

# The Correspondent

NEWS BRIEFING FOR ASSOCIATES FOR HUMAN SERVICES, INC.



**Congratulations to Morton Hospital** for winning the 14th Annual TASC Business Education Spelling Bee. Second place was Taunton Federal Credit Union, and third place was Mayor's Worthy Cause.



Thank you to **Representative Shaunna O'Connell** for taking time out of her busy schedule to visit our programs and speak to Program Directors. Rep. O'Connell even got a chance to help Wise participants play Bingo.



### What's coming in Early Head Start?

**Policy Council**—May 7th 5:30-8:00 pm

Council is made up of parents and community representative volunteers who assist in decision making and guide program events, policies and procedures.

**May Home-Based Socialization groups**—May 7, 14, & 21, 10:00am—12:00pm

Great opportunity for parents and children to socialize with peers of same ages and parent support groups. Transportation available for parents and children. Call 508-880-0202, x340.

**Childcare Partnership Parent Events**

Parent Center Committee Breakfasts are opportunities for all parents to learn more about EHS services and resources.

Brockton Day Nursery, May 17, 6:30-10:00am. See Jessica for details.

Days of Discovery, May 12, 11:00am—2:00pm, child activities, clothes swap, baby items and connections to community resources will be available. See Loran for details.

**Refer A Friend** with children under the age of 3, or an expectant mom, to fill out pre-application online at: [Myheadstart.org](http://Myheadstart.org) or ask them to call 508-880-0202.

You are invited to Wise Adult Day Health's  
**32nd Annual Friendship Day Celebration!**

Friday, May 18, 2018  
12:00 pm—2:00 pm

Please join us for an afternoon of delicious food, fun and friendship!

Entertainment by Janine Andrews

Please RSVP to Nancy Pereira, Program Director at 508-880-0202, ext. 327 or [npereira@ahsinc.org](mailto:npereira@ahsinc.org) by May 11, 2018

Wise Adult Day Health where "Friendships Bloom!"

### Budget Advocacy Alert: Your Advocacy is Needed Now!

The Fiscal Year 2019 budget process is underway and the budget is now before the Senate Ways and Means Committee. We need your help to reach out to your State Senator ASAP and ask them to make the following budget requests a top priority. The Senate is busy finalizing their budget request right now so time is of the essence.

**Early Intervention:** The House Ways and Means Committee supported the Consortium and Governor Baker's requested budget funding of \$29.3 million for **EI services**. Now we are asking the Senate to support the \$29.3 million funding request in their budget to preserve EI services.

**Taunton Area School to Career: Mentoring Matching Grants** line item 7061-9634, assists in funding TASC's Career Mentoring program. The House approved the requested amount of \$750,000, which we are asking the Senate to support. **School to Career Connecting Activities** line item 7027-0019, assists in funding all of TASC's career education activities. The House approved \$3,918,499, which we are asking the Senate to support, as well. Please help us to **"Empower Youth to Succeed"**.

**Wise Adult Day Health:** Programs have been advocating for a fair rate adjustment of an \$8,000,000 increase. The House version of the budget included a 2,000,000 increase. While this is significant, it is insufficient to meet the needs of medically frail adults and seniors! Please ask your Senator to support an \$8,000,000 increase.

### Action Item: Reach Out to Your State Senator Now

The following links provide all the information you need to reach out to your legislators to advocate: <https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Members/Senate>

**Summer Jobs for Taunton Youth**  
Ages 16-19 preferred, Income eligibility guidelines, Taunton residents

Contact a TASC Co-Coordinator for YouthWorks:  
**Ms. Cheyenne Amaral**  
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or at THS Guidance Office  
**Ms. Kendreia Perry**  
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or at TAHS Career Center

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