



News Bulletin

May 14, 2021

Online Info Session: CAS and the Role of the Care Manager

Coordinated Assessment System (CAS) and the Role of the Care Manager

Please join us an online information session on the Coordinated Assessment System (CAS) and the Role of the Care Manager. Topics will include:

- CAS tool that OPWDD uses to identify a person's strengths, needs and interests to help with the person-centered planning.
- The Care Manager's role in the process:
 - Facilitating a conversation with the member to gather information on all aspects of their life such as living skills, health, behavior and supports to help develop a tailored care plan.
 - Facilitating conversations with others who know the person well, such as their circle of support, family members, friends and staff providing your supports.



Monday, May 24 @ noon - 1:00 pm. Please [click here](#) to register.

Online Workshop: Special Needs Trusts and The ABLE ACT



Special Needs Trusts And The ABLE Act

This workshop will discuss the following:

1. What is the purpose of a Special Needs Trust?
2. How do your other planning goals work together with a Special Needs Trust?
3. What are the differences between a 1st Party Special Needs Trust and a 3rd Party Special Needs Trust?
4. How and when is a Special Needs Trust set up, and what decisions are involved?
5. What is the new ABLE Act & how does it differ from a Special Needs Trust?
6. What happens if I do not have a Special Needs Trust?

Daytime or evening schedule options:

- Thursday, May 27 @ 11:30 am - 12:45 pm. [Click here](#) to register.
- Thursday, May 27 @ 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm. [Click here](#) to register.

About the Presenter

Leizer Gewirtzman, CPA*, ChSNC™

Insurance Representative, Financial Planning Specialist, Special Care Planner, ChSNC™

He is a father of seven children, one of whom has special needs and therefore understands the unique special needs planning challenges that families face

needs child's future, with the full involvement of their family and the related professionals needed to help create a solid future. Leizer Gewirtzman has over 10 years of accounting and insurance planning experience with knowledge to help clients achieve their financial goals. His focus is on the fundamentals of preparing for milestone life events, unexpected events, and estate planning.

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Note: not practicing on behalf of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) or its affiliated companies.

Care Design NY Self-Advocate Education & Training Group



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Care Design NY Self-Advocate Education and Training Group is for individuals who receive Care Management through Care Design NY. Individuals will meet with other self-advocates to discuss and learn about the advocacy work that the Individual and Family Advisory Board has been working on. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Wednesday, June 30 @ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Please [click here](#) to register.

Member & Family June Online Meetings

You are invited to join us in June at our online meeting. There are daytime and evening schedule options for your convenience:

You may also submit a topic and/or question that you would like addressed during the event online registration process. Your feedback is very important to us!

We are recording meetings for your convenience. If you would like to listen to a past meeting, please [click here](#) to access.

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Approved for Adolescents



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Endorses and Approves the Use of the PFIZER COVID-19 Vaccine in Adolescents Age 12 and Older

On Wednesday, 5.12, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a statement on adopting the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that endorsed safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and its use in 12- through 15-year-old adolescents. [Click here](#) to read the full statement.
