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News Flash - Statewide IL Education Day

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MetroWest Center for Independent Living, Inc.

Greetings!

MetroWest Center for Independent Living, the other 10 Independent Living Centers in Massachusetts, the MA Statewide Independent Living Council, the MA Rehabilitation Commission and the Disability Policy Consortium invite you to our annual:

MA STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING EDUCATION DAY at the State House

Where: Great Hall, State House

When: Wednesday, April 4, 2012, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Boxed lunch provided.

Our Centers for Independent Living provide valuable resources to the citizens of the Commonwealth. Please join us while we educate legislators on our goals, accomplishments and needs. [Click Here](#) to download the flyer.

Call your legislators today, and schedule an appointment with them between 12 and 3. Invite them to join you in the Great Hall for our presentations and lunch.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact:

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Rep. Sannicandro at 2011 IL Education Day

2012 IL Education Day Topics

- Massachusetts 11 Independent Living Centers are seeking an additional 1.1 Million in the 4120-4000 account of the FY13 budget which will assist consumers overcome barriers to Housing, Employment & Access to Healthcare.
- Annually centers work with as many as 200 people to move back into the community from institutionalized settings saving the Commonwealth an average of \$4,000,000.
- This past year ILC's received over 10,000 Information & Referral calls from consumers, family members & partners in the community.
- Massachusetts ILC's employ hundreds of staff, many of whom are people with disabilities, enhancing our states commitment to being a model employer of persons with disabilities.

Do you have your own topic, either a frustration with state government, or something that has gone well for you, that you can share with your State Representative or State Senator? MassHealth and the MBTA come to mind, as well as general accessibility around our towns. IL Education Day is a great time to speak to your Representative and Senator about your Independent Living issues.

Please contact your representatives and senator right away, and schedule some time with them during IL Education Day. *Your taking the time to personally tell your story will make a difference.*

To find who your state representatives and senator are and what their contact information is, you can visit the state website: wheredoivotema.com.



The audience at 2011 IL Education Day

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