CHANGES MAY BE MADE TO THE SCHEDULE.

Wednesday 3rd January 6.00-7.30pm.
Everyone: Pizza Night at Papa Ginos. 21 Wood Street, Middlesex Plaza, Lowell, 01851 (if you don’t like / can’t eat pizza then hopefully you can find something else on their menu. Visit their website to see menu: www.papaginos.com).

Wednesday 7th February 6.00-7.30pm. Health and Social Sciences Building, 3rd floor, 113 Wilder Street, Lowell, 01854. RESCHEDULED TO WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY BECAUSE OF SNOW STORM.
Group Members: Group activities / ice-breakers (please a bring snack to share).
Caregivers: Networking with other parents; sharing ideas and resources.
Free parking is available in big parking lot on the corner of Wilder and Broadway (access on Wilder – barrier will be up). This lot is opposite the Health and Social Sciences building.

Wednesday 7th March 6.00-7.30pm. UMass Lowell McGauvran Student Center, 71 Wilder Street, Lowell, 01854. RESCHEDULED TO WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH BECAUSE OF SNOW STORM.
Wednesday 14th March – Chunky’s movie theater in Nashua. Movie and time TBD.

Wednesday 4th April.
Group Members: UMass Lowell student center on south campus (McGauvran student center). Meet in the seating area near Subway. We can eat there and also hang out / play games.
Caregivers: Guest speaker Susan Woods will present “TRANSITION TO COLLEGE: Preparing students to navigate the post-secondary terrain....” in the OLeary library Mezzanine – access from McGauvran or from OLeary library.

Objectives:

•Defining and understanding applicable laws in post-secondary settings •Discussing the process for determining eligibility, documentation and requesting accommodations •Discussing the concept of “reasonable accommodations” in post-secondary settings and what to expect
•Assisting students and families to prepare for the transition to college/post-secondary environments •Identifying questions to ask college/post-secondary programs •Learning about resources and alternative programs to traditional academic college pathways

Susan B. Woods M.Ed, retired Associate Dean, Student Support Services at Middlesex Community College BS in Special Education from Boston University M.Ed from Northeastern University in Rehabilitation Administration.

Susan has spent the last 27 years at Middlesex Community College managing the Transition Program and Disability Support Services, as well as overseeing the college's Federally funded TRIO student support programs, Counseling and Consultation services and coordinating the Student Assessment Intervention Team with the office of the Dean of Students.
Prior to coming to Middlesex, Susan worked at the Department of Mental Retardation and Mental Health—now the Department of Developmental Services—and was involved with the Turning 22 transition planning initiative, and the early stages of development of community based individual service planning. For the past 9 years, Susan has also been an adjunct faculty, teaching an online section of Developmental Disabilities in the Psychology and Education Department at Middlesex Community College.

A significant part of Susan's work has included providing professional development and training to college faculty to promote and support their use of teaching strategies and approaches using principles of universal design for instruction. The goal of this work is to create and support inclusive pedagogies and create a welcoming environment to support the success of diverse learners. Susan has also provided workshops and professional development training at local high schools. This training is provided to special educators, transition specialists and guidance department staff, as well as parents and students, on how to prepare and support the transition of individuals with disabilities to post-secondary education.

**Wednesday 2nd May 6.00-7.30pm.**
Everyone: Pizza Night at Dominoes Pizza at 374 Chelmsford Street in Lowell (if you don’t like / can’t eat pizza then hopefully you can find something else on their menu). Please bring $5 to help cover the costs of the pizza and drinks.

**Wednesday 6th June: 6.00-7.30pm. Health and Social Sciences Building, 3rd floor, 113 Wilder Street, Lowell, 01854.**
**Group Members:** Hanging out at UMass Lowell. We’ll decide on the night, but we may walk down to the ice-cream place down the road / go for a walk along the river / play Frisbee / stay indoors and play some games. Please bring a snack to share.
**Caregivers:** John Woods from Fidelity House will visit to gather your ideas for designing their new group home. He wants to hear from those with ASD and their families so they can make sure they design this new property as effectively as possible.
Free parking is available in big parking lot on the corner of Wilder and Broadway (access on Wilder – barrier will be up). This lot is opposite the Health and Social Sciences building.

**Sunday 1st July: 5pm**
Everyone: Lowell Spinner baseball game. Meet at the gates of LeLaucheur park. Ashleigh will get the tickets ahead of time so we can sit together and will give you your ticket and collect your money when we meet at the gate. They are playing Connecticut at 5.35pm.

**Week of Wednesday 1st August:**
**Group Members:** Hanging out at UMass Lowell. We’ll decide on the night, but we may walk down to the ice-cream place down the road / go for a walk along the river / play Frisbee / stay indoors and play some games. Please bring a snack to share.
**Caregivers:** Ray Cebula will be presenting on navigating Social Security in Health and Social Sciences Building room 165.
Get directions to Health and Social Sciences Building with campus maps. A large parking lot is available across the street from the building with entry on Wilder. Parking is free. This parking lot has a barrier which will be raised in time for the talk.

**Wednesday 5th September: 6.00-7.30pm.**
Everyone: Merrimack Valley Pavillion. Laser Tag, mini golf, pizza and sundae bar. 2087 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876; http://playatmvp.com

Wednesday 3rd October. 6.00-8.00pm. Moloney Hall, University Crossing Building A, 220 Pawtucket Street, Lowell, 01854.
Group Members: Hang out at UCrossings at the Crossroads café and videogame area.
Caregivers (and interested group members): Expert Speaker Maureen Crawford-Henz, Vice President of Human Resources at A.W. Chesterton Company will present on “It’s Not Can you DO the Job, It’s Can You GET the Job?: Strategies for Interviewing as Young Adults on the Autism Spectrum?”
Get directions to UCrossing with campus maps. A large parking lot is available across the street from the building with entry on Salem Street. This parking lot has an attendant - please let the attendant know that you are coming to the presentation. Parking is free.

Week of Wednesday 7th November. Day and time TBD.
Everyone: UMass Lowell hockey game.

Wednesday 5th December. 6.00-7.30pm.
Everyone: Dinner at Panera Bread (near Hannafords, Walmart, etc. on Drum Hill Road): Drum Hill Shopping Center, 66 Parkhurst Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824, 978-654-7986.