

## Community workshops focused on Social Security and renting

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1 The community, not just people who receive assistance through Disability Network Lakeshore, are welcome to attend the free workshops. "People can come and listen to the speaker but also share their ideas about what's worked for them and ask questions throughout," said Carrie Goode, information and referral specialist at Disability Network Lakeshore.

2 The "Renting 101" workshop will be Thursday and focus on the basics of renting a home and on what types of rental and housing assistance programs and tax credits are available. Attendees will also walk away with a housing checklist of items to consider when renting an apartment or home.

3 "Navigating Social Security" will help attendees to understand Social Security disability benefits. Leigh Ebrom, from McCroskey Law Offices, will give advice for completing a successful initial application and appeal for Social Security. She'll also provide a booklet called "Social Security 101."

Why you should go:

"I think it's going to bring together people who may have common questions and help them determine reasonable answers. I feel like, as a community, we have so much information to share. One of my hopes is that people will learn to effectively seek information and advocate for themselves." — Carrie Goode, information and referral specialist at Disability Network Lakeshore

### About the event

When 2-4 p.m. Thursday and April 20  
Where Baypointe Apartments community room, 791 E. 16th St.  
Info (616) 396-5326, ext. 113

### How to submit your event

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