

**Providing Education, Careers & Lifelong Community for Children and Adults with Special Needs**  
**ECLC—Celebrating More Than 50 Years of Excellence**

*Please visit our website at [www.eclcofnj.org/](http://www.eclcofnj.org/) for more information about our school and for ways you can help.  
Review our Parent-Student Handbook at <http://www.eclcofnj.org/downloads/2024-2025-handbook-hohokus.pdf>  
**Weekly Newsletter – October 11, 2024***

## **Our School Bus is Oh So Clean! Thanks to Our SKIL Students!**



### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – School Closed for Columbus Day!**

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – ECLC Walkathon!**

**Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – CPS & Post Graduation Workshop 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day!**

**Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – Puberty and Sexuality Workshop 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

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**ECLC Wears Blue to Make a Statement Against Bullying for National Anti-Bullying Day!**





**Fire Fighters Visit ECLC!**



**Students Study Bats and Make Bat Hats!**






# Walkathon 2024 is one week away - Register Today!

Online registration closes at 2:00pm on Friday, October 18.

In person registration will begin at 9:45am at Verona Park the morning of the walk.



**ECLC**  
OF NEW JERSEY

**PRIDE**  
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**CPS**  
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Register online: [www.eclcofnj.org/walk](http://www.eclcofnj.org/walk) or Scan the QR Code

## Volunteers Needed!

Don't feel like walking but want to help? We need volunteers to help us set up, break down and guide our walkers along the route. Please contact Roberta at [rbitar@eclcofnj.org](mailto:rbitar@eclcofnj.org)



## Rain or Shine - Join Us

**Verona Park:** Bloomfield Avenue and Lakeside Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044

**9:45 a.m.** - Check in/Registration

**10:30 a.m.** - Opening Ceremonies & Remarks

**10:45 a.m.** - Walk begins

**Music, Prizes, Snacks  
Friends and FUN**



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Questions?  
Scan the QR code for more information  
or contact us:

973-601-5114

[www.eclcofnj.org](http://www.eclcofnj.org)



# ECLC Foundation 2024 Walkathon

## Sponsor & Registration Form

ECLC Foundation Walkathon ~ Sunday, October 20, 2024 ~ Verona Park, Verona, NJ

**Sign me up as a Sponsor!** See attached sponsorship benefits, or visit [www.eclcofnj.org/walk](http://www.eclcofnj.org/walk)

Sponsor Name (If a business, please provide contact name and title)

Contact

Address

Phone

Email

\$2,500 Gold Starter Sponsor

\$1,000 Silver Sponsor

\$500 Bronze Sponsor

\$250 Community Sponsor

\$100 Vendor Table

In-Kind Sponsor: Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In-Kind donation description

**Please register me to walk!**

Walkers age 5 and up (includes t-shirt\*) # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Walkers under age 5 \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$0 = \$ 0

Additional Donation(s) Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My Fundraising Goal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For more information,  
to register, sponsor or  
donate, scan:



**Prizes awarded to the top 3 fundraisers!**

**Print names of each registered walker (to register additional walkers write on back of form)**

**\*Each paid registered walker, 5 and up, receives a t-shirt —Shirt sizes are not guaranteed if registered after 10/09/24.**

Available T-shirt sizes: Youth M, Adult S, Adult M, Adult L, Adult XL, and Adult XXL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish to participate as a sponsor or walker, but have enclosed a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Donate on-line at [www.eclcofnj.org/walk](http://www.eclcofnj.org/walk)

Check payable to **ECLC Foundation**. Mail to ECLC 2024 Walkathon, 100 Passaic Ave., Ste. 1, Chatham, NJ 07928

Credit card payment - complete ALL info. below:

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Billing Address with Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Roberta Bitar (rbitar@eclcofnj.org) 973.601.5114 [www.eclcofnj.org/walk](http://www.eclcofnj.org/walk)  
ECLC is a registered 501(c)(3) EIN#22-3280013



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# ECLC Foundation Annual Walkathon

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Benefiting ECLC Schools, CPS & PRIDE

All of our students, adult clients, alumni, families, staff and friends are invited to show their support for ECLC, CPS and PRIDE at our annual organization-wide walkathon!

## Where is the Walkathon?

**NEW LOCATION FOR 2024:** Verona Park, Bloomfield Avenue and Lakeside Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044

## What time does it start?

Check-in begins at 9:45am. Opening Ceremony is at 10:30am, followed by the walk.

## How long is the walk?

It is a 1.2-mile loop through beautiful Verona Park.

## About the walkathon:

Join staff and families from our schools, our alumni program participants, our supported employment and support coordination programs offered by CPS, and our PRIDE day and evening programs. ECLC now serves over 900 children and adults from throughout New Jersey. This organization-wide event is a great opportunity for all of our ECLC families, friends, and staff to meet and enjoy the day together while showing support for our programs. You can also form your own team to walk together!

## How much does it cost?

It is \$20 per person for walkers ages 5 and up and free for children under 5. Each paid registration fee includes t-shirt, snacks, music, and a great day out with friends and family! Since this is a fund-raiser, we also encourage you to get your friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors to support your efforts by making a donation or pledge for your efforts

## Are sponsorships available?

Yes! Individuals or businesses can sponsor your efforts or they can register as an official Walk Sponsor and receive recognition at the event, our website and other promotional materials. For information on sponsorship, go to [www.eclcofnj.org/walk](http://www.eclcofnj.org/walk) or contact Roberta Bitar: [rbitar@eclcofnj.org](mailto:rbitar@eclcofnj.org) 973-601-5114.

## Are donations tax-deductible?

Yes, ECLC is a registered 501(c)(3) so all donations are tax-deductible.

## What do I need to do?

Complete the attached registration form and return it at ECLC, PRIDE or CPS, or mail it to the address on the form. Then start collecting pledges! (See the attached pledge form). You can also register online and create your own fundraising page [www.eclcofnj.org/walk](http://www.eclcofnj.org/walk)

## How can people donate?

Online at the website link above, or for cash or checks (payable to ECLC Foundation), they can give donations directly to you or mail to: **ECLC 2024 Walkathon, 100 Passaic Ave., Suite I, Chatham, NJ 07928**

## Can family and friends attend?

Yes!!! Family and friends are absolutely encouraged to come and walk!



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For more information, to register, sponsor, or donate, scan below:







# Parent Support Group



Topic: Anti-Bullying and School Violence Awareness

Presented By: Ms. Anne Reynolds from Manes & Weinberg LLC, Special Needs Lawyers

Date: Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00-1:30 pm

Location: via zoom

Please RSVP to Matthew Kuzdral A.S.A.P. via email at [mkuzdral@eclcofnj.org](mailto:mkuzdral@eclcofnj.org)



## CPS and POST-GRADUATION

### WHEN:

OCTOBER 23, 2024

### WHERE:

ECLC HOHOKUS  
302 NORTH FRANKLIN TNP.  
HOHOKUS, NJ 07423

### TIME:

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

### PRESENTERS

- MARY GRIGGS, DIRECTOR
- JUDY CLEMENTE, SUPERVISOR  
TRANSITION/SUPPORTED  
EMPLOYMENT
- STEPHANIE LIEBERMAN, SUPERVISOR  
SUPPORT COORDINATION
- JANINE BROWN, TRANSITION/SUPPORTED  
EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST –  
ECLC HOHOKUS SCHOOL



54 Fairmount Avenue  
Chatham, NJ 07928

P – 973-738-1030

F – 973-738-1035

[www.cpsfnj.org](http://www.cpsfnj.org)

We will be covering the road to success for students attending ECLC....

1. PerformCare – who are they? What services do they provide? How can I apply and be found eligible for their services?
2. Access Link – Application Process – from age 5
3. Timeline: Medicaid/Guardianship/DDD Applications – when should I begin this process? What options do I have for Medicaid?
4. Assets attached to the social security number of the student (Assets include college funds, savings bonds and bank accounts etc.)
5. Funding options
6. Viable post-graduation plan for ECLC students – person centered plan for each student
7. Support Coordination – DDD funded services – tier and budge amounts.
  - a. Options to consider with Medicaid CMO: high medical need PDN plus supports budget
  - b. Habilitation Programs – DDD funded
  - c. Supported Employment – DVRS/DDD funded depending on the need of the client

# Puberty

# Sexuality



**WHEN:**

Wednesday, November  
20, 2024

**WHERE:**

ECLC Ho-Ho-Kus  
302 North Franklin Tnpk.  
Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423

**TIME:**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The workshop will provide valuable insights and guidance on how to approach and support your child through these significant developmental stages.

**PRESENTED BY:**

**Melissa Digioia**

Please confirm your attendance  
A.S.A.P.

Call or email

201-670-7880

[MArcaro@eclcofnj.org](mailto:MArcaro@eclcofnj.org)





Dear ECLC Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to invite you to a special Parent Evening Workshop scheduled for **Wednesday, November 20, 2024**, from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** in the school auditorium.

This important workshop will be presented by **Melissa Digioia**, and the topic will focus on Puberty and Sexuality.

Melissa Digioia is an experienced educator in this field, and the workshop will provide valuable insights and guidance on how to approach and support you child through these significant developmental stages.

Please note, it is **important to have a minimum of five parents confirmed in order to book the speaker**. To help us plan appropriately, please confirm your attendance **a.s.a.p!** Your timely response is appreciated.

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Gerald Cortorreal

School Social Worker

ECLC of New Jersey  
Ho-Ho-Kus Campus  
[302 North Franklin Turnpike](#)  
[Ho-Ho-Kus NJ 07423](#)  
(201) 670-7880



# SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



**Thursday**

**October 24, 2024**

**ECLC  
Ho-Ho-Kus New Jersey**

**Please watch for an email  
from  
Rod Bolten Photography**





## **Día de la fotografía escolar**

**Jueves**

**24 de octubre de 2024**



**ECLC**

**Ho-Ho-Kus Nueva Jersey**

**Por favor, esté atento a un  
correo electrónico de  
Rod Bolten Fotografía**





# Fundraiser

Please help the Special Olympic track team with our T-shirt fundraiser.

All T-shirts \$20.00 dollars



All sizes available in youth and Adult (S,M,L,XI,XXL,XXXL)

Please specify for adult shirt male or female version

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of items, Sizes and style \_\_\_\_\_

Amount included\_(check payable to ECLC Foundation) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Sharon Luberto PT assistant Special Olympic track coach by November 1st



**Saturday, October 26**

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Cost: FREE!**

**140 East Ridgewood Ave., Paramus  
Fourth Floor, North Tower**

**For siblings (ages 6 to 12) of children who have special needs.**

**[Register Now](#)**

Supported by The Joey Center at The Valley Hospital's Kireker Center for Child Development, Sibshops are run by a team of individuals, including a pediatric social worker and certified child life specialist, who understand the impact a child's special needs can have on brothers and sisters.

#### **What to Expect**

- Meet other siblings
- Have fun and laugh!
- Talk about having a sibling with special needs with others who "get it"
- Play great games
- Explore how siblings handle sticky situations sometimes faced by their brothers and sisters
- Learn about the services their siblings receive

Sibshops is held at the Kireker Center for Child Development, located at 140 East Ridgewood Ave., Fourth Floor, North Tower, in Paramus.

This program is **free**.

*If you have any questions or would like to register, please email [joeycenter@valleyhealth.com](mailto:joeycenter@valleyhealth.com). You will be sent a registration release form. Completed release forms need to be returned by October 18. Space is limited.*



# LUNCHES



WEEK OF: October 14 – October 18, 2024

Mon. 10/14

Tues. 10/15

Wed. 10/16

Thurs. 10/17

Fri. 10/18

 	<p>Chicken strips and Fries</p>  <p>\$6.00</p> <input data-bbox="454 1396 576 1480" type="checkbox"/>	<p>PIZZA 2 Slices</p>  <p>\$6.00</p> <input data-bbox="706 1396 828 1480" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Meatballs w/bread</p>  <p>\$6.00</p> <input data-bbox="998 1396 1120 1480" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Sandwich on Roll and Chips</p>  <p>Tuna Salad ____OR Deli Turkey ____</p> <p>\$6.00</p> <input data-bbox="1307 1396 1429 1480" type="checkbox"/>
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Check the lunches you would like to order

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY MORNING AT 9:00.**

**PLEASE ATTACH CASH FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK ALONG WITH THIS ORDER FORM.**



