## Disabilities Resource Fair

This free event provides resources and support to families of individuals with disabilities of ALL ages (birth to adulthood).

All are welcome to attend, including those who do not live in the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District.

### **Seminars**

#### "What Are They Trying To Tell Me?"

Bridging communications through a person-centered lens Nick Vasquez, LMFT

Heather Wilford, BCBA with Mains'l Services

This presentation includes an overview of positive support services and other waiver-based services that may be helpful in supporting people with behavioral and mental health needs. We will explore the relationship between trauma and behavior through a person-centered lens. This exploration will include looking at factors that relate to communication barriers. Lastly, we will provide a person-centered tool to document and learn when supporting others to improve communication from a place of safety.

#### "Accessing County Resources"

Rhonda Heshiser, LSW Waiver & Community Supports Social Worker Rachelle Joriman, Waiver & Community Supports Social Worker Joan Olson, LSW Children's Outreach Social Worker

This session will provide an overview of the process for accessing county resources, as well as the resources available.

#### "Special Needs Planning"

Securing the future for persons with disabilities Roger Strege and Jan Larson

An estate/trust specialist and an attorney will help identify and resolve unique life and estate planning issues, from the first to the last planning step, in easy-to-understand terms. Topics include protecting government benefits, establishing guardianship, preparing appropriate wills and supplemental needs trusts, avoiding family conflict, and reducing professional costs.



# Tuesday April 22

5-8 p.m. Discovery Center 214 1st Ave. NE, Buffalo, MN

#### **Details**

5-6 p.m.

6-7 p.m.

7-8 p.m.

- Enter Discovery Door #6.
- This is a sensory friendly event, and break spaces will be available as needed.
- Buffalo Pizza will provide food for purchase.

## Vendor Fair 5-7 p.m.

Representatives from nearly 40 agencies will provide information and answer questions about community integration, county services, health and wellness, life planning, housing, transportation, employment and much more.

#### More info

Contact BHM Special Services at 763.682.8715, or use your phone to scan this QR code.





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