

## Westport Commission on People with Disabilities Update August 2019

### 2017-2018 Accomplishments:

- First Commission Appointed
- Informal Needs Assessment through a town-wide survey
- Attended ADACC State Conference
- Advocated at State level for Day Program Funding
- Hosted public meeting with Lisa Wexler with an overview of people with disabilities
- Established Committees on:
  - Federal/State & Local Policy
  - Employment & Transition
  - Health and Safety
  - Transportation & Mobility – Participated in FC Transportation symposium
  - Housing & Emergency Preparedness
  - Social & Recreational Opportunities
  - Education and Personal Development

### 2018-2019 Accomplishments:

- Established:
  - Social Media Presence
  - Voluntary Registry (Equity action for Sustainable CT Certification)
  - Regional Meeting of Disability Advocates
    - Advised Town of Fairfield in establishing a new Commission on People with Disabilities
- Advocacy for legislation, accessibility, housing
  - Hosted National Voter Registration Day at the YMCA
  - ADA 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
  - Town ADA Self-Assessment feedback
  - CT Partners in Policy Making for our Municipal Agent on People with Disabilities Michelle Bottone
  - Compo Beach Enhancement Support & Advocacy
- Employment Committee
  - Established new initiative C.A.P.E., now merged with WCI
  - Began library collaboration on employment

### 2019-2020 Goals & Objectives:

- Continue Regional Meetings of Fairfield County Municipalities
- Continue efforts to enhance community-based employment initiatives and advocacy
- Focus on enhanced Transition Programs (gap in care between 21-60 yrs old)
- Advocate for and raise awareness of ADA in Westport
- Outreach – recreational/social/emotional supports
  - Faith Community
  - Media Coverage
  - Fitness Centers
- Advocacy
- Other topics...

### Future Speakers:

- Steve Smith – Building Dept
- Planning and Zoning – Housing
- Eileen Flug – ADA Coordinator
- School Transition
- YMCA Programming
- Downtown Association
- Westport Chamber of Commerce
- Emergency Services – Police and Fire
- Transit Directors – Transportation options