6 SNAKES -There are a lot of friendly snakes but NJ also has venomous snakes. It is best to leave any snakes alone to you do not find out if it is venomous or not. -Snakes like to sun bathe to gather heat in their bodies. You will other find there on trails and in swampy waters.	Turtles Painted turtles, B. turtles and snapping turtles frequent hiking trails in NJ. Keepe your hands and fingers to yourse because they will bite! Birds New Jersey is hon to many different types of birds. Br binoculars on you		
-You should not see a ra	RACCOONS	u do Slowly back away &	what you can find you find a nest, le rest!		



### **Hidden Gems**

Join our HLP:Live sessions every Wednesday at 11 AM and Friday at 1 PM. We also have our Brain Games every Thursday at 1 PM. We are now selecting two random HLP: Live sessions and one Brain Game session a month in which we will have a special surprise to promote our Healthy Lifestyles Project (HLP) program.

#### **<u>Register For Upcoming Events</u>**



### **Speak Your Mind**

In our Speak Your Mind series, we feature short clips of real self-advocates from our network speaking about a variety of topics relating to self-advocacy. Take a look at these shorts clips of advocacy in action and be sure to share on your favorite social media platforms!

Kevin: See What Workers With IDD Can Do



Renee: World Has Changed For The Better



Pam: You Can Advocate



#### Julia: Include Me



### Stay Healthy at Home Webinars



The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project team is excited to continue our *Stay Healthy at Home* webinar series! They take place every **Tuesday** at **2 PM**.

Beginning in September 2021, we will present one new webinar each month followed by replays of previously recorded sessions. Click <u>here</u> for details.



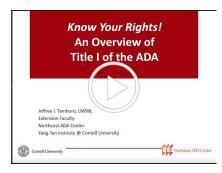
Art Therapy: Yarn Painting

<u>What Employers Want and Value</u> <u>When Hiring Anyone, Including</u> <u>Individuals with IDD</u>





#### Know Your Rights! An Overview of Title I of the ADA



If you've attended one of our *Stay Healthy at Home* webinar sessions, we're very thankful. Please spread the word and register for one of our upcoming sessions!

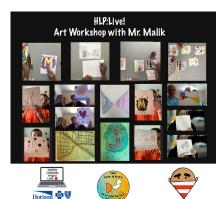
**Register now for upcoming webinars!** 

### Healthy Lifestyles Project: LIVE!

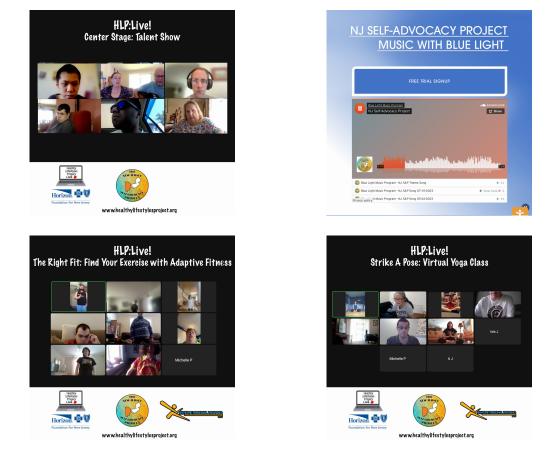




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The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project team continues to host bi-weekly sessions of Healthy Lifestyles Project: LIVE! These are live, interactive events on Zoom to promote healthy living for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They take place every Wednesday at 11 AM and Friday at 1 PM.

### **Register now for next month's events!**

### **HLP: Brain Games**

Get your thinking caps on! The NJSAP team presents games to play on Zoom!

Watch our previous videos below of Snippets and Pictionary to get an idea of all the fun that goes on! Be sure to join us at 1 PM every Thursday! <u>Click here to learn more</u>.

#### Who Wants To Be A Millionaire



#### **Pictionary**



We can also schedule Brain Games with your group! Email NJSAP@Arcnj.org if you are interested.

### **HLP: Video Guides**

Our Healthy Lifestyles Project: LIVE! events are held twice a week, but if you can't make it to a live session, try watching our videos on social media!

- On Mondays, we post health and nutrition videos from Veronica Ramirez <u>Vero</u> <u>Pure Green</u>)
- On Tuesdays, we post music therapy videos by Joanna Tan.
- On Wednesdays we post fitness videos from Matt Locascio <u>(n-Home Personal</u> <u>Training</u>)
- On Thursdays, we post art-making videos by Malik Whitaker.
- On Fridays, we post recipe videos/tips from Erin Smithers(NJSAP).

You can follow along easily and comfortably in your own home. We add videos on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **Instagram**, and **Youtube** every weekday for you to follow along!

Mondays with Veronica:	<u>Tuesdays with Joanna:</u>	Wednesdays with Matt:
Playlist	<b><u>Playlist</u></b>	<b>Playlist</b>



#### **Thursdays with Malik: Playlist**



Fridays with Erin: Playlist



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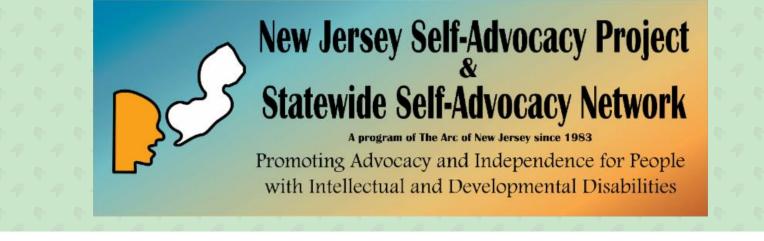
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