



GA Statewide Disability & Health Program P.A.W. May 2023 Newsletter

-Next PAW Meeting-

Save The Date! Our next PAW meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, June 14th (9:30am-1:30pm).

-LWIC Update-



Our partners at the LIFE, Inc. Center for Independent Living (CIL) in Savannah have been implementing *Living Well in the Community* (LWIC) for 4 weeks now! Facilitator feedback is summarized below:

"We are not quite halfway through, and I already want to facilitate this program again!"

"We have received positive feedback from several of the participants so far."

"Some key takeaways for me so far is that the benefits of holding these sessions in person, versus virtual, are significant (and I'm a big proponent of virtual options for all of our events)."

"The need for accessible versions of the worksheets and folder content also stands out, as two of our participants with mobility disabilities are also blind or low vision."

"The workshop content itself is well thought out and the topics align and flow well from one topic to the next."

"I think that for some persons with IDD, there is a lot to absorb since the concepts may be entirely new and a group setting is challenging for the one-on-one support they may need to successfully adopt some of these practices and utilize the tools. I'm a big fan of the program and I can see a lot of potential for persons with all types of disabilities"

-General Project Updates-

Several project updates will be shared next month at our PAW meeting.

Until then... **recruit, recruit, recruit!**

-We have been out & about!



Ellen Lopez & Sindoos Awel attended and presented at the American Academy of Developmental Medicine & Dentistry conference in Denver, CO, May 5th-7th. They networked with and learned from disability & health leaders from across the US.

Sydnie Smith & Michelle Quintero attended the Georgia Public Health Association conference in Jekyll Island, GA from May 3rd-5th to recruit for the provider training and linkage projects.



Our team will also attend the Special Olympics Georgia Summer Games on May 20th at Emory University!

-Have any questions? Let us know!-

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