



The Manchester Community College Institute on Disability and Community Inclusion and Communitas is sponsoring four evening workshops:

All workshops are free, and will be from 6 to 8 PM held at Manchester Community College, in the Learning Resource Center, room A-108 Located next to the Library. We suggest using Parking Lot B. The address of the college is 161 Hillstown Rd, Manchester, Connecticut.

1. Date: October 10, 2012, Time - 6-8 PM

Workshop#1 : Beginning the Journey

For parents and friends, the very first steps can feel overwhelming. This workshop will assist families and friends in identifying how to productively, and joyfully begin walking with their loved one, with a developmental disability. The evening will include a presentation tailored to families with children or adults wanting to connect with others who are also walking in their shoes. Come, and join us in a engaging, lively conversation. This workshop will focus on common concerns and hopes families share as we create positive futures for the child.

2. Date: Oct. 24,2012, Time - 6- 8 PM

Workshop#2: Advocating in the School

For parents and friends wanting to apply their knowledge and expertise about their child or teenager within the educational system. How would life change, if your child's or teen's strengths were appreciated and you were considered an equal partner on the educational team? Come, and explore how you can become an effective voice for supporting your child or teen's learning experience.

3. Date: November 7, 2012, Time - 6-8 PM

Workshop#3 : What Now that he or she is an adult?

For parents and friends with a loved one that is an adult. How can parents and friends prepare for the challenges the person with a developmental disability will encounter as they transition into adulthood?

4. Date: November 14, 2012, Time - 6-8 PM

Workshop # 4: Your Family Vision

Using Appreciative Inquiry as a way to create, implement and sustain your core family values. How would your world change, if you could trust your dreams for your son or daughter with a developmental disability to have a happy, meaningful life? This workshop is designed for families, friends and anyone who is willing to dream "big." Parents and friends are not restricted by the age of the person they support.

Participants do not have to attend all four workshops.

Please register.