



Finger Lakes **Independence** Center

Opening Doors to Independence

Our Mission

To empower all people with disabilities while creating an inclusive society through the elimination of social and architectural barriers.

What's New at FLIC

Thank You, Design for a Difference!

Thanks to **Design for a Difference**, a community driven design movement that brings designers together to transform not-for-profits (<https://designfordifference.com/>) and our local lead sponsor, **B & B Flooring in Dryden**, the Finger Lakes Independence Center (FLIC) has a whole new look!

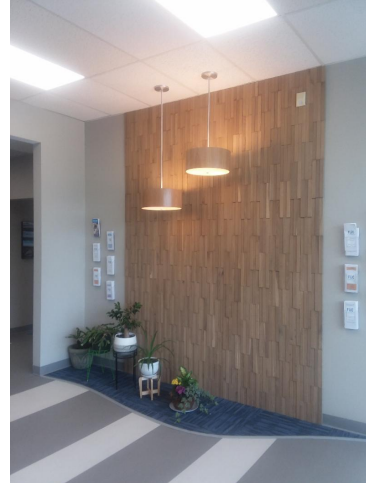
Thank you to everyone who attended the "Big Reveal" on June 8.



On behalf of the Staff
and Board of Directors at
FLIC,



"Thank You!!"



The ADA & Beyond Providing a Quality Experience to Customers with Disabilities

On Monday, June 3, the Hangar Theater and the Finger Lakes Independence Center joined forces to present **The ADA & Beyond-Providing a Quality Experience to Customers with Disabilities** at the Tompkins County Public Library. Jeff Boles, Advocacy Specialist at the Finger Lakes Independence Center, spoke to the customer service staff at the Hangar Theatre and other community members about customer service as it relates to people with disabilities. Over 40 people attended this event.

The presentation covered the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) components of customer service, disability etiquette, and how to properly interact with customers with disabilities. Topics presented were reinforced through a 'jeopardy' game to test the audiences' knowledge of customer service and interacting with people with disabilities. Participants found the presentation interactive, informative, honest, concise, and helpful in terms of increasing their customer service skills.

The Finger Lake Independence Center offers this and other disability awareness presentations free of charge. To learn more about our presentations or to schedule one, contact the Finger Lakes Independence Center.



Hunt for Independence: The 3rd Annual Americans with Disabilities Act Scavenger Hunt

Did you know the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided equal rights to people with disabilities, will be celebrating its 29th anniversary this July? To celebrate, FLIC is hosting the 3rd annual "Hunt for Independence," another fun and fantastic community scavenger hunt.

Teams of 1-5 people will go out into the community to 'hunt' for inclusive, accessible features. A final celebration will be held for all participants on 7/26/19. Let's get together and experience the ways the American with Disabilities Act supports independence for all.

Want to sign up? Contact Rachel at 607-272-2433 or Rachel@fliconline.org and be the first to get all the details!

The Finger Lakes Independence Center is committed to ensuring that people with disabilities are able to participate in meaningful activities of daily life. If your organization is taking active steps to make your activities, meetings and events accessible, [please tell us!](#) We want to highlight and share best practices for making our community more inclusive for all.



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Save the Date: Disability and Elder Law Fair

Wednesday, August 7, 2019
9:00-1:00
Tompkins Cortland Community College



The Disability and Elder Law Fair will focus on legal and financial issues that are important to elders and people with disabilities of all ages.

The Fair will include tabling opportunities to allow people to interact with local providers and presentations beginning at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30. **This event is FREE and open to the public.**



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More information to come! Visit
<https://fliconline.org/FLIC/disability-elder-law-fair/>

Hosted by the Finger Lakes Independence Center, Tompkins County Office for the Aging, and Tompkins Cortland Community College.

Attention City of Ithaca Residents

Do you or someone you know need a modular ramp to safely enter and exit your home?

Thanks to an Ithaca Urban Renewal Grant (IURA) award, FLIC has modular ramping available. Call 272-2433 for an assessment.

Social Security Disability Benefits & Work Incentives Workshops

Is the fear of losing Social Security benefits preventing the people you serve from thinking about employment? Myths and misinformation about working while on Social Security is often a barrier for Social Security Beneficiaries considering the return to work. In an effort to reverse these trends in our community, **the Finger Lakes Independence Center is offering free Social Security Disability Benefits & Work Incentives Workshops** to community organizations that serve individuals receiving benefits under Social Security's disability programs, SSDI and/or SSI.

During "What Should I Know About Social Security & Work," attendees will come to understand the different Social Security disability programs, the Ticket to Work program, how work impacts benefits, and how to find help. All workshops are facilitated in-person, by a Certified Work Incentives Practitioner. Workshop can be tailored based on audience needs.

If you are interested in getting the people you serve the information they need to make an informed choice about work, schedule your organization's workshop today! All presentations are available free of charge. Additional topics are available to accommodate your organization's goals and needs.

For more information or to schedule a presentation please contact Rachel Ferrara at 607-272-2433 or rachel@fliconline.org

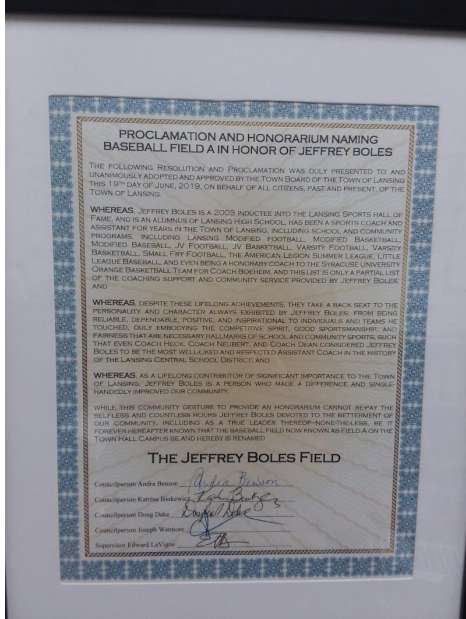
Congratulations, Jeff!

Many of you know our dear friend and colleague, Jeffrey Boles. Jeff has worked at FLIC for 22 years and is a passionate and tireless disability advocate.

In his spare time, Jeff has been a sports coach and assistant for numerous teams in Lansing, including Lansing modified football, basketball, and baseball; JV football and basketball; varsity football and basketball; small fry football; the American Legion summer league; and, little league baseball.

Recently, the Town of Lansing renamed Field A the **Jeffrey Boles Field**.

As the Proclamation states:
Whereas, as a lifelong contributor of significant importance to the Town of Lansing, Jeffrey Boles is a person who made a difference and single handedly improved our community.



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