

Our Monthly Newsletter - August 2023







South Coast Harvest Festival Westport, Massachusetts

The Team Shawnie Advocacy Group will be at this event which is one of a kind. This event will feature professionally designed gardens, fall floral displays, scarecrow creations, antique tractor display and procession, live music, fall-themed food, marketplace vendors, pumpkin carving artists, garden talks/demos on topics such as pollinator gardens, beekeeping, mushroom log demonstration, a live Owl program, kids interactive activities and more!

The festival will be held from **Sept 29th - Oct 1st** at the Westport Fairgrounds, 200 Pine Hill Rd, Westport, MA.

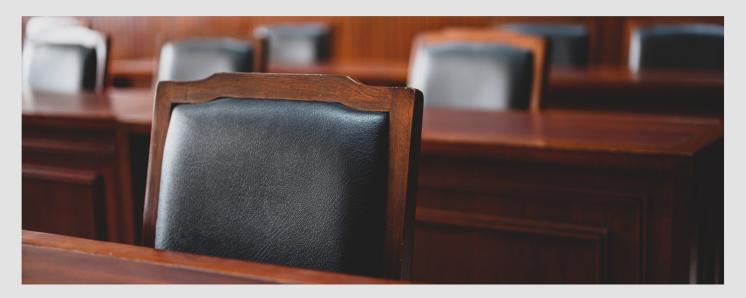
Looking for Volunteers

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Volunteers are the heart of our Autism advocacy group, fueling our mission to create a more inclusive and accepting society. By joining our dedicated team, you play a crucial role in amplifying voices, raising awareness, and driving positive change for individuals on the Autism spectrum and their families.

Your time and passion can make a profound impact, helping us build a brighter future together. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering a small amount of your time then please, contact us at info@teamshawniegroup.org



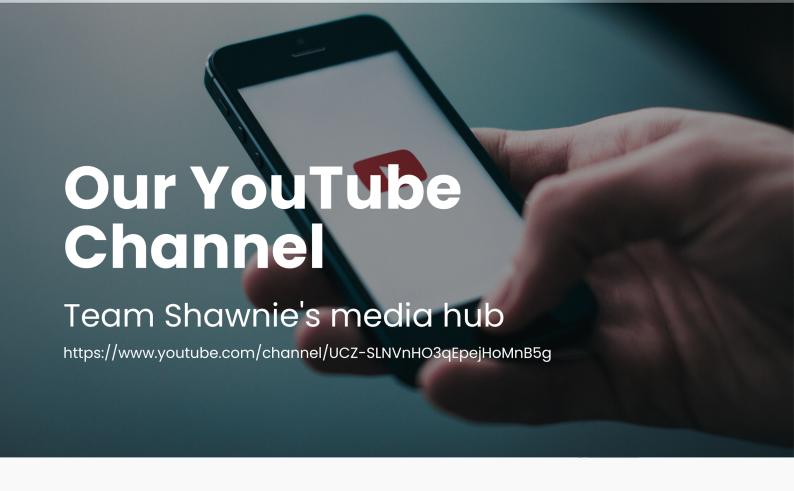


Autism Family Caregiver's Act 2023 - H.R. 2965

A bipartisan bill involving caregivers of special needs children/adolescents was introduced recently. This bill authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants for providing evidence-based caregiver skills training to family caregivers of children with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities or delays, and for other purposes. This bill was sponsored by Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and co-sponsored by Susan M. Collins (R-ME).

Here are the proposed bills for 2023

- BILL H.502 An Act relative to independent child protection https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/H502
- BILL H. 503 An Act relative to special education reimbursement programs https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/H503/Bills
- BILL H. 183 The Shawnie Bill (Ongoing legislation) https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/H183



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