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STRIVE Newsletter

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STRIVE's New Community Supports Program

STRIVE Bayside

A team centered approach to Independent Living

STRIVE's newest program, using Section 29 to expand independent capacity & community connections for people with developmental disabilities.

Now accepting applications!

FMI: contact Bill Hughes or Peter Brown



The goal of STRIVE Bayside is to work with program participants over a two year period to expand their abilities to live a more Independent life. This program will start on September 17th and will run Monday through Friday from 9:00am-1:00pm. STRIVE just signed a lease at Back Bay Tower in Portland which will be the new home of the STRIVE Bayside Program! For more information, contact Bill Hughes or Peter Brown at (207) 774-6278 or info@pslstrive.org.

STRIVE's 8th Annual Live & Silent Auction

Join Us for STRIVE's 8th Annual Live & Silent Auction
"Gateway to Independence"
Ocean Gateway in Portland
October 10th from 6:00-9:00pm



STRIVE is excited to announce that Norway Savings Bank is this year's Live & Silent Auction Title Sponsor. Other sponsors include Coca-Cola Northern New England, Knowles Industrial Services Corporation, Stone Coast Fund Services and This Thyme Around LLC. Last year, STRIVE had over 350 guests, 400 items and raised \$40,000. We hope that you will consider joining STRIVE as we raise funds to support our growing programs. If you would like to sponsor a table, donate an item, or get more involved in this event, please contact Kristina Smalley at ksmalley@pslstrive.org.

Mission Statement

To assist tweens, teens and young adults with intellectual and emotional disabilities in utilizing resources within their community so they can participate as viable members of the community.

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STRIVE U News

Congratulations to the Graduating STRIVE U Class of 2012!

Katie Christensen
Niels Doughty
Erica Gervais
Toriann Harriman
Kate McHale
Kelsie O'Sullivan
Brandon Poulin



STRIVE U Experience Weekend: Sept. 28th-30th

Applications for the 2012 STRIVE U Experience are now available! The weekend long seminar will be a snap shot of a typical week at STRIVE U. The STRIVE U Experience is being held September 28th-30th at Camp Tall Pines in Poland, Maine. The cost is \$285 and includes everything.

For more information, or to request an application, contact Erin Berg at 774-6278 or eberg@ppls-services.org.

STRIVE U Spring Open House: Sept 8th

Mark your calendars! The annual STRIVE U Open House is set for Saturday, September 8th! Our campus is located on Nye Street in Portland. The event runs from 10am-2pm. You'll have a chance to tour an apartment and meet staff.

Applications for the Class of 2015 will also be available at that time. FMI: Erin Berg at 774-6278 or eberg@ppls-services.org.

STRIVE U Works

STRIVE U would like to thank the following businesses and organizations who supported the STRIVE U Employment Program and our current first and second year students:

American Red Cross
ASAP Taxi
Cartridge World
Clark Insurance
Cranberry Island Kitchen
Disability RMS
Dress for Success
Hampton Inn Freeport
L.L. Bean
Macdonald Page

Market Decisions
MEMIC
Portland Public Library
Pro Search
Systems Engineering
Time Warner Cable
USM Glickman Library
Woodard & Curran
Xpress Copy

To find out how to become a STRIVE U Employment Partner, please contact MaryAnn Schwanda, Employment Coordinator: mschwanda@ppls-services.org or call 207-774-6278.

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Next STEP: STRIVE’s Transitional Education Program

Next STEP (STRIVE's Transitional Education Program) is a unique private-pay program focused on education, independent living skills, involvement in the arts, and community connections. Participants enroll on a term basis and both full time and part time attendance is available. Next STEP part time is also designed to provide additional service for those looking to supplement existing day program hours.

Next STEP is enjoying spring and dealing with the ever changing weather. They continue to work on skills around cooking, planning, self-advocacy, and other various independent living skills. Next STEP also continues to explore the community and be active. They have taken trips to Wolfe Neck Farm, L.L. Bean’s, and the Gorham Sports Facility. Visit Next STEP online on the STRIVE website to see what they are up to!

If you have any questions about Next Step, ideas about activities we can be involved in or would like to schedule a tour please contact Bill Hughes at (207) 774-6278 or info@pslstrive.org.

Recent High School Graduate? We Have Services For You!

Are you graduating from High School and looking for services? Give STRIVE a call at (207) 774-6278 or send us an email at info@pslstrive.org and we can discuss programs and opportunities for you!

Camp STRIVE: June 18—August 24

Camp STRIVE Summer Camp is just around the corner! Camp starts on Monday, June 18 and runs for ten weeks until Friday, August 24. Camps runs every day from 9:00am to 5:00pm and early drop-off and late pick up is available for \$7/day or \$35/week but must be arranged in advance. The cost is \$45 a day or \$200 for five days of camp. Check out our schedule below and on the next page! For more information visit Camp STRIVE online at www.pslstrive.org or contact Brianna at bmccabe@pslservices.org or (207) 774-6278.

Camp STRIVE June Schedule

| | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
|--------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Outdoor Explorers | First Day of Camp! Portland Trails & Scavenger Hunt | East End Trail Walk & Beach | Geo-Caching | Falmouth Audubon | Hike Morse Mountain & Visit Seawall Beach |
| Fun on the Farm | Pineland Farms Milking Tour | Check Out the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray | Visit a Family Run Farm | Visit Smiling Hill Farm | Visit the Urban Farm Fermentory |

Volunteer & Member News

Camp STRIVE: June 19—August 24

Important Information

- ◆ Camp runs daily from 9:00am - 5:00pm.
- ◆ Early Drop off & Late Pick Up are available for an additional cost of \$7 per day and needs to be set up in advance.
- ◆ Daily Schedule to include at least one field trip, craft and physical activity.
- ◆ Activities & Field Trips are subject to change depending on the weather. Please dress accordingly.
- ◆ Don't forget to pack a lunch and bring a water bottle!
- ◆ *** Added Bonus for TWEENS***
Fridays include Tweens Social Program from 3:30 to 5:30pm!
- ◆ **Contact Information:**
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Camp STRIVE July Schedule

| | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Made in Maine | Desert of Maine | Light House Tour | Happy 4th of July! Camp STRIVE Closed Today! | Beach Tour | Casco Bay Ferry Rides *Wear a Maine or local shirt |
| Fun With Food | Make Your Own Pizza & Cookbook *Bring a recipe to share! | Tour a Local Farm | Portland's Farmers Market & Make your own Bread | Picnic & Games in the Park | Freeport Food Tour |
| Sports Fan | Basketball & Kickball at the Park *Wear Celtics gear! | Soccer Game at Fort Williams | Sea Dogs Game *Wear Red Sox or Sea Dogs gear! | STRIVE Olympics | Yarmouth Clam Festival |
| Art & Soul | Make Tie Dye *Bring something to dye | Color Me Mine Pottery | Watercolor Painting at the Beach | Tour of the Portland Art Museum | Pottery Class |
| Fun & Games | Deering Oaks STRIVE Olympics | Arcade Games at Old Orchard Beach | August 1 Back Bay Challenge | August 2 Sea Dogs Game *Wear Sea Dogs or Red Sox gear! | August 3 Kickball at Payson Park |

Camp STRIVE August Schedule

| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|--|---|
| City Search | Scavenger Hunt in Saco | Site Seeing in Kennebunk | Old Port Walking Tour & Farmer's Market Visit | Visit to the Capital & Tour of Augusta | Explore L.L.Bean & Freeport |
| Made by ME | Movie Making at the Park | Painting at Fort Williams | Mask Making | Create a School Year Calendar | Jewelry Making at Caravan Beads |
| Island Adventures | Games & Treasure Hunt at Fort Williams *Dress like a pirate! | Explore Macworth Island | Hula & Leis *Dress in a Hawaiian Shirt! | Trip to the Beach & Ice Cream | Last Day of Camp STRIVE! BBQ & Games |



STRIVE Theme Night! Sports & BBQ Night



Friday, June 1
6:00-9:00pm

Hotdogs, burgers & Sports Trivia!
Wear Your Favorite Sports Gear!



Member Spotlight: Michael Gregoire



Age: 19

Favorite Movie: Cars II

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Sports Team: Celtics

Something I am good at: Playing Pool

Something about myself: I have one older brother

My Dream Job: To work security at the airport

My Favorite Things to do at STRIVE: Going to Sea Dogs games and dancing!

STRIVE wishes to congratulate all the STRIVE Members who are graduating from High School this year!
Way to go!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



| | | | |
|------------------|--------|-------------------|---------|
| William Irons | June 1 | Tabitha Booth | June 9 |
| Brandon Temple | June 1 | Brad Ouellette | June 11 |
| Michael McDonald | June 2 | Samantha Gauthier | June 12 |
| Carolyn Lewis | June 5 | Dylan Markee | June 18 |
| Nick Mercier | June 6 | Caleb Dunlap | June 21 |
| Kyle Herrle | June 8 | Parker McCormack | June 23 |
| Eric Johnson | June 8 | Ashley Low | June 29 |

TWEENS

Are you between the ages of 11 and 14?
 Are you looking to make some new friends?!
 Then join us every Friday afternoon from
 3:30 to 5:30 at the STRIVE Center!

June 1: BBQ and Sports Theme Night
 June 8: Activities with UNUM
 June 15: Tie Dye
 June 22: Children's Museum Visit STRIVE with Istar the Whale
 June 29: Movie Night

Thank You STRIVE Supporters

Our May Supporters:

Christopher and Nancy Pierce
 Cynthia and Larry Vaughan

Thank You to Hannah Twombly and Shelby Cogan for volunteering their time at STRIVE!

Wednesday Night Educational Series

Healthy Relationships

*Wednesday Nights 6:00-8:00pm
 June 20th-August 29th*

The most popular class of the year! SARSSM will lead this 10 week course and provide students with information about dating safety and healthy relationships.

**Each series is \$20. For more information or to register, contact Lisa Yanzer at 207-774-6278 or lyanzer@pslservices.org.
 Space is limited—sign up early!**

June Meetings & Events

STRIVE Theme Night: Sports and BBQ Night!

Friday, June 1st
 6:00-9:00pm

Member Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, June 1st, 15th and 29th at 5:00pm

Kiwanis Aktion Club

Wednesday, June 20th

Contact Kristina Smalley for more info at 207-774-6278 or ksmalley@pslservices.org.

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Monday Personal Wellness Class Series

Summer Fun Series

June 25th—August 6th
 5:30—7:00pm

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Saturday, September 8th
 10:00am—2:00pm

STRIVE U Experience Weekend

September 28th-30th

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 June 25th—August 6th*

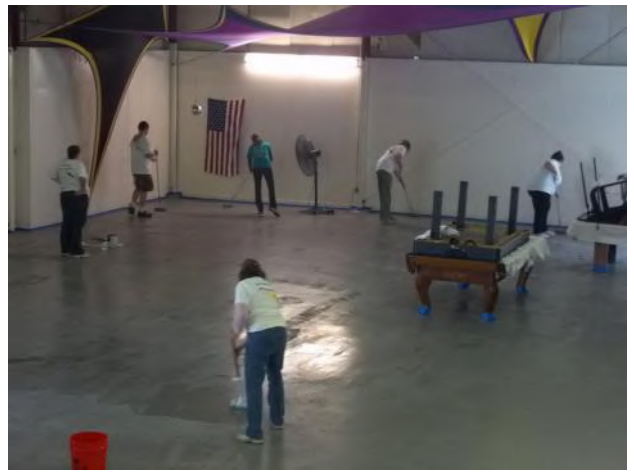
Every week we will do a different summer camp activity: tie dye, make s'mores, play games, have fun outside, garden, and for the last week we will have a camp dance!

Each series is \$20. For more information or to register, contact Lisa Yanzer at 774-6278 or lyanzer@pslservices.org.

STRIVE PICTURES



A Huge Thank You to Anthem & all the volunteers who helped clean up the STRIVE Center!



Volunteers Painting the STRIVE Center Floor!



STRIVE Pride Day BBQ! Thank you to all the PSL/STRIVE Staff & Participants who helped clean!



Thank you to UPS who gave us a grant to buy new items for our STRIVE Center! New air hockey table!



New flowers planted around the Foden Road STRIVE sign!



Camp STRIVE at the Longwoods Alpaca Farm in April!



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