**Chat-n-Chew spring schedule 2021**

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|                                                            **Achieve with us.**Dear Partners,The Arc of Chester County continues to provide supports and services during these difficult and complicated times. It is time for our SPRING 2021 Chat-n-Chew series. Fortunately, we are able to hold these sessions virtually, which allows our amazing presenters to bring important information to you, our wonderful partners. Please consider joining us while we share information, network, and learn in a casual and welcoming environment. Whether you are the parent of a child, an individual with a disability or a professional who works with individuals with disabilities, or another interested partner, these workshops can provide you with a wealth of information.These FREE sessions are open to everyone.Each session will be held every Wednesday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. in the months of March and April.We have some great new topics and some topics that are back by popular demand. Come listen and learn about services and supports, transition programs and employment opportunities for individuals and families.   Please look at our SPRING sessions outlined below.Register to join us by providing your email address and zip code. A link will be sent to you via email for the chosen session, so you can attend virtually that day.We look forward to seeing you soon! |

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| **Guardianship vs. Power of Attorney: Which One Makes Sense****Wednesday, March 3,  2021****11:30am - 1:00pm** One of the most difficult decisions a parent, family member or caregiver has to make regarding their loved one is whether to seek guardianship or power of attorney. Is it appropriate? Is it necessary?  Please join **Stephen D. Potts, Esquire; attorney with the law firm of Herr, Potts and Potts,** to explore answers to these questions and learn the differences between guardianship and power of attorney.                                           [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=lqbeolbbb.0.0.rnjy8adab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fweblink.donorperfect.com%2FChatandChewSPRING2021)  |

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| **Transition Programs at the Chester County Intermediate Unit****Wednesday, March 10, 2021****11:30am - 1:00pm**  Transition to adult life can be a difficult process for anyone, especially individuals with disabilities. Transitions should be outcome based and planning long-range in nature. Transition planning for students age 14 through graduation assists in creating a plan that will foster a smooth transition from school to the changes in the adult system, opportunities and responsibilities of adult life.Please join **Laurie Masino, Community Based Instruction & Adult Services Supervisor, CCIU and Lisa Tzanakis, Special Ed/Community Based Instruction Supervisor, CCIU** to learn about CCIU transition programs and how to access them.                                             [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=lqbeolbbb.0.0.rnjy8adab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fweblink.donorperfect.com%2FChatandChewSPRING2021)  |

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| **Employment and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation****Wednesday, March 17, 2021****11:30am - 1:00pm** Please join **Angelica Webster, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation,** to learn the process of employment eligibility and what the process looks like after acceptance for those with a disability                                              [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=lqbeolbbb.0.0.rnjy8adab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fweblink.donorperfect.com%2FChatandChewSPRING2021)  |

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| **Managing and Self-Directing your Services****Wednesday, March 24, 2021****11:30am - 1:00pm**Did you know you can recruit and refer for hire support service workers (SSP's)? Would you like to self-direct your supports & services for you or your loved one? **Agency With Choice** is a **service delivery option** in which individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Autism and/or their representative enrolled in the Consolidates, Community Living or Person/Family Directed Support Waiver Programs are able to self-direct some or all of their services-which leads to greater choice and control over where, when and how support services are delivered.  Please join **Gary Johnson-McNutt, Director of Agency with Choice, at the Arc of Chester County**, for valuable information that will help you determine if this service delivery is right for you and your loved one.                                            [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=lqbeolbbb.0.0.rnjy8adab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fweblink.donorperfect.com%2FChatandChewSPRING2021)  |

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| **FREE Mental Health Supports in Chester County****Wednesday, March 31, 2021****11:30am - 1:00pm**What do I do if me or someone I know and love is struggling with mental health ? What are the supports to help people get the mental health services and supports they need?   Please join **Ashley Marcy, Chester County MH/IDD and Donna Mengle, Community Care Behavioral Health,** discuss mental health supports available for families and individuals, caregivers and families, most of which are FREE                                            [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=lqbeolbbb.0.0.rnjy8adab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fweblink.donorperfect.com%2FChatandChewSPRING2021)  |

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| **Comprehensive Employment Services:****How Do I Get A Job During COVID?****Wednesday, April 7, 2021****11:30am - 1:00pm**Our own **Rita Mandik, Director of CES (Community Employment Services)** will discuss how COVID has affected those looking for employment as well as the best strategies to find a job.                                             [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=lqbeolbbb.0.0.rnjy8adab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fweblink.donorperfect.com%2FChatandChewSPRING2021)  |

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| ***What is an ABLE Account?***Wednesday, April 14, 202111:30am - 1:00pmParents often ask what is the best savings account for my loved one with a disability? The ABLE account is one option to save money for the future. Please join **Karen Carr from the Bureau of Savings Programs, Harrisburg** to learn what an ABLE account is, how you can open one and the many advantages of  having an ABLE account.                                            [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=lqbeolbbb.0.0.rnjy8adab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fweblink.donorperfect.com%2FChatandChewSPRING2021)  |

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| **How has COVID Changed Services and Supports for those with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism****Wednesday, April 21, 2021****11:30am - 1:00pm**COVID has had a significant impact on almost everything including what services and supports are available for those with ID and  Autism. Please join **Lauren House, Chester County Administrator for ID Services**, to discuss what changes have already taken place and how to prepare for the future                                         [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=lqbeolbbb.0.0.rnjy8adab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fweblink.donorperfect.com%2FChatandChewSPRING2021) |

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| **Online Resources for Those With a Disability****Wednesday, April 28, 2021****11:30am - 1:00pm**Since COVID, many individuals have had to access supports, services, meetings and social interactions virtually. What is available in Chester County virtually?Please join **Meg and Teddy Diskin**, for a conversation on what resources are available and how to access these virtual connections. Please bring your own ideas and experiences to contribute to this discussion. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=lqbeolbbb.0.0.rnjy8adab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fweblink.donorperfect.com%2FChatandChewSPRING2021) |

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