



July, 28, 2021

Greetings Everyone,

First, Thank You to everyone for all your support and resilience that you have demonstrated every day during this unthinkable year.

If you do not know the Federal Public Emergency is scheduled to end December 31, 2021. As we try to open at full capacity, we will need to continue to rely on family, DDS, and residences patience. We are currently struggling with hiring as there is a workforce crisis, especially in our field. We want to provide in person services to everyone who wants it and our focus is to hire staff to do so.

Transportation continues to be difficult as we need to ensure everyone wears a mask as there still is a need to social distance. We are now able to utilize all our seats.

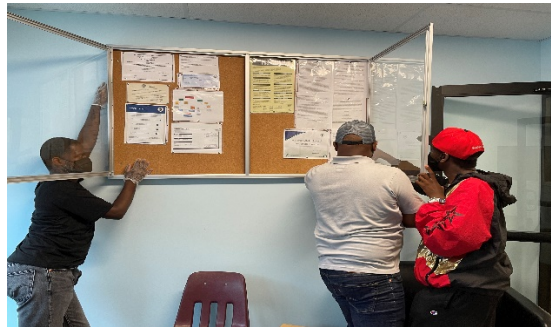
Our reality has certainly change our work and lives due to Covid-19 and with the new variant Delta is still creating these issues for all of us. We applaud all of you, as we know how difficult it has been and still is.

As You all know, we moved everyone to Waltham Late March to renovate our Wellesley location. July 1, 2021 the renovations were completed with a very small punch list.

We then began to move our tables, chairs and other equipment back in.



In preparation for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to inspect and approve us to OCCUPY.



July 26, 2021 we began our operations. August 2, 2021 our Day Habilitation will re-start in person in Wellesley.

Lights go on automatically and we have a very inviting front entrance and work areas!



A dedicated conference room for all meetings!!



Three Bathrooms: Handicapped with Shower, Male and female facilities. All three bathrooms have hands free faucets.

We have a brand new Kitchen



We had a small celebration on March 17, 2021 as this was anniversary that we shut down because of the Pandemic. We Celebrated on June 8, 2021 as it was a one-year anniversary of restarting our employment services. This week is when we were able to open our Community Based Program.

We continue to provide virtual programming so if the person has not return, please join our daily virtual program via zoom (9:30-3:00). If you have any ideas for us to enhance our program, please let us know and we will do our best to make that happen.

We continue to call weekly, provide virtual programs, attend ISP meetings, and various other tasks.

The in person services is getting back to normal as we are now able to do our typical community participation and we are already hearing people wanting to go see the patriots practice. We have been informed about free museums and other tours in August and are making plans.

We are continuing to receive referrals from School Departments and DDS.

The Job front has been successful as we started another CVS Site for two people, a person was hired to do personal shopping at Shaws, a few of our other sites have welcomed back the other employees.

If you have any ideas for employment, volunteer, or activities please let me know.

Again, thank you from all of us at ASA for your support.

Sincerely,



Sheela Smith, Executive Director.