Let's Advocate Together! The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project



TODAY, WE WILL DISCUSS: What is The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project (NJSAP)? NJSAP Events The New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network and the Councils • NJSAP Resources

WHAT IS THE NEW JERSEY SELF-ADVOCACY PROJECT (NJSAP)?



-NJSAP has been a Division-funded program of The Arc of New Jersey since 1983

-NJSAP supports the state's largest network of individual self-advocates and self-advocacy groups

-NJSAP provides comprehensive training and resources to self-advocates, Direct Support Professionals, and agency personnel





MHO ARE WE? Erin Smithers, Director

Frankie Bayak, Media and **Communications** Coordinator

 Bianca Najera, Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator



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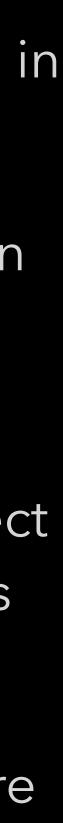
- and programs that are available to them. of NJ, these groups are a part of the New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (NJSSAN). for people with IDD and staff members. Foundation for New Jersey we provide programming for individuals with IDD to learn how to live a healthier lifestyle. on our social media accounts.

- We connect advocates to other services We advise 5 Councils that span the state We provide free trainings on many topics Through a grant provided by The Horizon We provide daily self-advocacy content

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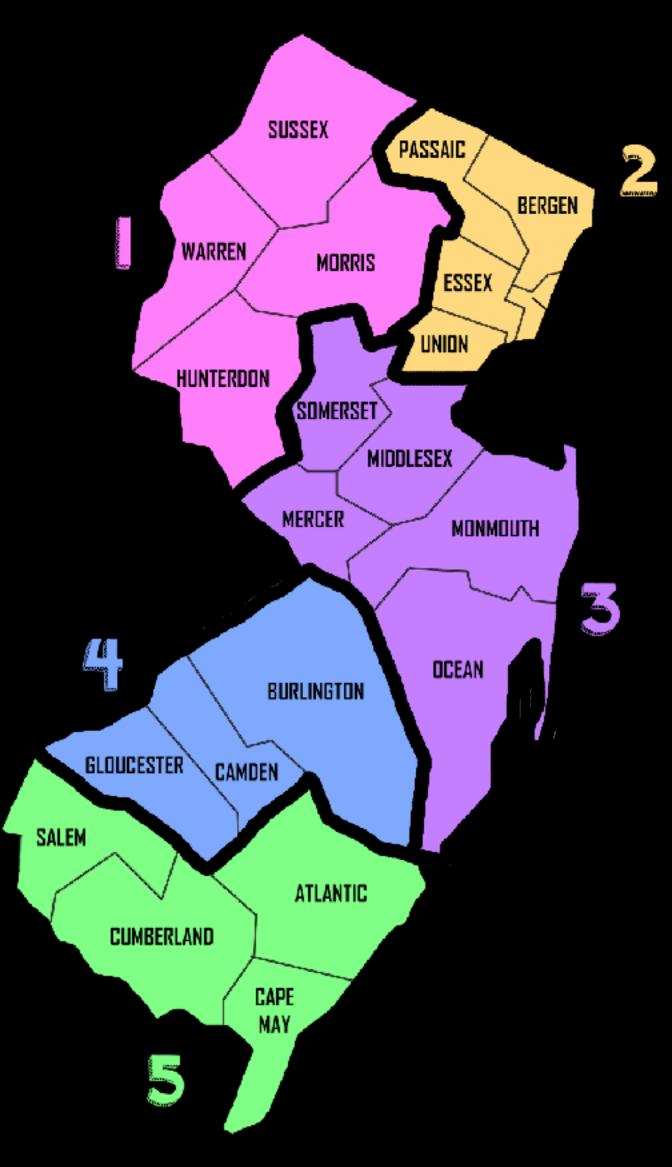


- We hold our NJSSAN Spring Luncheon in March / April.
- We hold our NJSSAN Fall Conference in September/October.
- We have a Governmental Affairs Ambassador Program (GAAP) to connect advocates with governmental decisions and changes.
- We work with advocates to testify before the Senate and Assembly on issues that will affect them.
- We also work with other agencies and Chapter of The Arc to help support their agenda and goals.



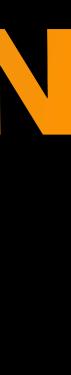
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THE COUNCILS OF THE NJSSAN



- Council 1 Sussex, Warren, Morris, Hunterdon
- Council 2 Bergen, Passaic, Union, Essex, Hudson
- Council 3 Somerset, Middlesex, Ocean, Mercer, Monmouth
- Council 4 Burlington, Camden, Gloucester
- Council 5 Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem

We are divided into 5 councils







ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board is made up of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Independent Advocate from each council.

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NEW JERSEY STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK

3rd Thursday of each month*, 5:30-6:45pm Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex & Warren **Advisor: Frankie Bayak** Fbayak@ArcNJ.org/732-749-8514

4th Thursday of each month*, 4-5:30pm Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, and Union **Advisor: Erin Smithers** ESmithers@ArcNJ.org/732-246-2525, ext. 26

2nd Tuesday of each month*, 5:30-7pm Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, **Ocean & Somerset Advisor: Erin Smithers** ESmithers@ArcNJ.org/732-246-2525, ext. 26

COUNCILS 4 & 5

3rd Wednesday of each month*, 3-4pm Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem Atlantic, Cape May, & Cumberland Counties **Contact Erin or Frankie as as seen above**

NJSSAN ADVISORY BOARD

Last Monday, every other month* **Only Open to Advisory Board Members**

For more information, contact: Frankie Bayak NJSAP@ArcNJ.org / 732-749-8514 www.njselfadvocacyproject.org

COUNCIL I

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COUNCIL 3

* Check the calendar image for exact dates

Council 3 of the Statewide Self Advocacy Network Tuesday, 5/9/23 Agenda

Welcome and Introductions Code of Conduct Treasury Report and Collection of Dues-\$682.77 Review minutes from last meeting

Guest Speaker:

A. Leigh Simpson-Assistant Supervisor- NJID ATC 3

Old Business:

- B. Council Elections to be held Later this year!
- C. Parents with Disabilities Legislation
- D. Julia and Ray interviewed for a Book
- E. March was DD Awareness Month
- F. Evelyn Testified at the FY24 Budget Hearing
- G. <u>17th Annual Luncheon: Registration Open!</u>
- H. Spring Into Action Fundraiser

New Business:

- Spring Into Action Luncheon: Thoughts?
- J. Fundraiser: We raised \$129!
- K. NEW ZOOM LINK NEXT MONTH!
- L. Assess Goals from this year and prepare goals for July

Positive Current Events:

M.Julia will share current event

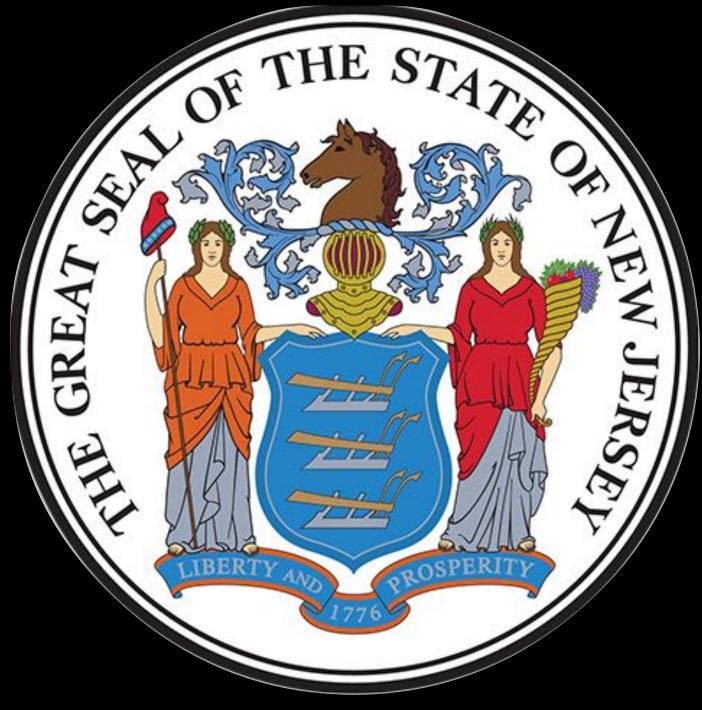
Chair Report Field Report Open Discussion/Announcements from members/Advisors/Birthdays Adjourn the Meeting Next meeting- June 13, 2023—<u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5128520354</u>

An Alliance for Change to Support the Rights of People with Intellectual and **Developmental Disabilities**



INVOLVEMENT IN GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

- We help advocates testify in front of the Senate and Assembly on topics that matter to our community.
- We stay up to date on the decisions that are made at the state house and on federal levels to make sure advocates know what is going on with their state.
- We get involved with local legislature and county government.
- At least once a year we go to the State House to speak about DD Awareness, what our program does, and how the members of congress can help our community.





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EVERY TUESDAY IN JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST 11:00 AM ON ZOOM

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.



Healthy Lifestyles Project (HLP)! is a program of The Arc of New Jersey and receives



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STAY HEALTHY AT HOME:

Mystic Aquarium: Seals and Sea Lions

STAY HEALTHY AT HOME WEBINAR SERIES JUNE 6, 2023 FROM 2 - 3 PM

Taking Action Against **Sexual Violence**

> Jennifer Harrison, Coordinator of Sexual Violence Prevention Sgt. Melissa Michalak, Edison Police Department Erin Smithers, Director of The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project Frankie Bayak, Media & Communications Coordinator

STAY HEALTHY AT HOME TUESDAYS:

Employment First **Employment for All**

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Association of People Supporting Employment First

Financial Literacy: Learn, Earn and Save!

Making Mental Healthcare Inclusive: **Best Practices and Psychotherapy** Adaptations for Individuals with IDD

> Wendy Aita, PhD Assistant Professor **Rowan-Virtua SOM RISN Center**





2 P M - 3 P M

ROWAN-VIRTUA School of Osteopathic Medicine



Healthy Lifestyles Project



Live Healthy, Together



WEDNESDAYS @ 11AM

FRIDAY @ 1 PM

HLP: LIVE!

HLP:Live! Food For Thought: Homemade Hummus





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MINDFULNESS

HLP: Live! Peace of Mind: Maintaining a Healthy Mindset



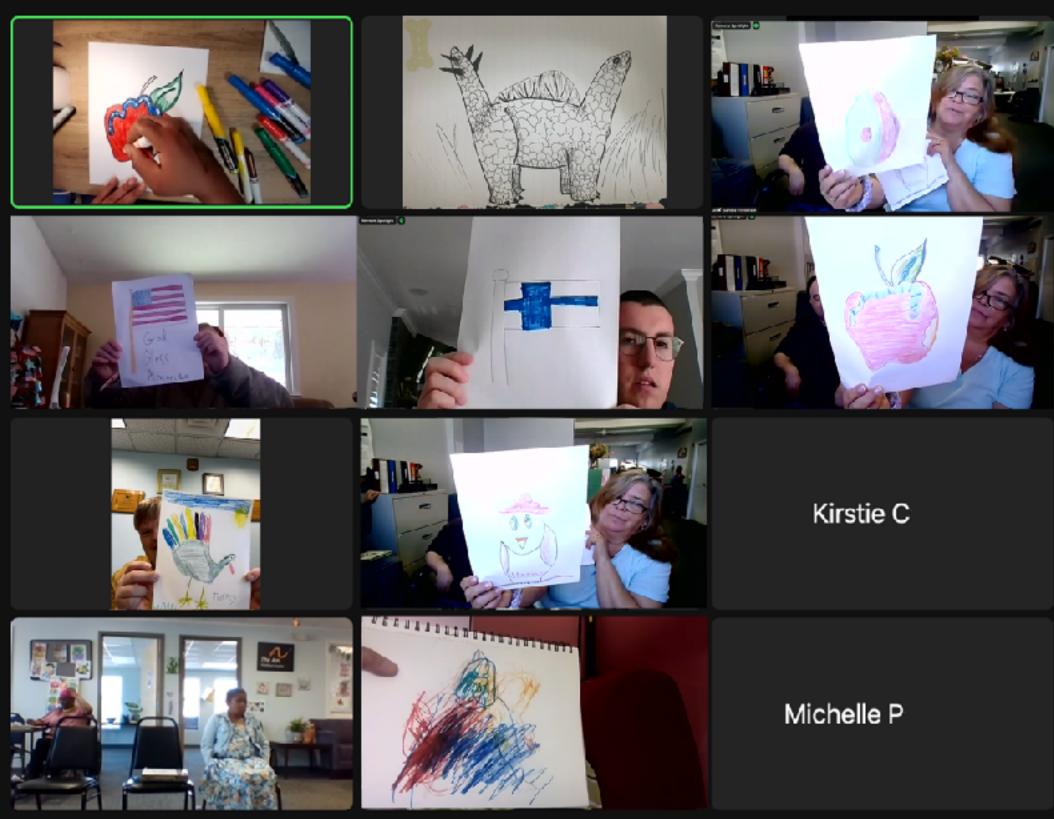
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HLP:Live! Art Workshop: Hand Art







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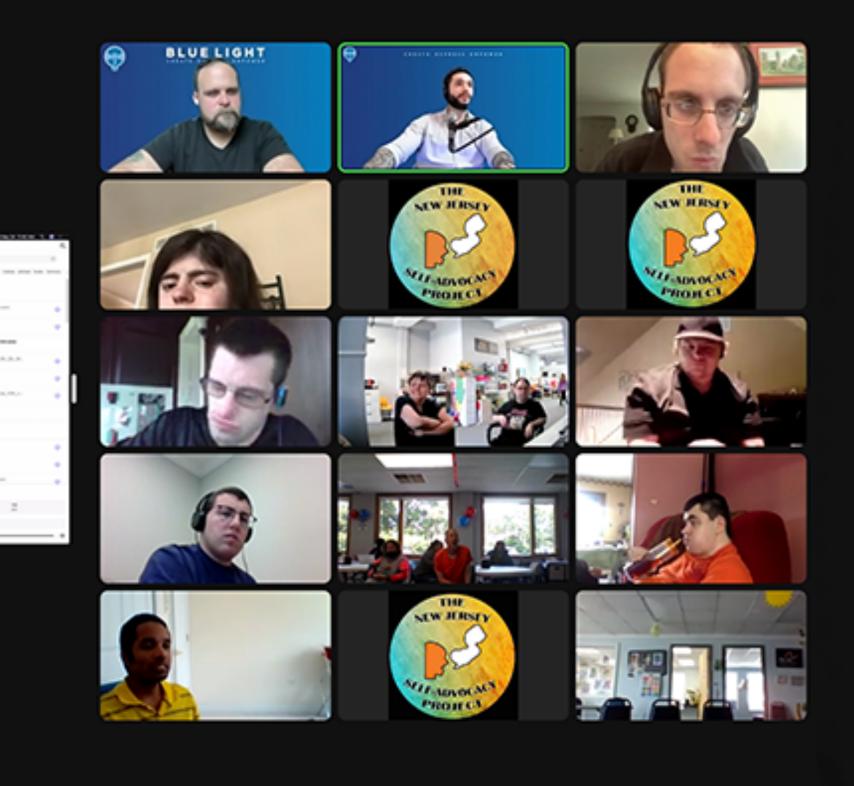
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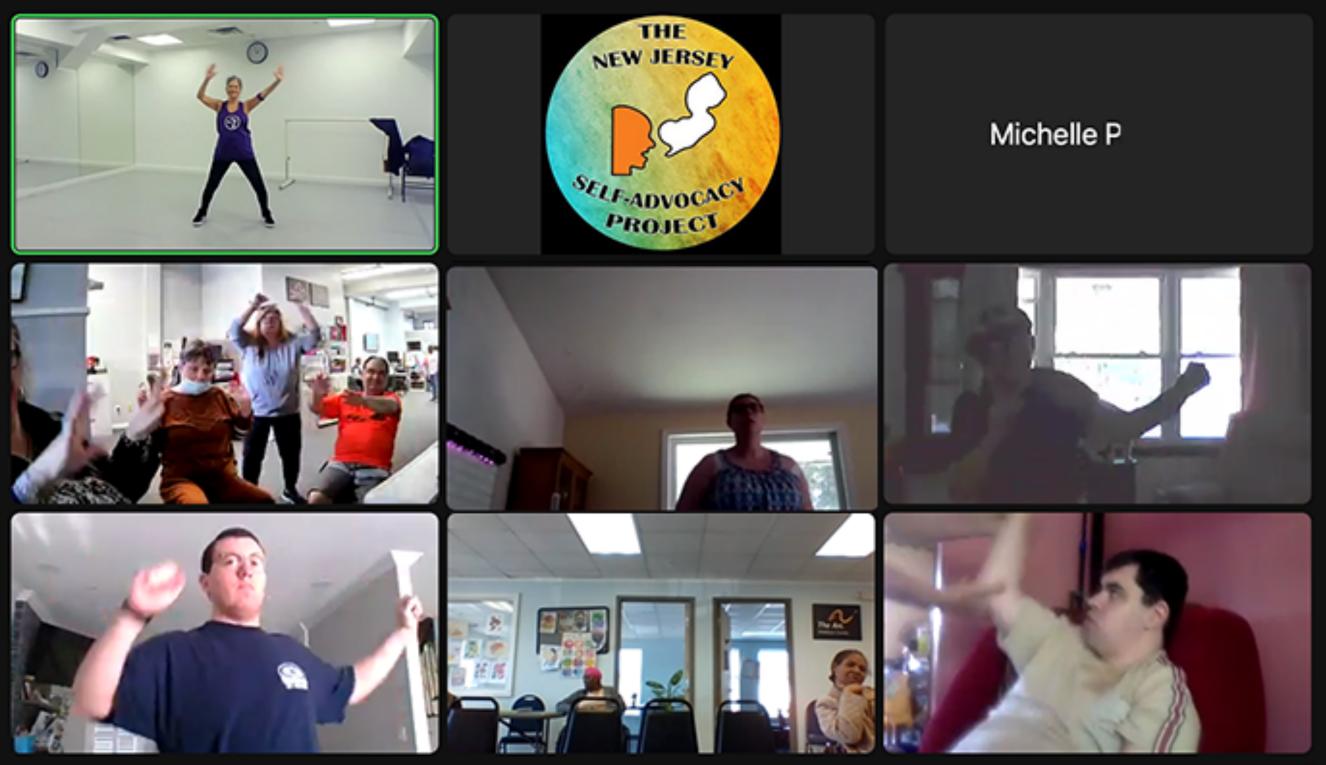
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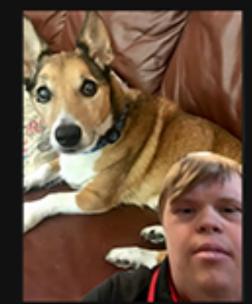
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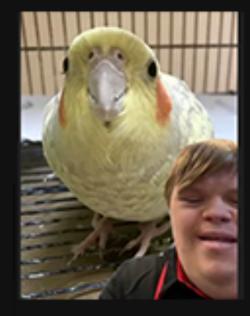
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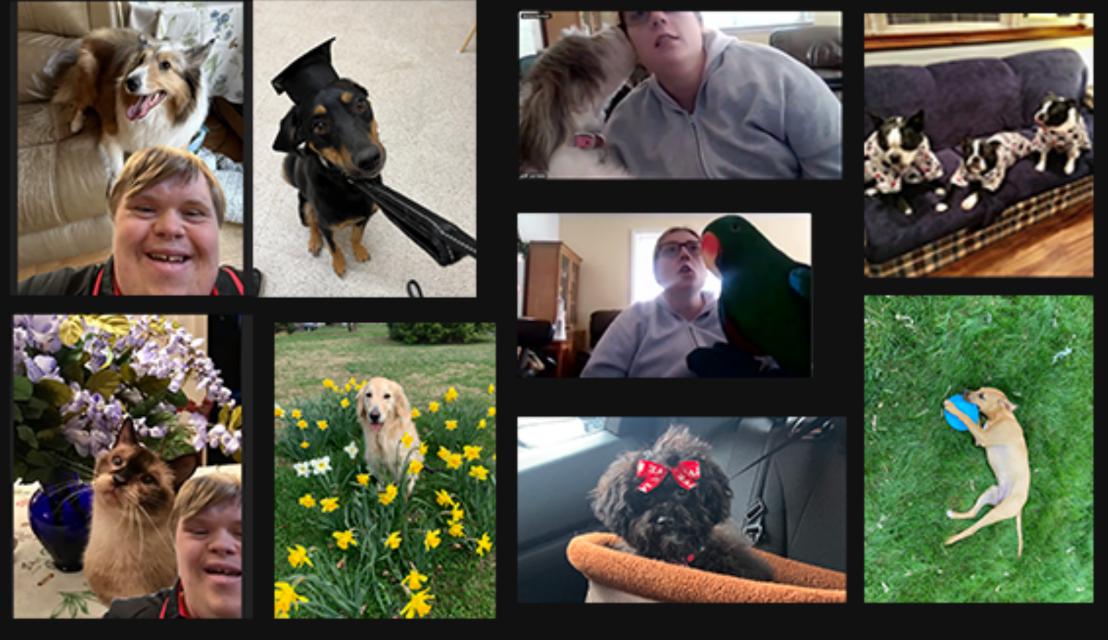








HLP: Live! Share Your Pet: The Pets!





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HLP: Live! Mystic Aquarium: Penguins









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MYSTIC AQUARIUM



THURSDAYS:

NJSAP Brain Games on Zoom!

Live, interactive board games with the NJSAP Team for you to test your creativity and knowledge and to have fun! Join us on Zoom every Thursday at 1PM!



Date/Time: Thursday, December 17th at 1pm

Link to Join the Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/93182237903? pwd=OXo1VFJ6NFNQT2F4QVgxN2dLQ2tRUT09

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Meeting ID: 931 8223 7903 Passcode: games

NO REGISTRATION! JUST JOIN!

THURSDAYS:

HOW TO JOIN



LUNCHEON, CONFERENCE







Thank you for attending the 17th Annual NJSSAN Spring Luncheon!

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THANK YOU For attending The 38th Annual NJSSAN Fall Conference!





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NJSAP RESOURCES

FREE VIRTUAL TRAININGS

Healthy Lifestyles Project improving health, improving lives

The New Jersey Self–Advocacy Project has partnered with The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey to help you learn more about health, wellness, and being the best you! We are happy to tailor our presentation(s) to suit the needs of your group. Contact us to set up a time and date at your location! The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project Team will provide free workshops on the following topics:



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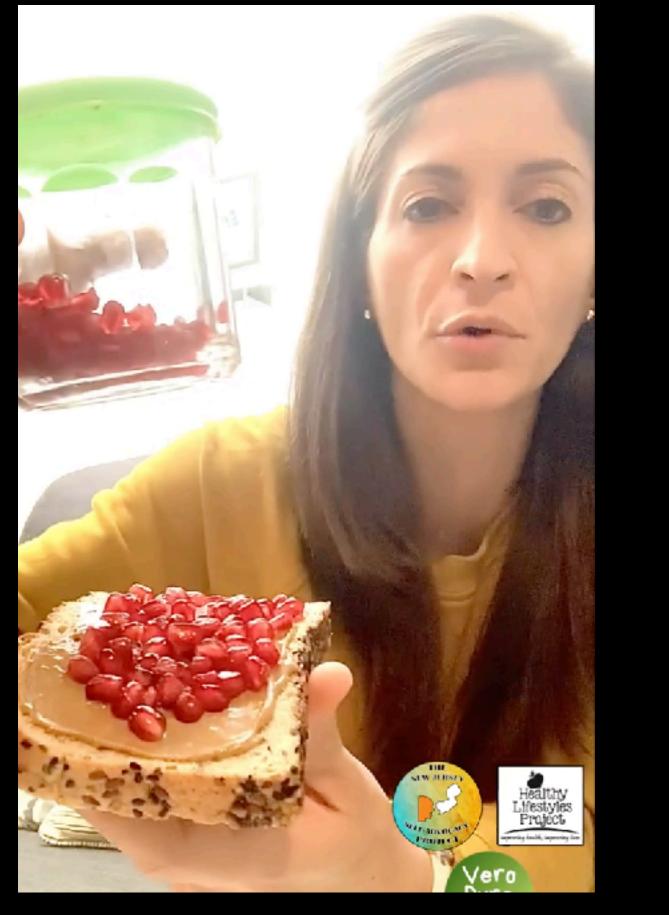
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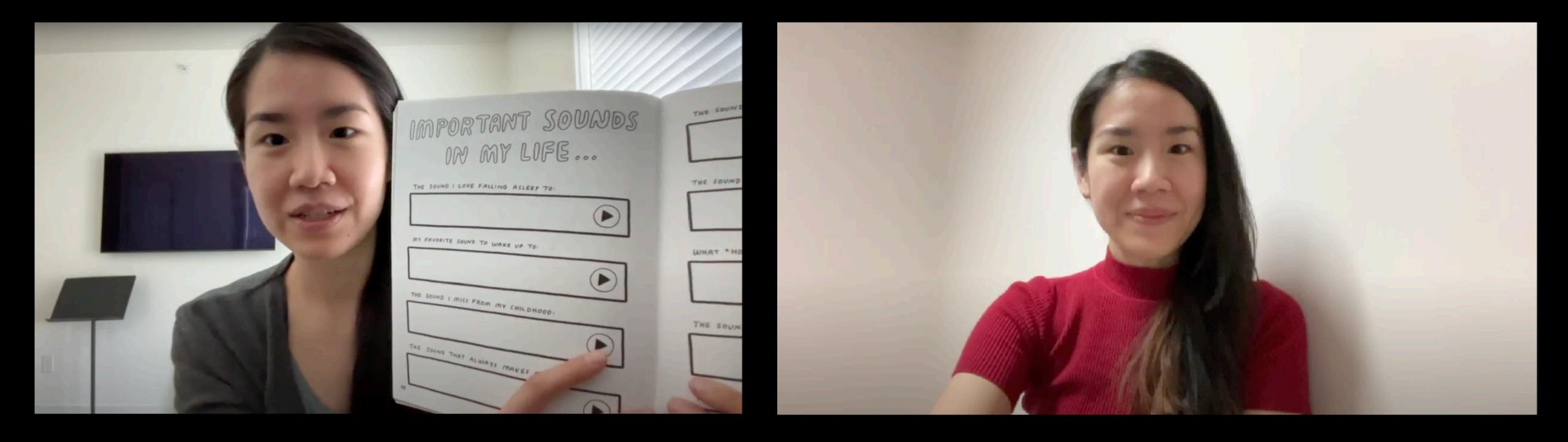








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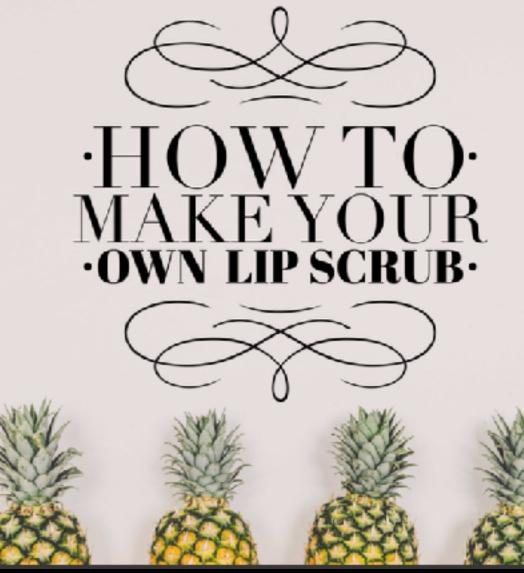






THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:











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Speak Your Mind: Quotes Straight from Self-Advocates

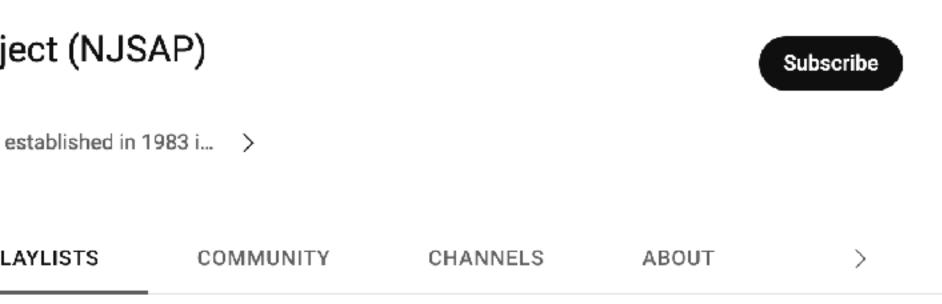


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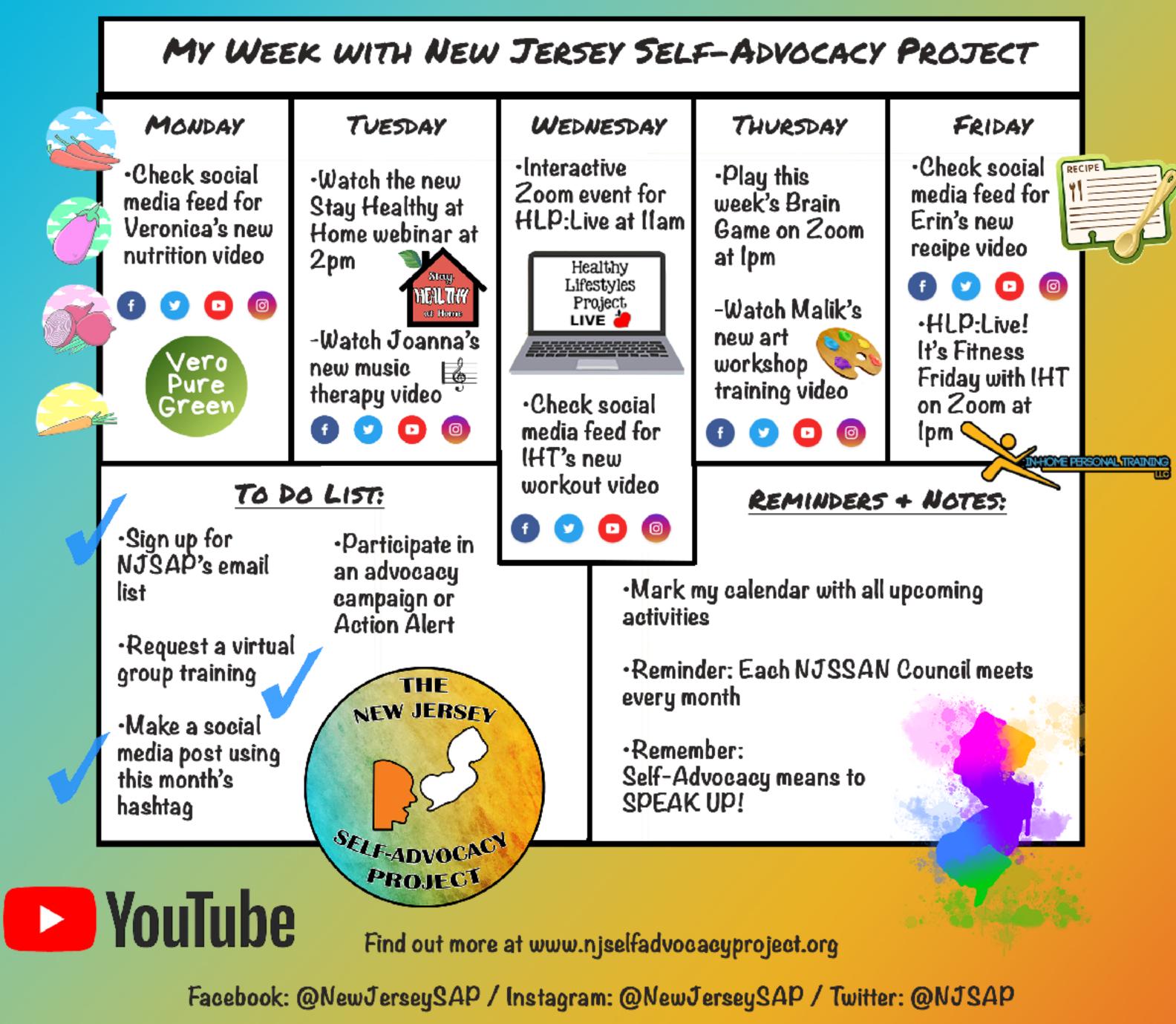
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ADVOCACY MATTERS



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

May 2023

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

In need of virtual programming? Inquire about our virtual <u>trainings</u>, <u>webinars</u>, and <u>events</u>!

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

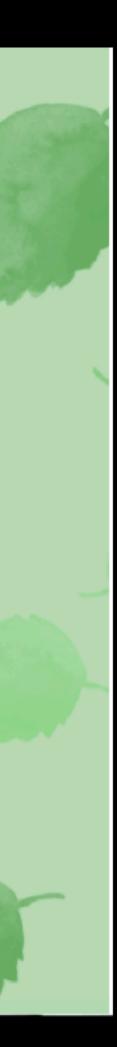
We host one brand new webinar each month and present replays of past content. <u>Register for our weekly webinars each Tuesday and watch the</u> <u>recorded versions of our past webinars here.</u>

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</u> <u>videos here</u> and <u>join in LIVE every week on Zoom.</u>

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.





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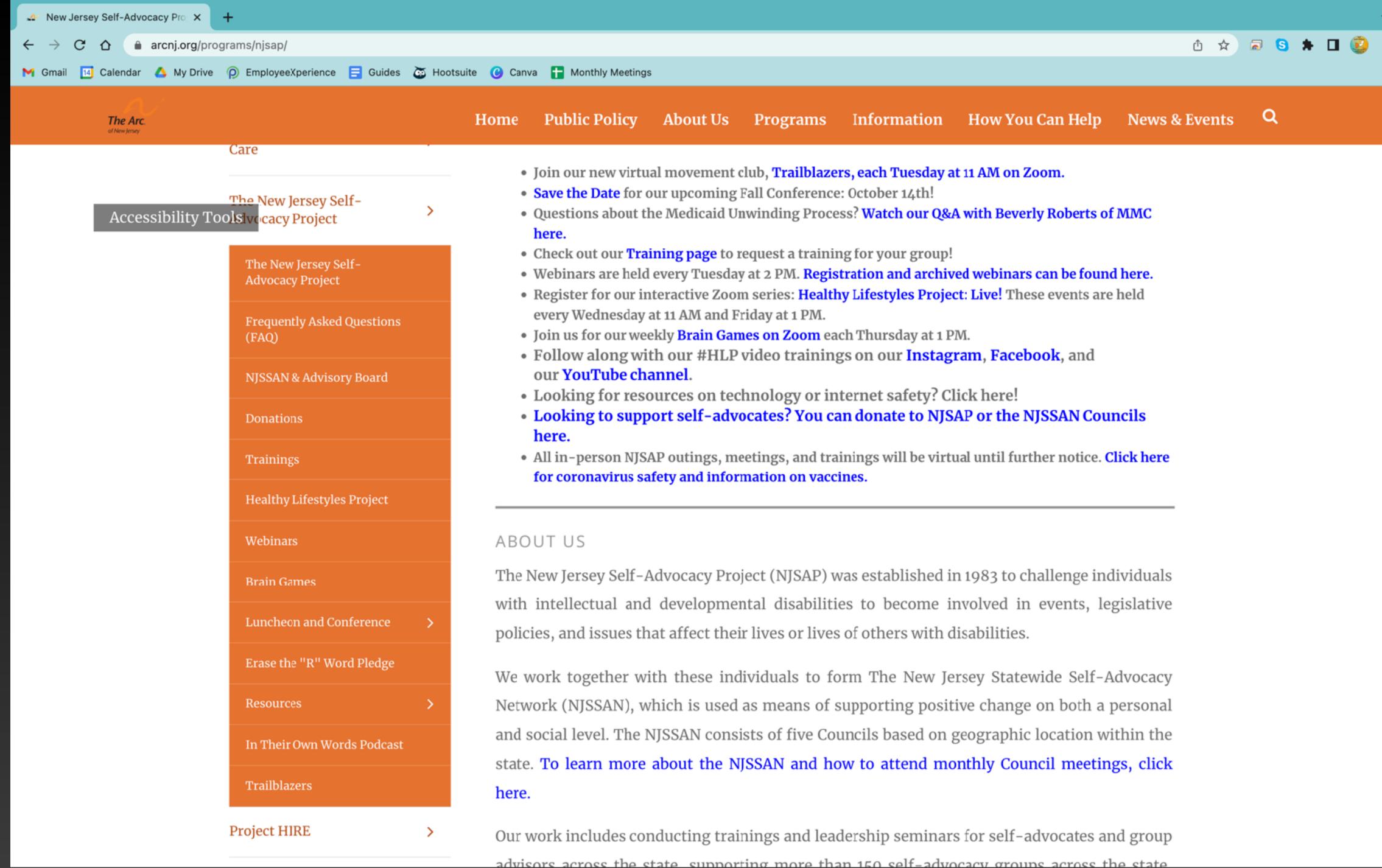
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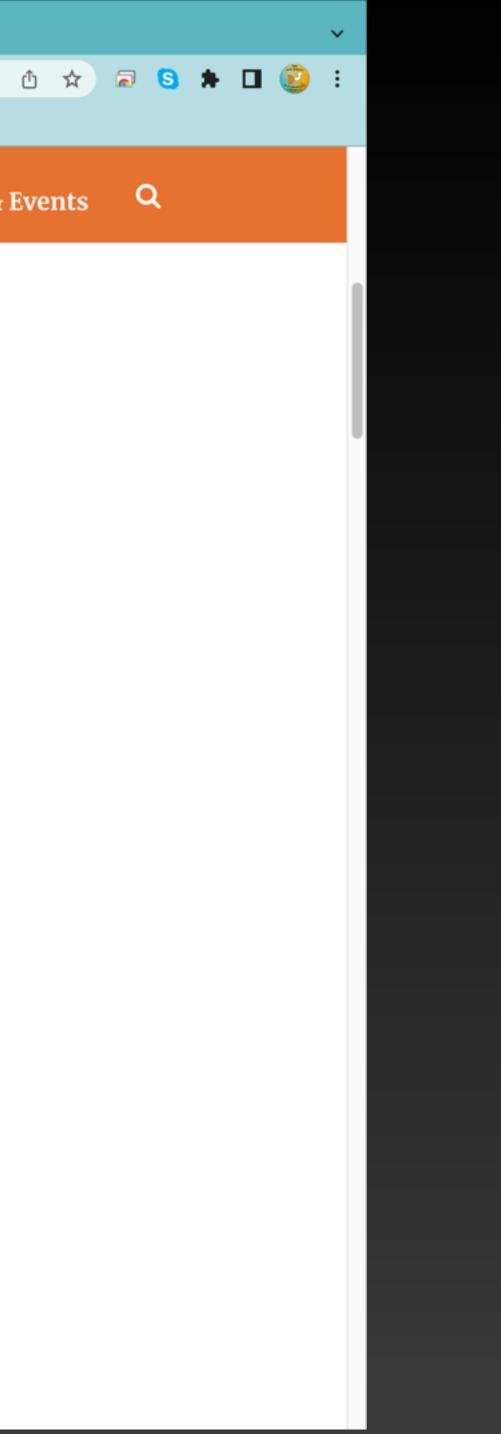
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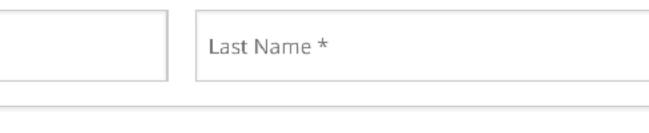
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□ I understand that these words are very cruel and disrespectful to people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and the people

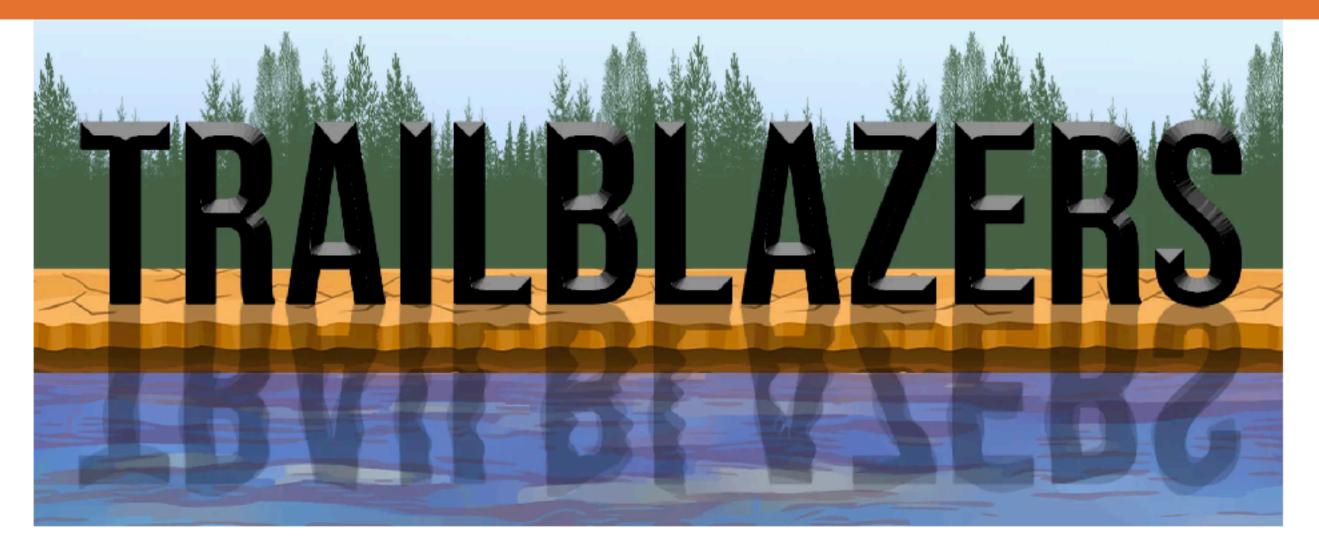


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https://www.arcnj.org/information/healthy-lifestyles-project/stay-healthy-at-home-webinars.html



ABOUT TRAILBLAZERS

Join our new virtual movement club, created for people with IDD to lead the way into living healthier lives. Members will make personal goals, socialize, and learn all about hiking, nature, & fitness. Choose your own path and how to follow it, and join us each week to talk about it!

HOW TO JOIN

Every Tuesday in June, July, & August, & September

11:00 AM on Zoom

REGISTER HERE!

UPCOMING TOPICS

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MY WEEK WITH NEW JERSEY SELF-ADVOCACY PROJECT MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY Check social Interactive •Play this week's Brain Check social Watch the new Zoom event for media feed for media feed for Stay Healthy at HLP:Live at llam Erin's new Game on Zoom Veronica's new Home webinar at recipe video nutrition video at lpm 2pm Healthy Lifestyles (1) (2) (2) (3) ALTA Project 🕣 💟 🖸 🚳 -Watch Malik's ·HLP:Live! -Watch Joanna's new art It's Fitness workshop new music 🛛 🛛 😹 Verc Pure Friday with IHT training video therapy video ·Check social on Zoom at () 🙄 🖸 🎯 (f) 💟 🖸 💿 lpm 🔨 media feed for lHT's new workout video TO DO LIST: REMINDERS + NOTES: ① ② ③ •Sign up for NJSAP's email Participate in an advocacy •Mark my calendar with all upcoming activities Action Alert Request a virtual •Reminder: Each NJSSAN Council meets group training THE every month NEW JERSE •Make a social •Remember: media post using Self-Advocacy means to this month's SPEAK UP! hashtag LF-ADVOCA PROJEC YouTube

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