



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

TREASURER SHAWN T. WOODEN

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THURSDAY: STATE TREASURER SHAWN WOODEN LAUNCHES ABLE CT TO BENEFIT CONNECTICUT'S DISABILITY COMMUNITY

Hartford, CT - On Thursday, October 15, 2020, Connecticut State Treasurer, Shawn T. Wooden, will hold a press conference to announce the launch of the Connecticut Achieving a Better Life Experience Savings Program (ABLE CT) for individuals living with disabilities. The ABLE Act was signed into law by the federal government in 2014 to create tax-free savings accounts, and Connecticut has now joined a multi-state partnership to empower people living with disabilities. Residents of Connecticut can now enroll in the ABLE CT program, which offers a high-quality, low-cost ABLE CT savings and investment plan and a full checking account feature.

ABLE CT is a program designed to help families save for a better future without jeopardizing an individual's federal benefits, such as SSI or Medicaid. Treasurer Wooden will be joined by legislators, disability advocates and parents of individuals living with a disability.

Media planning to attend can RSVP to Michelle.Woods-Matthews@ct.gov.

WHO:

- State Treasurer Shawn Wooden
- Commissioner Amy Porter, Department on Aging and Disability Services
- Tom Fiorentino, Member of The Arc Connecticut's Board of Directors and parent of an adult with an intellectual disability
- Andrew Komarow, ABLE account holder, Ambassador for the ABLE National Resource Center and founder of Planning Across the Spectrum
- Jessica Sahlman, ABLE account holder and Ambassador for the ABLE National Resource Center
- Beth Gard, First ABLE CT account holder and parent of a child with Down Syndrome

WHEN: Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 10:30AM ET

WHERE: State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT 06016

Please note: The press conference will be held on the stairs facing Capitol Avenue, across from the Bushnell Performing Arts Center. We ask that everyone in attendance maintain 6ft. per social distancing guidelines and wear a mask.

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