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At the February 9th Northeast Meeting we practiced speaking up in ISP meetings and with friends. Peers helped each other advocate for housing and getting a wheelchair repair. Paula is moving forward with her bullying project to educate the public about how the R word and other forms of bullying hurt. She will interview more people in March. We also watched SANYS' Right to Ride video about our ADA right to use public and private transportation!

At our February 23rd meeting we shared updates, highlights from the MASS Conference and welcomed our guest speaker Patty Quatieri from the DPPC. Patty shared about her work and led a game about Coping Skills!

Donna and Therese met with the Mass 21st Century Disability Coalition to talk about Self Direction. Donna is now part of the Steering Committee for this group.

There's exciting news about Free Fares on Public Transportation in the Merrimack Valley starting March 1st. Ride the Bus and EZ Trans with no fees!

Daysiree is part of a new partnership called the Lawrence Partnership for Transition to Employment. The kick-off meeting was held with community groups, agency staff, school staff, parents and students to begin work on making transition to adulthood better for students in Lawrence!

At our meetings in March we will be tackling:

Legislative Advocacy, Self-Advocacy skills, Your Rights, Educating Medical Staff and more so please join us on March 9th and 23rd. As the weather gets nicer we will also start planning outdoor MEET Ups again so stay tuned. As always, contact bridget@wearemass.org or call 781-789-4274 for more info!