

Summer 2025

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Hello, Summer 2025!

Tech Tools For Life Conference

Living without Limits

The CT Tech Act hosted its Annual Tech Tools for Life Conference at the Bristol Event Center in Bristol, CT.

Kelly and I attended the conference, which featured many informative sessions, including how to document effectively and how to live independently with Assistive Technology. Many people with disabilities can transition from a group home into their own apartment with the assistance of Assistive Technology.

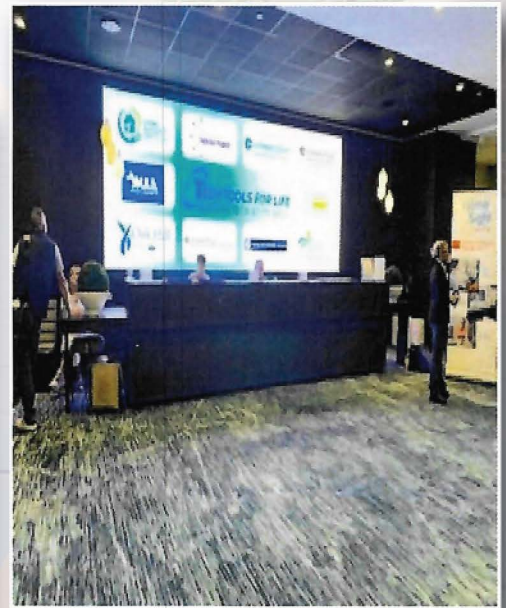
Some of the sessions I attended were on how to live independently with Assistive Technology and how to do documentation on the computer.

I also attended a session about this guy who learned to advocate for himself by using a communication board.

He was nonverbal, and he was a speech pathologist.

In the second session of the conference, there was a mother and daughter who were keynote speakers. Kara, who sustained a severe Traumatic Brain Injury was left with many challenges, to live a very independent life!

This technology has given Kara the ability to use her voice and remind her of daily tasks, as well as guide and support her in accomplishing them. Thanks to this technology, she can now live in her own apartment. It was an excellent conference this year! I learned a great deal of valuable information.



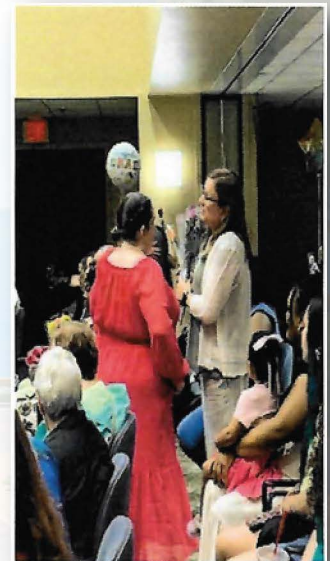
Project Search Graduation

On Friday, May 30th, some of our individuals graduated from working at the Masonicare assisted living facility for older adults. They gave speeches on how it helped them get a job. People from DDS gave speeches, also. They also showed a video of what job tasks they did. Some of the individuals worked in the laundry room doing laundry.

Everyone from GSE was there. Each of the individuals gave a flower to their mentors and guardians who helped them get their jobs. The individuals who graduated from the program were Sam, Shante, Brodi, and Danny. Everyone also received a diploma. Their family and friends attended the graduation. I am glad that I was able to participate in the graduation to support the Individuals.

It was a nice graduation!





Birthday Party

John White recently moved into the cluster on Bee Street in Meriden.

His Birthday was on Saturday, June 28, and the Manager of the cluster gave him a Birthday party.

He celebrated with his friends and family.

They had music playing and a variety of delicious food, such as pizza, wings, pasta, and watermelon.

We sang Happy Birthday to John, and the cake said Happy Birthday, John.

They had party favors, streamers, and balloons.

That said, Happy Birthday! It was a nice Birthday party!



Celebration of Life

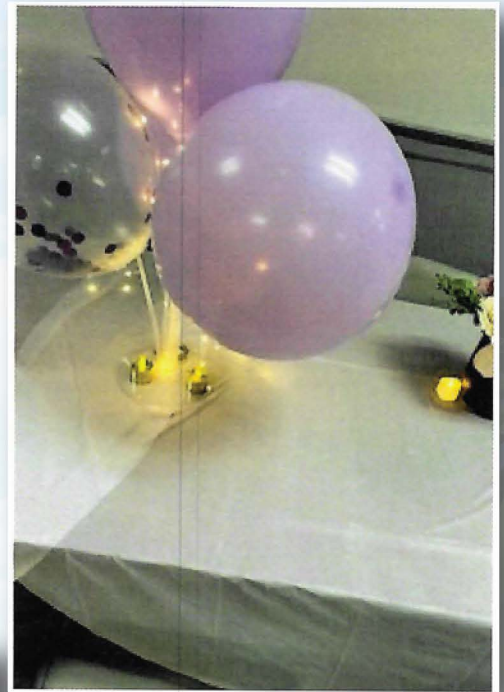
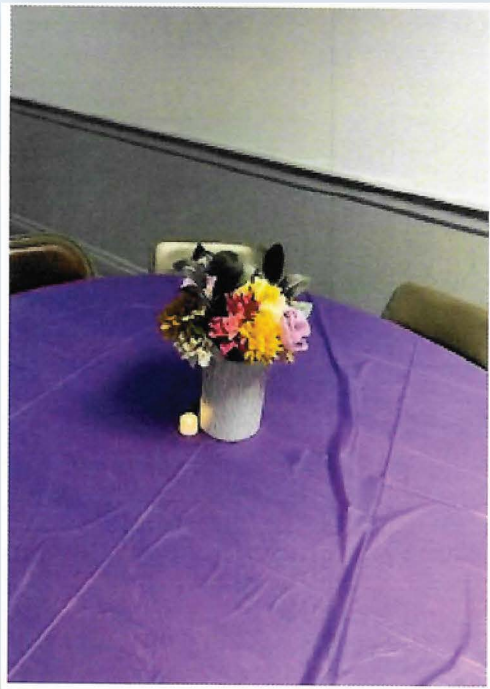
On Wednesday, June 18, MidState Arc
held a Celebration of Life.

It was at the North Italian club in Meriden.

It was to celebrate all those who have passed away
this year in the Arc community. They had nice pictures of
everyone who passed on the wall. All the tables had
balloons and flowers on them. You were able to write a
message to the people who passed and leave it in a box.

It wasn't a sad celebration; it was a happy celebration.
They also had a DJ. Everyone danced and had a good time.
For food, the choices were hamburgers, fries, baked beans,
egg rolls, and cake for dessert.





Byron Has Moved

The individuals from the Byron Road group home have moved to a transition house in Bristol.

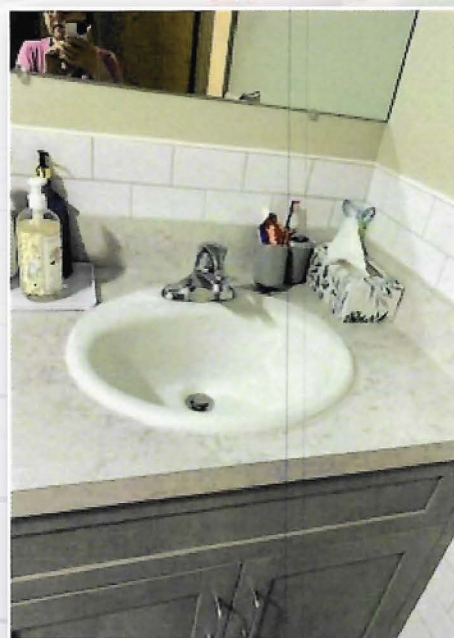
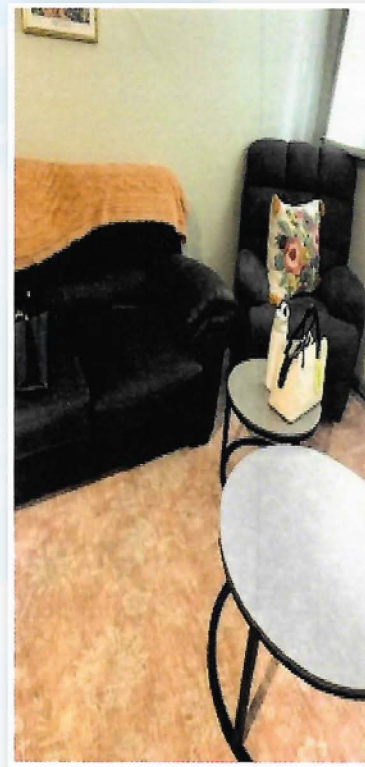
Everyone has their own apartment, and I went to see Kelly's apartment; it is very nice.

She has a living room, a kitchen, a bedroom, and a bathroom. The toilet seat is heated, and the bathroom is nice and spacious.

She made me dinner, and we had sausage, salad and corn.

They will live there for two years; if they do well, they will move into their own apartment out in the community. We wish them luck!





Socialites Annual Picnic

On Tuesday, July 8th, the Socialite's self-advocacy group had their annual picnic. We had lots of good food, such as sandwiches, macaroni & cheese, green bean casserole, macaroni salad, and many desserts.

The topic of the meeting was Artificial Intelligence AI. Kelly spoke to the group about how AI is used in a lot of people's daily lives. Kelly asked the group how they use AI. Everyone gave good feedback. Some of the AI that was mentioned were using Alexa, Siri, a robot vacuum cleaner, and helpful apps on cell phones.

We had a good time and socialized with each other.



Shoe Drive

MidState Arc's Self-Advocates held a shoe drive.
Many shoes were collected over the past few weeks.

Thank you all for your generous donations.

We are also looking forward to
doing something in the fall.

Thank you all again for your support.

