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Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you so much for joining us today for SNAP Time Limit: What Providers Should Know About the Impact on Individuals with Disabilities. Today we are going to take a quick look at poverty a disability. We are going to talk about a little bit of background on SNAP and ABAWD time limits and we are going to -- explain what ABAWD is. We're going to get lessons from Massachusetts and equip you with resources to help you share what you learn today and take action as you see fit we are going to leave a good amount of time for questions and answers about this very important topic. My name is Elizabeth Jennings, deputy director here at National Disability Institute and this is the first webinar partnership with our partner over at CLASP the Center for Law and Social Policy so we are very happy to have with us today Helly Lee, the senior policy analyst at CLASP and Pat Baker, senior policy analyst with Massachusetts Law Reform Institute. I would like to invite my colleague Nakia Matthews to share with you some housekeeping tips before we get started.

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