

# Springboard Group DD – April 2011

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## *April All-Springboard Event*

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>; 6:00 p.m. – end of show (about 9:00 p.m.)**

**Big Apple Circus – RSVP to Mindy by Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

***Meeting Location: Outside the Government Center T-Station on the Green Line***

We are heading to the Big Apple Circus. The co-pay is due on the night of the show. This year's theme is *Dance On*. Invited to *the dance*: an awesome troupe of monocyclists and lasso twirlers from China, a mind-bending group of Mongolian contortionists, a collection of Kenyan athletes who shimmy up a pole as though gravity were a joke, a herd of hoofers — twelve miniature horses in an equine chorus line, and an Ethiopian juggler with a lively up-tempo act that's hard to beat. The RSVP date for this event is Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please let Mindy know if you are coming by that day, so that she can buy you a ticket.

***COST: \$7 co-pay***

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>; 3:00 p.m. – end of game (return to Riverside about 7:00 p.m.)**

**Providence Bruins Hockey Game – RSVP to Mindy by Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

***Meet at Riverside Station on the Green D-Line***

We'll meet at Riverside, then drive down to Providence to watch the sparks fly as the Providence Bruins take on their rivals, the Manchester Monarchs, in the last home game of the year. Mindy will be buying tickets in advance, so please RSVP by Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> if you'd like to come. Your co-pay of \$5 is due on the day of the game. Our tickets will be in the lower levels. Please bring along some extra money if you'd like to purchase a snack or dinner during the game.

***COST: \$5 co-pay***

**Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>; 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**State House Tour & Talk with the Disability Policy Consortium**

***Meet outside Park Street Station on the Green Line***

Come join us for a tour of the Beacon Hill State House, followed by a discussion with the Disability Policy Consortium (DPC). The DPC is a group that represents Massachusetts' many individuals with disabilities. The Director of the DPC will talk through the important policy issues for us to watch that are going on right now at Beacon Hill, including budget cuts, and how these issues might affect people in groups like Springboard and their families. The DPC will also talk through what you can do to make sure that state representatives know the important issues to make good decisions in this area. A representative from Mass Advocates Standing Strong may join us, which is an advocacy group for people with disabilities that you can become involved in if you are interested. A state representative from the Boston area might also be stopping by. While Mindy is organizing this activity for Group DD, this activity may be open to others in Springboard and also to your families. Please let me know in advance if they plan to come. *The schedule will be:*

*10:00 a.m. – Meet at Park Street Station and walk over to the State House*

*10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Tour of the State House*

*11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Lunch at the State House Café*

*12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Discussion with the DPC*

*1:00 p.m. – Walk back to Park Street Station*

***COST: TBD – Mindy will update Facebook in early April. The co-pay will either be free or \$5 at most.***