



The MA Developmental Disabilities Council State Plan Public Input Forums



March 16th, 2016

Holyoke Community College
Kittredge Center, Room 303
303 Homestead Ave
Holyoke, MA 01040
10am to 12pm

March 18th, 2016

100 Hancock Street
Conf. Room A-1st Floor
Quincy, MA 02171
10am to 12pm

The Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council is an independent agency funded by the federal government to work with the state of Massachusetts to better support people with developmental disabilities and their families. MDDC's mission is to help people with developmental disabilities have opportunities to lead successful lives in their communities; by supporting inclusive education, greater employment opportunities, and the right to make choices about where, with whom, and how they live.

The Council develops a State Plan every five years to address the most important issues affecting people with developmental disabilities. The Council talks with individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and advocates about how to improve the system of services and supports over the next five years. The Council is hosting TWO public forums and invites individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and others to voice their thoughts on:

- Self-Advocacy/Leadership
- Accessible Recreation
- Transition
- Housing
- Transportation
- Family Supports/Respite
- Human Rights
- Direct Care/Support
- Employment
- Life skills
- Access to Healthcare

Please **RSVP** to Faith Behum, Faith.Behum@state.ma.us or 617-770-7676 ext. 107 by **March 11th, 2016**. Please contact Faith by **February 24th, 2016** if you are attending one of the forums and require accommodations.