

MEMORY CAFES

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The Department of Developmental Services is very pleased to announce the 13 providers that received contracts to develop and implement an inclusive memory café:

BFAIR	Berkshire, North Adams	(413) 664-9382
Cambridge Family and Children's Service	Cambridge	(617) 876-4210, ext. 4273
Conch Shell Counseling	Falmouth	(774) 454-3290
Division of Andover Elder Services	Andover/Lawrence	(978) 623-8321
Martha's Vineyard Center for Living	Martha's Vineyard	(508) 939-9440
MaryMac Missions	Topsfield	(978) 887-4202
Middleborough COA	Middleborough	(508) 946-2490
New England Village	Pembroke	(781) 293-5461, ext. 111
People, Inc.	Fall River	(774) 627-2406
Road to Responsibility (Express Yourself)	Marshfield	(781) 536-3225
Sunshine Village	Chicopee	(413) 592-6142
The Arc of Bristol County	Attleboro	(508) 226-1476
UCP of Metro Boston	Watertown	(617) 600-2449

A Memory Cafe is a regularly-scheduled time and place for individuals with memory issues AND their care partners (both informal and formal caregivers) to meet together for socialization, fellowship, community-building and information. Typically, Memory Cafes include light refreshments, an ice breaker and conversation and activities such as games, physical exercise and/or an artistic/creative pursuit such as a musician, dancing or painting. There are already several Memory Cafes in Massachusetts.

DDS hopes by presenting this list, these providers, DDS staff, other providers and stakeholders will take the opportunity to reach out to contracted providers to learn more about their memory café, refer individuals that DDS serves who also have memory issues to memory café in their area and even collaborate/volunteer! Each café will have at least one meeting by June 30, 2016.

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