



**Autism Family Center**  
845 North Broadway  
White Plains, New York 10603  
914 761-0600 ext 228

#### UPCOMING EVENTS, LECTURES & SEMINARS

This list is not an endorsement of any services or programs, but rather a resource for professionals and families to learn of upcoming events that have been made known to us.

**Tuesday, April 1, 2008 7:30 PM**

CHADD OF PUTNAM & VICINITY

Four Winds Hospital Conference Center, Route 35, Katonah, NY.

Meetings are held on **1st Tuesday of the month.**

**Topic: "What a Special Educator Wants Parents To Know To Help Their Children Succeed."**

**Speaker: Diane Fulves, MA, MS** -- Learning Disabilities Specialist

Diane will discuss the IEP, empower parents with information, address teacher concerns, provide strategies to parents, help not only the child succeed, but the teacher succeed.

A **\$5.00** Donation is requested of nonmembers

For Info and Directions call (845) 278-3012

Our web page with full schedule: [www.chadd.net/376](http://www.chadd.net/376)

**Tuesday, April 1, 2008 6:30pm - 9:00pm**

DUTCHESS BOCES

Dutchess BOCES- BETA Site, 900 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?? TRANSITION PLANNING SERVICES

#### PARENT INFORMATION SERIES

Are you a parent or family member of a middle or high school aged child with an IEP/ 504 Plan? Do you have concerns about supports and services available after graduation? Please join us for **one** or **all** of our workshops beginning this March.

#### LONG TERM NEEDS

**SSI and other Benefits:** What are they? How, when and why to apply

**Residential Options:** What are they and are they right for my family member? Learn about the steps involved in obtaining residential service.

**Guardianship and Special Needs Trusts:** How to protect your child's rights and property when they become adults.

**All Workshops are FREE** To register, call Marilyn McGaulley 845-486-4840 x3058 or e-mail to [marilyn.mcgaulley@dcbooces.org](mailto:marilyn.mcgaulley@dcbooces.org)

**Tuesday, April 1, 2008 7:15pm - 8:45pm**

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN MANHATTAN

The Samuel Priest Rose Building, 334 Amsterdam Ave. @ 76<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10023

Adult Sibling Support Group

This group provides support for young adult siblings who grew up in families where a brother or sister had special needs. In a small group format, the personal experiences of the participants will be shared as a way to better understand and cope with some of the life-long issues they face as siblings. Emotional support, insight, strategies and community will be facilitated. Please call Hannah Cohen for an intake at 646-505-4460 prior to registration. Facilitated by **Dr. Wendy Kamaiko-Solano and Hannah Cohen.**

**11 Tuesdays: Feb 5, Mar 4 & 18, Apr 1, 15 & 29, May 13 & 27, Jun 24, Jul 8 & 22**

**COST: \$330/\$385**

Please call Hannah Cohen for information and intake, 646-505-4460

**Wednesday, April 2, 2008**

#### World Autism Awareness Day

Celebrate with Autism Speaks on World Autism Awareness Day!

On December 18, 2007 the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 62/139 declaring April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) in perpetuity. This UN resolution is one of only three official disease-specific United Nations Days and will bring the world's attention to autism, a pervasive disorder that affects tens of millions. The World Autism Awareness Day resolution encourages all Member States to take measures to raise awareness about autism throughout society and to encourage early diagnosis and early intervention. It further expresses deep concern at the prevalence and high rate of autism in children in all regions of the world and the consequent developmental challenges. [View the series of day long international events here.](#)

Wednesday, April 2, 2008 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN MANHATTAN  
Opening Reception

The Artistic Spectrum: Artwork by Young People on the Autistic Spectrum

On view March 19-April 24

In recognition of April's National Autism month, the JCC will be presenting an exhibition celebrating the often unrecognized talents of young people, ages 10-21, with autistic spectrum disorders. Also on exhibit will be a selection of works by Adaptations, the JCC's/FEES Young Adult Life Skills Network.  
[www.jccnyc.org/theartisticspectrum](http://www.jccnyc.org/theartisticspectrum)

Please call Hannah Cohen for information 646-505-4460

Wednesday, April 2, 2008 9:30am - 11:30am  
LOWER HUDSON REGIONAL SETRC & THE HUDSON VALLEY TRANSITIONAL SITE  
Southern Westchester BOCES, 2 Westchester Plaza, Elmsford, NY

**When the Yellow School Bus Doesn't Stop Here Anymore: A Continuation...Planning for a Successful Transition To Adulthood.**

This workshop will focus on strength-based assessment, a tool for communication in the transition process. You will learn about:

- How families find more information about the services and supports needed when students with disabilities graduate or complete their public schooling?
- What the local school district is responsible for?
- How you can work effectively with your school district in planning your child's life after school?

**Target Audience:** Parents and CSE parent members **Presenters:** Kerry McKenna, Hudson Valley Transition Trainer Nicole DeFlorio, Hudson Valley Transition Coordinator & Laurie Levine, Lower Hudson Regional SETRC Trainer **Contact:** Laurie Levine,

[llevine@pnwboces.org](mailto:llevine@pnwboces.org) **FREE!**

Wednesday, April 2, 2008 8:00pm  
AUTISM SPEAKS

Sundance Channel to Premiere Documentary "Autism Every Day" on World Autism Awareness Day,

**Film Captures Everyday Lives Of Eight Families Living With Autism**

With **Autism Every Day**, director Lauren Thierry (who is herself the mother of a child with autism) illuminates the struggles parents of children with autism face every moment of the day. Thierry goes inside the homes of eight diverse families doing their best to cope with a perplexing disorder that completely dominates their lives. **Autism Every Day** shows how developmental skills that most parents take for granted - a child's ability to brush his teeth or communicate a need - can prove enormous hurdles for an autistic child. At the same, Thierry's film captures the unconditional, powerful love these parents feel for their children and their determination to provide them with the best care possible. **Autism Every Day** was produced by Autism Speaks, the nation's largest advocacy organization

Thursday, April 3, 2008 7:30 p.m.  
WHITE PLAINS PTA COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS  
White Plains High School Media Center, North Street, White Plains, NY  
Understanding Psychological Evaluations

Katrin Laube, Psychologist at Church Street Elementary School, will discuss how to interpret and utilize the results of psychological evaluations performed by the school district.

To be added to email distribution list, send email to [madfis@us.ibm.com](mailto:madfis@us.ibm.com).

Thursday, April 3, 2008, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
WESTCHESTER/SOUTHERN FAIRFIELD AUTISM SPEAKS  
Westchester Renaissance Hotel  
80 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, NY 10604

**Westchester/Southern Fairfield Kickoff Luncheon**

Join us at our annual Kickoff Luncheon to celebrate our past achievements and look toward the future. Anyone wanting to learn more about Autism Speaks and how to join us at our Seventh Annual **Walk Now for Autism on Sunday, June 8 at Manhattanville College** should join us. Walk and team building materials will be available at this event. The luncheon is compliments of Autism Speaks. Please invite your friends, family, and colleagues.

To insure your reservation for the Kickoff Luncheon, [reserve your seat here](#). If you have additional questions or would like walk materials, please contact the Westchester/Fairfield office at (914) 934-5138 or by e-mail at [westchesterfairfield@autismspeaks.org](mailto:westchesterfairfield@autismspeaks.org).

Friday, April 4, 2008 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration & Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Presentation  
EDUCATION CONNECTION'S EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM  
Western Connecticut State University, Westside Campus Center, Danbury, Connecticut  
"It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend:  
Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities Find Social Success"

TARGET AUDIENCE: Administrators, Teachers, Parents, Social Workers, Psychologists, Guidance Counselors & Caregivers  
SPEAKER: Rick Lavoie, M.A., M.Ed.

Friday, April 4, 2008 7:45am - 3:45pm

CENTER FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES/  
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Rochester, NY

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Statewide Conference

Understanding Autism: Strategies to Improve Outcomes for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Quality Inclusion for Young Children with Autism Presenter: Phillip S. Strain, Ph.D.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS-

Newer Models for Serving Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders Presenter: Shirley Cohen, Ph.D.

Thinking in PBS: Approaching Problem Behavior Through the Lens of PBS

Presenter: Christopher M. Oliva, Ph.D.

FBA's and BIP's: Individualized Behavioral Supports for Students with Autism

Presenter: Daniel Crimmins, Ph.D.

Self-Determination for Individuals with Severe Disabilities and Problem Behavior

Presenter: Fredda Brown, Ph.D.

Using Visual Supports to Enhance Learning in Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Presenter: Kristin V. Christodulu, Ph.D.

Systematically Addressing Behavioral Excesses: A Functional Model

Presenter: Raymond G. Romanczyk, Ph.D., BCBA and Emily Huber Callahan, MS

The Genomics of Autism: Current Findings and Clinical Implications Presenter: Michael Cuccaro, Ph.D.

Promoting Abstract and Social Language in Children with Autism

Presenter: Joanne Gerenser, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

A Video Guide to Early Symptoms of Autism Spectrum Disorder in Young Children

Presenter: Patricia Towle, Ph.D.

Psychiatric Co-Morbidity in Autism Spectrum Disorders: Issues and Considerations in Assessment & Treatment Presenter: Caroline I. Magyar, Ph.D.

Integrating Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders into our Schools - A System Wide Approach

Presenters: Marcus Thomeer, Ph.D., David Meichenbaum, Ph.D., Chris Lopata, Ph.D. & Stephen Anderson, Ph.D.

Positive Behavioral Supports at Home: Strategies for Parents Presenter: Daniel Crimmins, Ph.D.

Presenter bios can be found on CARD's website: [www.albany.edu/psy/autism](http://www.albany.edu/psy/autism)

For more information and to register call CARD @ 518-442-2574 or [www.card@albany.edu](mailto:www.card@albany.edu).

Friday, April 4, 2008

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2008 Web Conference Series

Practices to Promote Inclusion for People with Autism Across the Lifespan:

April 4, 21, 28 and May 5, 2008

Overview of Series

Learn about new research and information being documented on people who have the severest communication impairments and autism. Explore ideas for addressing needs in comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary. Get answers to several commonly held, but often erroneous assumptions about autism. Our series will conclude with a session given by a parent and self-advocate. Hear from them about life experiences.

Session 1: Building Communication through Education, Literacy, and Support...

Presenters: Darlene Hanson, Hanson Communication Service LLC and Christi Kasa-Hendrickson, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

Date: Friday April 4                      Time: 4:00—5:30 pm Eastern  
3:00—4:30pm Central  
2:00 - 3:30pm Mountain  
1:00 - 2:30pm Pacific

Session 2: The Science of Autism: Beyond the Myths and Misconceptions

Presenter: Morton Ann Gernsbacher, University of Wisconsin

Date: Monday, April 21                  Time: 1:00—2:30pm Eastern  
12:00 - 1:30pm Central  
11:00 - 12:30pm Mountain  
10:00- 11:30am Pacific

Session 3: "A Land We Can Share": Teaching Literacy to Students with Autism

Presenter: Paula Kluth, Consultant

Date: Monday, April 28                  Time: 2:00—3:30pm Eastern  
1:00 - 2:30pm Central  
12:00 - 1:30pm Mountain  
11:00am - 12:30pm Pacific

**Session 4: "Getting A Life": A 50 Year Personal Retrospective of Autism**

Presenters: **Barbara C. Cutler, EdD, mother/educational consultant, and Robert W.P. Cutler, Jr, Self-Advocate and Mentor**

Date: **Monday, May 5, 2008**

Time: 2:00 - 3:30pm Eastern

1:00 - 2:30pm Central

12:00 - 1:30pm Mountain

11:00 - 12:30pm Pacific

[Register online](#) or download then fax a [registration form \(.doc\)](#)

Learn more about this Webinar Series from the [description \(.doc\)](#)

**Saturday, April 5, 2008**

THE

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference - Speakers: R. Douglas Greer, Columbia University Graduate School of Art & Sciences & Teacher's College, Rebecca MacDonald, New England Center for Children, James Mazur, Southern Connecticut State University, Susan Wilczynski, National Autism Center, the May Institute, Tom Zane, The Evergreen Center & The Center for Applied Behavior Analysis - Sage Colleges.** For more information go to [www.ctaba.org](http://www.ctaba.org).

**Sunday, April 6, 2008 1:30pm**

BARNES & NOBLE/AUTISM SPEAKS

Barnes & Noble Booksellers

CT/Stamford Towne Center

100 Greyrock Place Suite H009, Stamford, CT 06901

**Autism Awareness Event**

**Let's Be Friends Storytime** is a national event in support of Autism Awareness Month, taking place at Barnes & Noble stores throughout April. The purpose of these special events is to raise awareness about autism, a neurobiological disorder that affects 1 in 150 individuals in the U.S.

Reading, Children's, Pre-school (ages 3-6)

For more information call 203-323-1248

**Sunday April 6, 11am - 4pm**

NAVIGATING THE SPECTRUM

@ The Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY

**Second Annual Autism Information Fair**

Parents, therapists, educators, health care professionals, school administrators and anyone who cares about a child on the spectrum are invited to join us for a day of education and empowerment. Connect with families affected by ASDs and network with knowledgeable, caring and encouraging professionals. Over 40 scheduled information stations including Applied Behavior Analysis, TEACCH, DIR and Floortime, Relationship Development Intervention, Medical Interventions, Occupational Therapy & Sensory Integration, Speech & Language Pathology, Nutritional & Biomedical Interventions, Auditory Therapies, Vision Therapy, Special Education Law & Advocacy, Assessments & Evaluations, Family Management, Self-Injurious Behavior Management, Family Services, Early Intervention Services, Recreational Programs, Respite Services, Social Skills Programs, Transitional Services, Vocational Training, Residential Options, Complementary & Alternative Treatments, and Many More. Specially scheduled breakout lectures will address issues important to parents of children across all ages and developmental levels.

**This Is a Free Event - Families Welcome Fun and Attractions for Children**

**Breakout Lecture Schedule:**

**Toddlers & Preschoolers: 11:30 - 12:30** Getting a Diagnosis, Multidisciplinary Approaches, Securing Services

Therapeutic Options.

**School Age Children: 1:00 - 2:00** It's Never Too Late to Try Something Different, Friends and Fitting In, Peer Pressure and Bullies, Student Advocacy

**Adolescents & Young Adults: 2:30 - 3:30**, Puberty and Sexuality, Transitional Services, Vocational Training,

Residential Options. For more info call (914) 826-5300 or go to [info@navigatingthespectrum.org](mailto:info@navigatingthespectrum.org).

**Sunday, April 6, 2008 3:00-4:00pm**

CHABAD OF THE RIVERTOWNS

"THE PASSOVER EXPERIENCE"

Where: Chabad of the Rivertowns, 303 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry

Who: Children with special needs and their families and the volunteers of the Friendship Circle. You don't have to be part of the Friendship Circle to come - everyone is welcome!

What: Model Matzah Bakery, Video Theatre and Arts & Crafts Workshop.

For more info call Esti at 693-6100.

**No Charge!**

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**Monday, April 7, 2008 6:30 - 9:00pm**

WESTCHESTER DISABILITY ADVOCACY PARTNERSHIP\*

White Plains Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY

**Fresh Focus on (dis)ABILITY**

a film series offering a view into the lives of persons with all types of disabilities.

**First Monday of March, April, May and June 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

Monday, April 7: **Benny and Joon**

A romantic comedy starring Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson and Aidan Quinn about the relationship between a girl with a mental illness and a young man who loves (and channels) Buster Keaton.

Guest speaker: To be announced.

Monday, May 5: **The Real Helen Keller**

A documentary by disabled filmmakers Liz Crow and Ann Pugh challenges Keller's widely misunderstood public image as the deaf-blind all-American child who triumphed against nearly impossible odds, and reveals a deeper, more nuanced individual.

Guest speaker: To be announced.

Monday, June 2: **Alive Day Memories: Home from Iraq**

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have left more than 25,000 wounded. Sopranos star James Gandolfini interviews ten Soldiers and Marines who reveal their feelings on their future, their severe disabilities and their devotion to America.

Guest speaker: To be announced.

Films are captioned for the hearing impaired. Description will be provided for people with visual impairments.

\* The Westchester Disability Advocacy Partnership (WDAP) is a new coalition of over 40 area organizations dedicated to promoting inclusion for people with disabilities.

For more information call Lisa Tarricone, WDAP vice-chair at 914-682-3926 Bob Cole, WDAP publicity chair at 914-793-0318 Robin Osborne, Westchester Library System at 914-231-3237

**Monday, April 7, 2008 6:30pm**

WJCS/AUTISM FAMILY CENTER

845 North Broadway, main fl. Conference room #1, White Plains, NY

**A Journey Through the Life Span:**

**A Dialogue for Parents/Caregivers of Middle School Age Children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder**

As children's needs change throughout their lives, so do their parents. This is an opportunity for parents of similar-aged children to meet one another, identify common concerns, share resources and join in support.

Each session targets a specific age group.

Attend all or choose those most appropriate.

**April 7** Middle School

May 5 High School

June 2 Beyond High School

July 14 Mature Adult

**Childcare Available—Reservation Needed 1 week in advance**

For more information or to register contact:

Kristen Macaluso, MS Program Coordinator 761-0600 x 228 or [kmacaluso@wjcs.com](mailto:kmacaluso@wjcs.com) **FREE!**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2008 8:30am - 3:30pm**

UJA FEDERATION

UJA-Federation of New York, Seventh-Floor Conference Center, 130 East 59th Street, New York City

**Autism Symposium - From the Lab to the Field: Applying Research on**

**Best Practices in Community-Based Settings**

Who is the autistic child, and how does he or she behave and look? What are the cognitive and methodological strategies to best enable inclusion of children with autism whenever possible in mainstream settings? How must service modalities for working with children with autism change as children grow into teens, young adults, and adults; and how do environments accommodate these changes? Through a panel discussion, a keynote presentation, and afternoon breakout sessions, we will explore these important questions. Join us for a unique opportunity to hear from leading experts in the field.

The symposium will feature:

Keynote Address by **Dr. Susan Folstein**, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

**Dr. Eric Hollander**, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Seaver and New York Autism Center of Excellence at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine

**Dr. Lynda Geller**, Ph.D., Clinical Director of the Asperger Institute at the New York University Child Study Center

**Dr. Ami Klin**, Ph.D., Harris Associate Professor of Child Psychology and Psychiatry at the Yale Child Study Center. **Invitation to follow.**

For more information, please contact Alex Roth-Kahn at 1.212.836.1762 or [roth-kahna@ujafedny.org](mailto:roth-kahna@ujafedny.org).

**Tuesday, April 8, 2008 7:00pm**

ALLIANCE FOR SAFE KIDS

**Location:** To be announced

**Partners in Prevention— Parents, Schools, Kids, Community**

It's Friday night, do you know what your children are doing? Today's parents have cause for concern regarding teen behavior. National, state and local indicators show that rates of substance abuse are rising among teens and that the age of first drug and alcohol use is dropping. Parents, educators, students and other concerned community members will explore the underlying reasons for the increase in substance abuse; discuss new drug trends including the alarming rise in over-the-counter and prescription drug use among teens and possible prevention strategies. Attend this time-important presentation to discover some of the high-risk behaviors those teens may be engaged in and more importantly, how appropriate boundaries can keep our children safe. **Target Audience:** Parents of adolescents/teens, educators, and all

concerned community members. **Presenter:** Michael Nerney, Substance Abuse Prevention Consultant **Contact:** Joan Valenstein, [jbv555@verizon.net](mailto:jbv555@verizon.net) 914-245-3507 **FREE!**  
[www.allianceforsafekids.org](http://www.allianceforsafekids.org)

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008 6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
WESTCHESTER INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.

White Plains High School Library Room  
550 North Street, White Plains, NY

**5th Annual Transition Linkage Fair**

Information and networking for people with disabilities about transitioning into the adult world.  
Contact: Ellen Weinstein, 914-682-3926, ext. 114

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008 7:00am - 4:30pm**

SENSORY RESOURCES

Villa Borghese, 70 Widmer Road, Wappingers Falls, NY  
Sensory Strategies to Improve Children's Learning & Behavior

Featured Speakers - **Carol Kranowitz, MA** author of "The Out-of-Sync Child" and **Rex Birkmire, MD**, Medical Director of Devereux Florida.

**Target audience:** Teachers, Parents, Grandparents, OT's, SLP's, Social Workers, Teachers' Aides, Special Educators and Early Childhood Providers. Earn continuing education credits.

You will learn how to explain sensory processing problems and how they affect children's learning, behavior and communication, to identify common characteristics of sensory processing disorder in young children, discuss the genetic and neurologic basis of Sensory Processing Disorder, and how to describe medication management that may be provided in conjunction with other therapies.

For more information, contact: Sensory Resources, LLC, 2690 Chandler Avenue, Suite 8  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 Toll free: 888-357-5867 Phone: 702-433-0404 [www.SensoryResources.com](http://www.SensoryResources.com)

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008 5:30pm - 9:30pm**

CACLD/THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN &  
ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Stamford Marriot Hotel

**26th Annual Conference - High School and Beyond... Educational Options for Students with LD/AD/HD**

**Topics Include:** Transition Planning, Private High Schools, Two Year Colleges, Four Year Colleges, Alternative College Programs, Post Graduate Programs. For more information go to [www.caclld.org](http://www.caclld.org).

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

PUTNAM/NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SETRC &  
THE HUDSON VALLEY TRANSITION COORDINATION SITE

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES

200 BOCES Drive, Yorktown Heights, NY (Front Conference Room)

**Building a Bridge for the Future: Focus on Mental Health Supports**

Representatives from various community resources will provide information about mental health supports and services available to students transitioning from high school. This panel of representatives will also discuss how to access these services in the community.

Topics include: VESID—Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (access and services), OMH -Office of Mental Health, Social Security Benefits

Housing, Community Mental Health Services, Peer Support Groups, Parent Support Groups

**Target Audience:** Parents of high school students with mental health difficulties, parent members, special education teachers and school psychologists. **Presenters:** Panel of agency representatives - **Nicole DeFlorio**, Hudson Valley Transition Coordinator **FREE!**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008 7pm - 9pm**

PARKSIDE INSTITUTE

The Parkside School, 48 West 74<sup>th</sup> Street, NY 10023 (between Columbus Ave. and Central Park West)

The Joys and Challenges of Raising Siblings

**Fee:** \$25 **Contact:** The Parkside School for registration information - 212-721-8888, ext. 5155; email: [institute@parksideschool.org](mailto:institute@parksideschool.org);  
[www.parksideschool.org](http://www.parksideschool.org).

**Thursday, April 10th 8:30AM - 7:00PM and**

**Friday April 11th 9:00AM - 6:00PM**

**The Spectacular Spring Magaschoni Showroom Sale**

A Special Sale of Sophisticated Sportswear and Accessories at Wholesale Prices

To Benefit Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc. and other organizations supporting children with disabilities. Be among a select group to shop at the elegant Magaschoni Showroom. Bring your friends to make a difference to children with disabilities. **To**

receive an invite click on [Spring Benefit/ Magaschoni Sale](#)

Thursday, April 10, 2008 9:00am - 12pm

WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH  
Westchester County Center, White Plains

**"The Impact of Autism Spectrum Disorders on Dual Diagnosis Across the Lifespan"**  
A Seminar for Helping Individuals with Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities

**Speaker: John Pomeroy, M.D., MBBS, MRC Psych.**, Stony Brook University, Matt and Debra Dody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities

Independent of intellectual ability, individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders often have associated emotional and behavioral problems, some of which are characteristic of the disorder, some related to the individual's cognitive patterns and their interaction with their environment and some appear to be due to additional mental disorder. This presentation will focus on how to differentiate the origins of such problems, as well as the interaction of these problems with intellectual impairment and adaptive behavioral deficits (Dual Diagnosis), and the implications for evaluation and treatment. Attendees will be able to recognize the common emotional and behavioral problems seen in individuals with ASD and the appropriate assessments required before instituting treatment and be able to address the effects that an additional diagnosis of ASD has on understanding the needs of a person's Dual Diagnosis.

To RSVP call 914-995-5244 or e-mail [met1@westchestergov.com](mailto:met1@westchestergov.com) by April 4, 2008 **FREE!**

Thursday, April 10, 2008 7:30pm

BARNES & NOBLE/AUTISM SPEAKS  
Barnes & Noble Booksellers City Center  
230 Main Street, White Plains, NY  
Autism Awareness Event

Let's Be Friends Pajama Storytime. For more information call 914-397-2420

Since We're Friends: An Autism Picture Book by [Celeste Shally](#), [David Harrington](#) (Illustrator), [Alison Singer](#) (Foreword by)  
A Brief Synopsis - Children with autism struggle to make friends and navigate social situations. However, one child can make a significant difference in the life of a child with autism by offering compassion, understanding and friendship. Since We're Friends is about two boys. One has autism - the other does not. The story of their relationship provides practical examples of how to make such a friendship work. It will help children see that their peers with autism can make a fun, genuine contribution to friendship.

Friday, April 11, 2008 9:30am - 2:30pm

FEGS  
YAI/NYL Harry H. Gordon School for Early Learning  
2465 Bathgate Ave, Bronx, NY

**Free Workshop Series For Parents, advocates and professionals who are seeking diagnostic information, services and resources for children diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).**

**Session 1:** What should I know about ASD? April 11, 2008

**Session 2:** Living with ASD May 2008

**Session 3:** Facts and Myths about ASD June 2008

Please RSVP to: Trish Meade by phone 212-366-8059 or email [tmeade@fegs.org](mailto:tmeade@fegs.org)

Saturday, April 12, 2008 9:00am - 9:45am

TEMPLE BETH EL OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER  
**Simchat Shabbat: The Joy of Shabbat** led by Cantor Ellen Dreskin

Temple Beth El Of Northern Westchester, 220 South Bedford Road (117), Chappaqua, NY

A special Saturday musical service that occurs once a month, for children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

Please note that at least one parent or caregiver must accompany all children. **\*Additional Saturday services are May 17<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>.** For more information, please call (914) 238-3928

April 12th 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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CHILD  
Conference Center  
Street  
Central Banquet Rooms, New York, NY 10010

NYC Seminar and  
71 West 23rd  
2 East/West/

"Raising Awareness for Children's Health and Healing" will be the topic of this conference. This is in response to the overwhelming increase of children being diagnosed with ADHD, Learning Disabilities, Allergies, Asthma and Autism  
Keynote Speaker -Dr. Dietrich Klinghardt will discuss his ground-breaking work on the five systems of healing and its application to children with health and development concerns  
Dorinne S. Davis MA, CCC-A, FAAA - President and Founder of The Davis Center for Hearing, Speech, & Learning, will discuss how listening therapy can facilitate learning and development in children through a "tree of life approach".  
Marc Grossman, O.D., L.Ac., a licensed NYS Optometrist and Acupuncturist, will discuss how vision therapy can create a new vision for your child  
Charles Shapiro, a homeopath, will present a vitalistic approach to alternative and complimentary medicine.

**Julie Motz**, an energy healer, has worked at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. She has been profiled on Dateline, CNN, The New York Times Magazine, Ladies' Home Journal, to name a few. Ms. Motz will present how unblocking energy pathways can create health and well-being in our children.

**Lawrence B. Palevsky**, MD, FAAP, President of Holistic Pediatric Association and past president of the American Holistic Medical Association, will present holistic integrative health care for infants, children and adolescents.

**Dr. Christy Shae**, founder of Simply Vibrant, will present her system of healing ADHD, Allergies and Autism and other childhood symptoms using a system of technology and integrative healing.

For more information on exhibiting, please contact: Nancy Guberti at [www.coachforhealthyliving.com](http://www.coachforhealthyliving.com)

Whole Child, P.O. Box 201, Dobbs Ferry NY

Phone: 914-450-6971 Email: [wholechildinfo@verizon.net](mailto:wholechildinfo@verizon.net)

**Saturday, April 12, 2008 7:00pm - 10:00pm**

WHOLE CHILD

39 West

14th Street, Suite 307, between 5th & 6th Avenues

(Note: Different location from

conference)

**Constellations with Dr. Dietrich Klinghardt**

Conference.

will be provided at registration. If you are not attending the conference, the **cost is \$25**. Go to Developmental Delay Resources to register. There will be limited seating for this event. Please register early. For more information about Family Constellations, go to The Hellinger Approach, Boston.

**A Special Evening of Family**

Following the Whole Child

**Free** to Conference Attendees. Ticket

**Saturday, April 12 from 7:00pm -**

**12:00am**

AUTISM SPEAKS

**"Rock 'Til It Stops"**

@ The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio

A special one-night-only benefit concert, featuring performances by Stephen Stills and Michael Stanley, will be an evening of food, music and fun as the Cleveland community joins together to raise awareness about autism and funds to support Autism Speaks' local and national research, education and outreach initiatives. April is national Autism Awareness Month. Last April, Autism Speaks sold out its inaugural Cleveland concert event, which raised \$250,000 for Autism Speaks. In addition to the special musical performances by Stills - a two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee -- and Cleveland's own Stanley, this year's "Rock 'til It Stops" event will include tours of the Museum's exhibits, as well as delicious food and drinks. The evening will honor Cleveland-area leaders in the fight against autism: Norma Lerner, benefactor of The Lerner School for Autism at The Cleveland Clinic; Susie Ratner, co-founder of The Monarch School for Autism; Eileen McShea, Autism Speaks supporter and co-host of "Good Company" on WKYC-TV; and Kristen and Stephen Stills, activists and national supporters of Autism Speaks. Ticket prices start at \$150 and sponsorship opportunities are available.

To purchase tickets, contact Leslie McCammon at (323) 549-0500, ext. 748 or [lmccammon@autismspeaks.org](mailto:lmccammon@autismspeaks.org). For sponsorship information or to join the organizing committee, contact Shari Goldberg at (440) 449-9922 or [sharigoldberg22@aol.com](mailto:sharigoldberg22@aol.com). For more information about the event, visit:

<http://events.autismspeaks.org/asrocktilitstops>

**April 13, 2008, 8:00pm**

AUTISM SPEAKS

**Night Of Too Many Stars**

Hosted by Jon Stewart, this star packed special ("Night of Too Many Stars: An Overbooked Benefit for Autism Education") will be **televised live from The Beacon Theatre in New York City** on Sunday, April 13, 8:00PM EST. Scheduled to appear are Matthew Broderick, Stephen Colbert, Chris Rock, Tina Fey, Jonah Hill, Conan O'Brien, Adam Sandler, Sarah Silverman, Jon Stewart, Triumph the Insult Comic Dog, Musical Guest Maroon five AND MORE! The night will raise money for schools and education programs for children and adults with autism. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Autism Speaks. The first "Night of Too Many Stars," held in October 2006, raised more than \$2.6 million. For more information [click here](#). To learn more about sponsorship opportunities and ticket packages, [click here](#).

**Sunday, April 13, 2008 8:00am - 4:30pm**

**Issues in Independent Living for Adolescents and Adults on the Autism Spectrum**

Ruth S. Harley University Center, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY (516) 470 0360 <http://www.ahany.org> <http://www.ahany.org/support.htm> [info@ahany.org](mailto:info@ahany.org)

**Tuesday, April 15, 2008 7:15pm - 8:45pm**

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN MANHATTAN

The Samuel Priest Rose Building, 334 Amsterdam Ave. @ 76<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10023

Adult Sibling Support Group

This group provides support for young adult siblings who grew up in families where a brother or sister had special needs. In a small group format, the personal experiences of the participants will be shared as a way to better understand and cope with some of the life-long issues they face as siblings. Emotional support, insight, strategies and community will be facilitated. Please call Hannah Cohen for an intake at 646-505-4460 prior to registration. Facilitated by Dr. **Wendy Kamaiko-Solano and Hannah Cohen.**

**11 Tuesdays: Feb 5, Mar 4 & 18, Apr 1, 15 & 29, May 13 & 27, Jun 24, Jul 8 & 22**

**COST: \$330/\$385** Please call Hannah Cohen for information and intake, 646-505-4460

**Tuesday, April 15, 2008 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

WESTCHESTER

ARC

**Parent Workshop Series: "It's A Date! Facilitating Social &**

**Play Dates for Your Pre-Schooler "**

The Children's School for Early Development, 40 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY

**Speakers:** Psychologists, Ann-Marie Sabrusla & Michelle Fales

**Babysitting** provided by Children's School Staff. **Pizza** available for parents and children.

**Contact:** Barbara Spatola, 347-3227, ext. 102, [bspatola@westchesterarc.org](mailto:bspatola@westchesterarc.org)

**Wednesday, April 16, 2008 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN MANHATTAN

The JCC in Manhattan is screening HBO's **Autism: The Musical** as part of the exhibit The Artistic Spectrum. [www.jccnyc.org/theartisticspectrum](http://www.jccnyc.org/theartisticspectrum)

Please call Hannah Cohen for information 646-505-4460

**Thursday, April 17, 2008 7:00-9:00pm**

**Premiere Showing of "Autism Yesterday"**

Children on the Autistic Spectrum by Generation Rescue

Mary Lou Meese Theatre, Fox Lane Campus, Bedford, NY

Following the movie, a panel of professionals will provide insight into the methodology behind these assorted interventions allowing plenty of time for your questions.

Panel Participants to date (more expected) are:

**Geri Brewster RD, MPH CDN** Certified Dietician-Nutritionist and DAN Practitioner

**Stephen Cowan, MD FAAP** Board Certified Pediatrician and DAN Practitioner

**Mary Coyle, D.I. Hom** Homeopathic Practitioner with extensive training in homo-toxicology

**Larry Palvesky, MD FAAP** President of the Holistic Pediatrician Association and Practitioner

**\$20 pp in advance; \$25 at the door. (Tickets may be purchased in advance by paypal or check)**

**\* Doors open at 6pm; movie to begin at 7 pm.**

**To purchase your ticket(s), please contact either:**

Lisa Rudley at 914.944.7273 or [lisarudley@yahoo.com](mailto:lisarudley@yahoo.com)

Sue Bronico at 914.666.6310 or [Bronicos@msn.com](mailto:Bronicos@msn.com)

To find out more information on the movie and Generation Rescue go to [www.generationrescue.org](http://www.generationrescue.org).

Directions to Fox Lane Campus at [www.bedford.k12.ny.us/directions.html](http://www.bedford.k12.ny.us/directions.html)

**Thursday, April 17, 2008 11:00am**

**AUTISM SPEAKS**

Barnes & Noble Booksellers

Danbury Square

Danbury Square, 15 Backus Ave., Danbury, CT 06810

**Autism Awareness Event**

**Let's Be Friends Storytime** is a national event in support of Autism Awareness Month, taking place at Barnes & Noble stores throughout April. The purpose of these special events is to raise awareness about autism, a neurobiological disorder that affects 1 in 150 individuals in the U.S.

**Let's Be Friends: Autism Awareness Storytime.** For more information call 203-730-2733

**Friday, April 18, 2008**

YALE UNIVERSITY CHILD STUDY CENTER

Yale University School of Medicine

Harkness

Auditorium, 333 Cedar Street, New Haven, CT

**THE ROAD TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION - WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW TO PREPARE STUDENTS WITH ASPERGER'S SYNDROME, AUTISM & RELATED CONDITIONS**

**Featured Speakers:** Ami Klin, PhD, Jane Thierfeld-Brown, EdD, Lorraine Wolf, PhD & Fred Volkmar, MD

This conference is geared toward parents who are preparing a student for the transition to post-secondary settings or already have a student attending a post-secondary program. It will address such issues as: trying to decide which post-secondary options best suits

the student's needs; understanding the legal issues in these settings and learning strategies to facilitate social and academic success.

**Objectives:** At the conclusion of the conference attendees will be able to:

- Gain knowledge about assessment in planning for post-secondary options.
- Specify criteria for selecting a post-secondary educational setting.
- Distinguish between the laws that govern academic and other necessary accommodations for ASD students to succeed in higher education.
- List the administrative and emotional supports that need to be in place to aid professionals who work with this population.
- Recognize the social and academic situations that may precipitate a crisis in this population and consider preventative strategies.

For more information contact [kristin.kramer@yale.edu](mailto:kristin.kramer@yale.edu)

**Friday and Saturday, April 18, 19, 2008**

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY/LOS NINOS

NY Hilton Hotel, NYC

**Present the 6th Annual YOUNG CHILD EXPO & CONFERENCE "Helping Young Children Learn & Grow"**

**SPEAKERS**

**T. Berry Brazelton, MD** Harvard Medical School - Building Strong Parent-Child Relationships

**Robin Aronow, PhD** Private Practice - Life After Nursery School: Educational Choices

**Marilyn Agin, MD, FAAP** Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician, Author - The Late Talker

**Myrna Shure, PhD** Drexel University, Author - Raising a Thinking Child: Teaching Children How to Resolve Conflicts and Get Along with Others

**Eileen Flicker, PhD** Private Practice, Author - Guiding Children's Behavior: Developmental Discipline

**Kim West, MSW** Private Practice, Author - Good Night, Sleep Tight: Guide to Helping Your Child Sleep

**Laurie Dubos, PhD, Jana Fromer** Authors - A Parents Guide to Special Education in New York City and the Metropolitan Area & **Nina Lublin, Med** A Review of Resources for Young Children with Special Needs

**Dina Castro, PhD** University of North Carolina - Foundations of Cultural Diversity: Working with Linguistically Diverse Children

**Desiree Murray, PhD** Duke University - ADHD in Preschoolers: Assessment & Intervention

**Cecelia McCarton, MD, Ivy Feldman, PhD** McCarton Center - Autism Diagnosis & Treatment

**Vincent Carbone, PhD** Carbone Center - Teaching Nonvocal Learners with Autism to Talk

**Carolina Kaiser** Son-Rise Program - A Model Treatment Program for Autistic Children

**Betty Davidson** Navigating the Spectrum - Autism Resources and the Parent Experience

**Adam Kaplan, Marianne Kaplan** "The Boy Inside" Award Winning Film - Aspergers' Syndrome: Our Story

**TARGET AUDIENCE** - Professionals who care for or work with all young children (including typically developing children, those with special needs, gifted and bilingual children), and parents:

**REGISTER NOW!** Or [You can print this form and mail/fax it.](#) **PROGRAM SCHEDULE** [View the schedule!](#)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** [Johanny Fernandez](#) Administrator, (212) 787-9700 ext. 333, [expo@losninos.com](mailto:expo@losninos.com)

**Monday, April 21, 2008**

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2008 Web Conference Series

**Practices to Promote Inclusion for People with Autism Across the Lifespan:**

**April 21, 28 and May 5, 2008**

**Overview of Series**

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**Session 2: The Science of Autism: Beyond the Myths and Misconceptions**

Presenter: **Morton Ann Gernsbacher, University of Wisconsin**

**Date: Monday, April 21**      **Time:** 1:00—2:30pm Eastern  
12:00 - 1:30pm Central  
11:00 - 12:30pm Mountain  
10:00- 11:30am Pacific

**Session 3: "A Land We Can Share": Teaching Literacy to Students with Autism**

Presenter: **Paula Kluth, Consultant**

**Date: Monday, April 28**      **Time:** 2:00—3:30pm Eastern  
1:00 - 2:30pm Central  
12:00 - 1:30pm Mountain  
11:00am - 12:30pm Pacific

**Session 4: Getting A Life: A 50 Year Personal Retrospective of Autism**

Presenters: **Barbara C. Cutler, EdD, mother/educational consultant, and Robert W.P. Cutler, Jr, Self-Advocate and Mentor**

**Date: Monday, May 5, 2008**      **Time:** 2:00 - 3:30pm Eastern  
1:00 - 2:30pm Central

12:00 - 1:30pm Mountain  
11:00 - 12:30pm Pacific

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Learn more about this Webinar Series from the [description \(.doc\)](#)

Wednesday, April 23, 2008 9:30am - 11:30am

BRAINSTORMING

@ The

Ridgefield Community Center

**Maverick Minds, A Cognitive Perspective on Understanding ADD/ADHD Kids:** An educational program from a cognitive perspective to understand children with ADD/ADHD, executive function and self-regulation. It takes knowledge of the process to obtain an appropriate educational/treatment program for ADD/ADHD kids. This educational program will provide information from identification to intervention with evidence based practices. It will address educational/behavioral management strategies to improve academic/behavioral performance. Treatment interventions from a cognitive-behavioral approach will be presented to understand ADD/ADHD, dual diagnosis, executive function and self-regulation processes. Parent's knowledge base on ADD/ADHD will increase with references and resources. An appropriate program provides an opportunity to develop compensatory strategies and adaptive skills for children with ADD/ADHD to reach their potential and succeed. It takes knowledge to design, implement and monitor the progress of an educational/treatment program. It's like having a parenting Ph.D. in educational psychology on ADD/ADHD. Advanced registration and payment is recommended. **Program fee \$50.** Please contact Ruthann Short, MSW, LCSW, Director of brainstorming, LLC, 383 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT, 06877, telephone 203-431-3234.

Wednesday, April 23 - Friday, April 25,  
2008

CARBONE CLINIC

Valley Cottage, NY

**Guiding the Development and Implementation of an Intensive Behavioral Program for Teaching Language and Basic Learner Skills: Advanced Training**

This 3 day workshop is designed to provide advanced training to behavioral consultants, special education teachers, speech language pathologists, and special education coordinators or supervisors who already possess intermediate level skills related to behavioral program development for children with autism or related developmental disabilities. The workshop is offered only at the Carbone Clinic site to provide the participants the opportunity to observe a center-based ABA program in operation. This workshop provides the type of information that is frequently presented in graduate level courses in applied behavior analysis. The objective of the workshop is to provide the participants with a framework for conducting conceptual analyses that guide the teaching of important skills to children with autism. A conceptual analysis is especially valuable to practitioners when general teaching procedures and methods are not effective in individual cases. The number of workshop participants will be limited to insure a highly interactive format with individualized instruction related to specific setting and needs. To benefit maximally from the workshop, prior attendance at an Introductory Workshop or documentation of extensive behavioral training is strongly recommended. Participants are asked to bring their copies of the Sundberg & Partington manual as well as the ABLLS curriculum and assessment manual. (Audio taping is allowed—please refrain from video taping). To register Email Suzanne at [suzkuh@aol.com](mailto:suzkuh@aol.com).

Saturday, April 26, 2008 2:00pm

AUTISM SPEAKS

Barnes & Noble

Booksellers

Mohegan Lake, Cortlandt Town Center, 3105 East Main Street Route 6, Mohegan Lake, NY 10547 **Autism Awareness Event Let's Be Friends Storytime**

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For more information call 914-528-6275

Saturday, April 26, 2008

AUTISM SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

Hartford, CT

**Autism Society of Connecticut 18th Annual Conference**

Keynote presenters include: Dr. Jim Ball, Ed.D., BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst), who has presented nationally and internationally on the topics of behavior management, functional behavioral assessment, social skills training and inclusion. Dr. Ball is also the co-chair of the Autism Society of America's Panel of Professional Advisors, a featured author for Autism Asperger's Digest magazine, and has a book coming out in the fall of 2007; and Kari Dunn Buron, author of "The Incredible 5-Point Scale" and several other practical and hands-on intervention books that can positively impact behaviors associated with ASD's. Ms. Dunn's books have been best sellers at our previous conferences and we are thrilled to have her present in 2008. Information and registration materials will be available February 2008. at [www.autismsocietyofct.org](http://www.autismsocietyofct.org).

Sunday, April 27, 2008 7:30pm

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The Towne Crier

Café, 130 Route 22, Pawling, NY

**SONGS FOR AUTISM 2**

**Featuring:** Judith Tulloch Band ([www.judithtulloch.com](http://www.judithtulloch.com)), Rolla ([www.rollaband.com](http://www.rollaband.com)), Lenore Troia ([www.lenoretroiz.com](http://www.lenoretroiz.com)), Motherlode ([www.motherlodetrio.com](http://www.motherlodetrio.com)), Kelly Flint ([www.kellyflint.com](http://www.kellyflint.com)) and March Von Em ([www.marcvonem.com](http://www.marcvonem.com)) A benefit for the Hudson Valley's first Regional Autism Resources Center, including a one-stop website for information related to autism. For more info email [Rand-Otten@putnamarc.org](mailto:Rand-Otten@putnamarc.org). Tickets: \$30.00 in advance/\$35.00 day of event (if available). Call

845-278-7272 ext. 287 for tickets and information or log onto [www.PutnamARC.org](http://www.PutnamARC.org) <http://www.townecrier.com/calendar.html>

Sunday, April 27, 7:30pm -

10:30pm

Helen Mills Theater, 135 W.

26 St. Suite 11A, NYC

**Thing to Thing to Thing: From Crazy to Sane with Biofeedback, Autism & the Brain**

Lynette Louise's one woman comedy show will be performed all over the country through the month of April celebrating Autism Awareness month. **Fee: \$30 \*Free** to parent of autistic & disabled adults. For more information contact Lynette Louise [www.lynettelouise.com](http://www.lynettelouise.com) [lynette@lynettelouise.com](mailto:lynette@lynettelouise.com) 713-213-7682

Monday, April 28, 2008

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Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, 29, 2008

PECS

Hartford, CT

**Two-Day PECS Basic Training Workshop**

This intense two-day training is designed to teach participants to appropriately implement the Picture Exchange Communication System. It begins with an overview of the Pyramid Approach to Education to explore the key components of designing effective educational environments. A historical overview of language training programs used with non-verbal individuals is discussed along with how to set the stage for an abundance of communication opportunities. Participants will learn how to implement the six Phases of PECS, including attributes, through presenter demonstrations, video examples and role-play opportunities. Participants will leave the workshop with a fundamental understanding of how to implement PECS with individuals with autism, related developmental disabilities, and/or limited communication skills. For more information regarding the exact location to [www.pecs.com](http://www.pecs.com) or call 888-732-7462 **Fee:** \$295/Professional - \$195/Parent

Monday, April 28, 2008 7pm - 8pm

THE YALE CHILD STUDY CENTER/GREENWICH HOSPITAL/GREENWICH LIBRARY

THE YALE CHILD STUDY CENTER'S

"Surviving Autism:

**LECTURE SERIES**

**Navigating the System."**

Karen Bailey,

MSW, is a clinical social worker at the Yale Child Study Center and director of the Center's social work program. She will discuss treatment and educational planning for young children with autism spectrum disorders. She will review and integrate diagnostic features, educational guidelines, special educational law, and advocacy skills.

**FREE! Registration required.** Register online at [www.greenhosp.org](http://www.greenhosp.org) or call (203) 863-3627 or toll-free (888) 357-2409. For more information contact Emily Deegan @ [Emily.deegan@yale.edu](mailto:Emily.deegan@yale.edu) or call 203-785-5759.

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 6:30pm - 9:00pm

DUTCHESS BOCES

Dutchess BOCES- BETA Site, 900 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?? TRANSITION PLANNING SERVICES

**PARENT INFORMATION SERIES**

Are you a parent or family member of a middle or high school aged child with an IEP/ 504 Plan? Do you have concerns about supports and services available after graduation? Please join us for **one** or **all** of our workshops beginning this March.

**TRANSITION RESOURCE FAIR**

Representatives from adult agencies and post-secondary institutions will be available to share information about services and programs available to young adults.

**All Workshops are FREE** To register, call Marilyn McGaulley 845-486-4840 x3058 or e-mail to [marilyn.mcgaulley@dcboces.org](mailto:marilyn.mcgaulley@dcboces.org)

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 7:15pm - 8:45pm

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**Wednesday, April 30, 2008 6pm - 8pm**

PARC Center

#### **TRANSITION RESOURCE FAIR**

Have your questions answered about transition services available in your community. If you have a child between the ages of 14-21, come to this informative fair.

1938 Route 6

Carmel, NY

845-225-5650

**Wednesday, April 30, 2008 7pm - 9pm**

WESTPORT SEPTA

Coleytown Middle School Cafeteria, 255 North Avenue, Westport, CT

**Dr. Mark Goldenberg**, Director of the **Pathways to Learning Center** in Norwalk CT. is a Board Certified Chiropractic Neurologist who specializes in the treatment of Learning Disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorder, Dyslexia and Spectrum Disorders. His program known as Hemispheric Integration Therapy is a scientific, drug-free approach to forming effective pathways to learning and attention, which results in significant improvements in a child's performance in learning environments. This workshop will provide parents and professionals with an easy to understand overview of the specialization of the right and left hemispheres of the brain and how the brain changes and grows with proper stimulation. Refreshments served. For more info, contact Janis Fox, Programming Chair, 203-222-8485 or email [info@westportsepta.org](mailto:info@westportsepta.org). All programs are subject to change. Please check updated information at [www.westportsepta.org](http://www.westportsepta.org).

**Thursday, May 1 through Saturday, May 3, 2008**

Syracuse, NY

#### **Introduction to Verbal Behavior: Teaching Communication Skills to Children with Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities**

Presented by Vincent J. Carbone, Ed.D., Board Certified Behavior Analyst

This workshop focuses on the behavioral approach to teaching communication skills to children with autism and other developmental disabilities. This approach is based on B.F. Skinner's analysis of verbal behavior and the research of Michael, Sundberg, Partington, and others. Participants in this workshop learn (1) to conduct a Behavioral Language Assessment, (2) to select the most appropriate form of communication for a child (vocal, signing, pointing to or exchanging pictures, or activating an augmentative device), and (3) to select the communication responses and supporting skills that should be taught first. The workshop includes the recommended teaching procedures for those children who have no formal communication skills to those that are near conversational speakers. The presenter also describes and demonstrates errorless teaching, specific quick-transfer (prompting and fading) procedures, and the use of both discrete trial training in the natural environment and during intensive teaching session. Many videotape demonstrations are provided to illustrate the methods to increase spontaneous language and to develop conversational skills. To register contact Jason at:

[importantstuff@behavioralconnectionsllc.com](mailto:importantstuff@behavioralconnectionsllc.com).

**Friday, May 2, 11:00am - 12:15pm**

NYU CHILD STUDY CENTER

GRAND ROUNDS

NYU Auditorium Alumni B (unless otherwise posted)

New York University School of Medicine, 550 First Avenue, NYC

**Social Stories, Task Avoidant Behavior, and Anxiety in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders: What's the Connection?**

Presenter: Alexandra DeGeorge, Psy.D. Post-Doctoral Fellow

For more information: Contact Nadia Addasi at [nadia.addasi@nyumc.org](mailto:nadia.addasi@nyumc.org)

**Saturday, May 3 & Sunday, May 4, 2008 9am - 4:30pm**

**WELL ON THE WAY**

Main St., Ossining, NY [Get Directions](#)

**Therapy With Elizabeth Pasquale LMT, CST**

INTRODUCTION TO CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY is a 2 day, 12 hour workshop that introduces you to the basic techniques of this therapy. These techniques are the same ones used by advanced practitioners every day! In this class, practitioners will learn a gentle, hands-on method of releasing restrictions in the cranosacral system to improve the functioning of the central nervous system. CST is increasingly used as a preventive health measure for its ability to bolster resistance to disease, and is effective for a wide range of medical problems such as Migraine Headaches, Chronic Neck and Back Pain, Autism, Scoliosis, Infantile Disorders, Chronic Fatigue, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. [Click here to learn more about CranioSacral Therapy.](#)

**Elizabeth Pasquale**, LMT, CST is a certified CranioSacral therapist and a certified presenter of CST. Elizabeth facilitates the class and uses accelerated learning techniques that enhance each person's learning abilities, unique skills, and confidence. [Click here for](#)

Ossining Office, 191

**Introduction to CranioSacral**

[more information about Elizabeth](#)  
**different reasons.**

or to aid a family member. Plus, Elizabeth's use of accelerated learning techniques make CST fun to learn and easy to understand!  
2. Parents who want to help their children grow and develop, especially if your child is delayed for any reason. CST has been shown to relax the child's stress level, support brain development, and enhance immune function.  
3. Therapists who have had CST training and are not yet confident to use the techniques. Through super learning techniques, you will walk away self-assured and secure in your new knowledge. Special discounted price for early registration (deadline is April 20th) and bring a friend a friend for free!

**Register Before April 20th: \$250 and Bring a Friend For Free Register After April 20th: \$300**

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**Monday, May 5 - Friday, May 9, 2008**

YAI/NIPD

YAI/NIPD Network's 29th Annual International Conference

Crowne Plaza Manhattan Hotel, 1605 Broadway, New York, NY

**VISIONS OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES** The YAI/NIPD Network's International Conference serves as a major forum for the exchange of ideas in the field of developmental and intellectual disabilities. Over 3,000 individuals attend a five-day conference that will feature more than 300 prominent speakers from throughout the United States and abroad. More than 180 seminars and workshops. Special Focus on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Key speakers,

TEMPLE GRANDIN, JED BAKER, TONI LINDER, RICK LAVOIE, CELINE SAULNIER AND MANY MORE.

Key issues, including: Autism, Health Care, Early Childhood, Special Education, Advocacy, Workforce Issues, Residential Services, Sexuality and Social Skills, and many more. Please check [www.yai.org/conference](http://www.yai.org/conference)

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a film series offering a view into the lives of persons with all types of disabilities.

**First Monday of May and June 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

Monday, May 5: **The Real Helen Keller**

A documentary by disabled filmmakers Liz Crow and Ann Pugh challenges Keller's widely misunderstood public image as the deaf-blind

all-American child who triumphed against nearly impossible odds, and reveals a deeper, more nuanced individual.

Guest speaker: To be announced.

Monday, June 2: **Alive Day Memories: Home from Iraq**

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**Monday, May 5, 2008 7:15pm**

KATONAH LEWISBORO SEPTA

**Integrative, Complementary**

**and Alternative Therapies for Behavioral  
Issues Facing School Age Children**

John Jay Middle School Library, Route 121, Cross River, NY

Dr. Alan Strohmayer has over 25 years experience in the field of psychophysiology and biofeedback. He is an Associate Professor of Neurology at NYU School of Medicine and is board certified in both general and EEG Biofeedback. Dr. Strohmayer has conducted research and developed treatment models for the behavioral treatment of Attention Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Tourette Syndrome, phobias, stress disorders, and headaches. He will focus his talk on stress and phobic disorders, but will also discuss complementary and alternative therapies for ADHD and learning disabilities and integrating the use of medicine. **Target**

**Audience:** Parents, teachers and interested others **Presenter:** Alan Strohmayer, Ph.D. **Contact:** Lisa Papernik, RSVP [www.klsepta.org](http://www.klsepta.org)  
**FREE!**

**Monday, May 5, 2008 7:00pm - 8:00pm**

Adriance Memorial Library

18 Bancroft Road, Poughkeepsie, NY

**Special Needs Workshop - Part I**

Special Education Advocacy: How to effectively advocate for your child and obtain the services your child needs through the school district.

Presenter: Adrienne Arkontaky, Esq., Littman Krooks LLP

Contact: Debora Shon, 845-485-3445

**Tuesday, May 6, 2008 7pm - 8pm**

THE YALE CHILD STUDY CENTER/GREENWICH HOSPITAL/GREENWICH LIBRARY

**THE YALE CHILD STUDY CENTER'S  
"Surviving Autism:"**

**LECTURE SERIES**

**Research in Early Identification."**

**Speaker: Kasia Chawarska, PhD**

**Director of Developmental Disabilities Clinic for Infants and Toddlers**

Dr. Chawarska is the Director of Developmental Disabilities Clinic for Infants and Toddlers, and an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the Yale Child Study Center. She will discuss current research findings on the early signs of autism in the first and second year of life, implications for treatment, as well as novel experimental studies aimed at better understanding of the core social deficits within this developmental period. **FREE! Registration required. Register online at [www.greenhosp.org](http://www.greenhosp.org) or call (203) 863-3627 or toll-free (888) 357-2409.**

**Tuesday, May 6th, 2008**

FARLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

**Assistive Technology for the Success of College-bound Students with Learning Disabilities**

Farleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan campus, 1000 River Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666

201 692 2087 [graceh@fdu.edu](mailto:graceh@fdu.edu)

**Tuesday, May 6, 2008 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

NORWALK SEEKS.ORG/CACLD (CT ASSOC. FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS W/LEARNING DISABILITIES)

Norwalk City Hall, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT

**Miriam Cherkes-Julkowski, Ph.D, Educational Consultant, Diagnostic & Consulting Services**, has been involved in special education as teacher, professor, consultant, test developer, diagnostician, clinic director, researcher and author. She will speak about an effective evaluation, describes strengths and challenges, uncovers hidden strengths, explains the specific nature of the disability or problem, shows how it interferes with learning and prescribes detailed steps to take as intervention. For more information or to RSVP, please contact [info@norwalkseeks.org](mailto:info@norwalkseeks.org) or call (203) 846-2501. Contact information for speaker: Dr. Miriam Cherkes-Julkowski, (860) 429-4894 or email at [cherkes-julkowski@educational-advisor.com](mailto:cherkes-julkowski@educational-advisor.com).

**Wednesday, May 7, 2008 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

**FOUR WINDS HOSPITAL**

Four Winds Hospital Conference Center, 800 Cross River Road, Katonah, NY

### National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day

This program for consumers is designed to provide an anonymous screening as well as educational information about anxiety and depressive illnesses.

**Target Audience:** Children, adolescents, adults **Presenter:** Valerie Saltz, LCSW

**Contact:** 800-546-1754 ext. 2413 [www.fourwindshospital.com](http://www.fourwindshospital.com) **FREE!**

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 6:30pm - 8:00pm

ARC

**It: Promoting Independence in Self-Help Skills "**

The Children's School for Early Development, 40 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY

**Speakers:** Robin Gersten, Social Worker & Vicki Mast, Psychologist

**Babysitting** provided by Children's School Staff. **Pizza** available for parents and children.

**Contact:** Barbara Spatola, 347-3227, ext. 102, [bspatola@westchesterarc.org](mailto:bspatola@westchesterarc.org)

WESTCHESTER  
Parent Workshop Series: "Me Do

Friday, May 9 - Sunday, May 11, 2008

[SPROUT Film Festival](#)

Experience film and video related to the field of developmental disabilities.

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New Uris Education Center

5th Avenue and 81st Street, NYC

» [Click here for details](#)

Contact: 888-222-9575 [stff@gosproust.org](mailto:stff@gosproust.org)

Monday, May 12, 2008 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Adriance Memorial Library

18 Bancroft Road, Poughkeepsie, NY

**Special Needs Workshop - Part I**

Special Needs Planning : How to develop a future plan for your child with special needs through the use of estate planning and special needs trusts. Guardianship will also be discussed.

**Presenter:** Adrienne Arkontaky, Esq., Littman Krooks LLP

**Contact:** Debora Shon, 845-485-3445

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 7:15pm - 8:45pm

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN MANHATTAN

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Wednesday, May 14, 2008 6:30pm - 8:30pm

PUTNAM/NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SETRC &

THE HUDSON VALLEY TRANSITION COORDINATION SITE

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES

200 BOCES Drive, Yorktown Heights, NY (Front Conference Room)

**Building a Bridge for the Future: Focus on Developmental Disabilities**

Representatives from various community resources will provide information about supports and services available to students with developmental disabilities transitioning from high school. This panel of representatives will also discuss how to access these services in the community. Topics include:

- VESID—Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (access and services)
- Social Security and Benefits
- Guardianship
- Day and Vocational Programs
- OMRDD—Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (access and services)

**Target Audience:** Parents of high school students with developmental disabilities, parent members, special education teachers and school psychologists **Presenters:** Panel of agency representatives, **Nicole DeFlorio**, Hudson Valley Transition Coordinator **FREE!**

Saturday, May 17, 2008 9:00am - 9:45am

TEMPLE BETH EL OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

**Simchat Shabbat: The Joy of Shabbat** led by Cantor Ellen Dreskin

Temple Beth El Of Northern Westchester, 220 South Bedford Road (117), Chappaqua, NY

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**Saturday, May 17, 2008 5:00pm**

**AUTISM SPEAKS WESTCHESTER/FAIRFIELD**

Ballpark at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport, CT.

**Bridgeport Bluefish Autism Awareness Night**

**Game time is 6:05 p.m., but come early. Gates open at 5:05 p.m.**

There will be an opportunity prior to the game to get player autographs and see the Bridgeport Bluefish practice prior to the game. Run the bases on the field and see the fireworks after the game.

Tickets are specially group priced at \$10 per ticket for loge seating. Teams that would like to sell tickets as part of a fundraising opportunity for their team can purchase tickets by calling Autism Speaks at (914) 934-5138. The team that sells the most tickets will get to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Invite all your friends to this fun event by purchasing a Luxury Suite. Luxury Suites are available for \$1250 for a 40-person suite and \$750 for a 20-person suite. Food is not included, but can be ordered upon request.

To purchase tickets, [download this order form](#) and fax to (914) 934-7867 or send to:

Autism Speaks Westchester/Fairfield

168 Irving Avenue, Suite 500F

Port Chester, NY 10573

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**Sunday, May 18, 2008 10:30am - 12:30pm**

SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF ADULTS WITH ASPERGER'S SYNDROME

**& HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM**

Blythdale Children's Hospital, Valhalla, NY - Room A.

**Speakers Kerry McKenna & Nicole DeFlorio** - Kerry & Nicole are coordinators for the Hudson Valley Transition Site @ Southern Westchester Boces in NYS.

They are extremely knowledgeable about the wide array of services for the developmentally disabled throughout Westchester/Rockland NY State areas. They will address the needs and concerns of parents/advocates seeking services for the High Functioning/Aspergers autistic disabled family member. For more information call 914-528-3871 or email [parenttalk@optonline.net](mailto:parenttalk@optonline.net)

**Friday, May 23, 2008 - Sunday, May 25, 2008**

**AUTISM ONE**

[The Westin O'Hare Hotel](#), 6100 North River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018

**RECOVERY RISING - AUTISM ONE 2008 CONFERENCE**

Introducing **Autism One 2008: Recovery Rising**.

**Keynote Address: Jenny McCarthy**

**Advanced Parent Training**, Friday, May 23.

**Amy Yasko, PhD, Symposium**, Saturday, May 24.

**PRE-CONFERENCE DAYS: WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 and THURSDAY, MAY 22**

**THE ART OF COOKING SPECIAL DIETS!**

**Mom's Health and Happiness - Wednesday, May 21**

**First Responders - Thursday, May 22**

**Special Education Law Day for Parents & Professionals - IEP University - Thursday, May 22**

**Individual one-on-one childcare is available for \$13.00 per hour.**

**Confirmation is Required** Email [childcare@autismone.org](mailto:childcare@autismone.org)

For more information [www.autismone.org](http://www.autismone.org)

**Tuesday, May 27, 2008 7:15pm - 8:45pm**

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**Monday, May 28, 2008 10:00am - 12:00pm**

Sinergia, 134 West 29th Street, 4th floor, New York, NY

**Metropolitan Parent Center Guardianship Workshop**

Informative workshop on guardianship and legal issues designed for parents of older children and young adults with disabilities.

Presenters: **Bernard Krooks, Esq. and Adrienne Arkontaky, Esq.**, Littman Krooks LLP

Contact: Godfrey Rivera: 212-643-2840,ext.342

Monday, June 2, 2008 6:30pm

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Monday, June 2 through Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Connecticut Location To Be Announced

**Introduction to Verbal Behavior: Teaching Communication Skills to Children with Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities**

Presented by Vincent J. Carbone, Ed.D., Board Certified Behavior Analyst

This workshop focuses on the behavioral approach to teaching communication skills to children with autism and other developmental disabilities. This approach is based on B.F. Skinner's analysis of verbal behavior and the research of Michael, Sundberg, Partington, and others. Participants in this workshop learn (1) to conduct a Behavioral Language Assessment, (2) to select the most appropriate form of communication for a child (vocal, signing, pointing to or exchanging pictures, or activating an augmentative device), and (3) to select the communication responses and supporting skills that should be taught first. The workshop includes the recommended teaching procedures for those children who have no formal communication skills to those that are near conversational speakers. The presenter also describes and demonstrates errorless teaching, specific quick-transfer (prompting and fading) procedures, and the use of both discrete trial training in the natural environment and during intensive teaching session. Many video tape demonstrations are provided to illustrate the methods to increase spontaneous language and to develop conversational skills. To register please contact Landria Seals at [landria@speechandlanguageconsultants.org](mailto:landria@speechandlanguageconsultants.org).

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Sunday, June 8, 2008

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**Walk Now for Autism Westchester/Fairfield 2008**

Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY

Join Autism

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[www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org) Further, we are pleased to announce that the 2008 walk websites are up and running, to learn more or

register go to: [Westchester/Fairfield Walk Now for Autism](http://Westchester/Fairfield Walk Now for Autism)

Tuesday, June 10, 2008 6:30pm -

8:00pm

WESTCHESTER ARC

**Parent Workshop Series: "It Takes a Child to Raise a Family: Siblings of a**

**Child with a Disability "**

The Children's School for Early Development, 40 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY

Speakers: Kathy Higgins, RN & Psychologist, Ann-Marie Sabrsula

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Contact: Barbara Spatola, 347-3227, ext. 102, [bspatola@westchesterarc.org](mailto:bspatola@westchesterarc.org).

**Friday, June 20, 2008 9:00am - 5:00pm**

**SPECTRUM**

Ardsley Road, Scarsdale, NY

**Floortime and the DIR Model**

Learn how to advance your child's emotional, social and intellectual capacities and develop higher-level symbolic play and abstract thinking. Developed by Dr. Stanley Greenspan, Floortime is an effective therapeutic, affect-based developmental model that has been successful in encouraging children on the spectrum to interact and engage in relationships while enhancing motor planning, communication, abstract reasoning and problem solving skills. Parents, therapists and educators are invited to discover how Floortime can foster early stages of engagement and purposeful communication in children with regulatory and developmental challenges. Designed to be effective in both home and school- or center-based programs, Floortime and the DIR model help create healthy foundations for social, emotional and intellectual growth. Topics to be covered include:

Understanding the basic principles of Floortime and the DIR Model:

Encouraging affect-based developmentally appropriate interactions for children with various sensory and developmental profiles;

Maintaining a continuous flow of interaction;

Opening and closing circles of communication;

Encouraging initiative, shared attention and social engagement;

Advancing purposeful behavior and problem solving;

Video illustrations of parent-child interactions, therapist-child interactions and parent coaching;

Dealing with typical Floortime challenges including "stuck" moments when dealing with avoidance, frustration, tantrums, aggression, fears and anxiety.

**Presented by** Lorraine Ehlers-Flint, PhD **\*Registration begins 8:30 - \*\*Lunch Included**

Members - \$50 / Non-Members - \$100 Limited to 50 Participants - **Please Reserve Early**

**Select to Download Registration Form**

**NAVIGATING THE**  
@ Greenville Community Church, 270

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South

Street Seaport - Jena Greco

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[walknowforautism.org/newyorkcity](http://walknowforautism.org/newyorkcity)

[jgreco@autismspeaks.org](mailto:jgreco@autismspeaks.org) or call 917-475-5068

**Tuesday, June 24, 2008 7:15pm - 8:45pm**

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**Thursday, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,**

2008

NAVIGATING THE SPECTRUM

Greenville

Community Church, 270 Ardsley Road, Scarsdale, NY

**Biomedical and Nutritional Interventions**

Presented by Nancy Guberti, Certified Holistic Nutritionist

Increasingly, research suggests that many autistic traits, including withdrawal, eye-contact avoidance and perseverative behaviors, may be attributed to toxic exposure, inability to digest certain food proteins and compromised immune systems. Countless parents and professionals have reported improvements in behavior, social relatedness, language use and cognition upon implementing biomedical and nutritional interventions. But understanding these vast and complex protocols can be intimidating. Parents, therapists, educators and health care providers are invited to participate in this comprehensive lecture series and discover why biomedical interventions work and ways to successfully implement them. Participants will be asked to keep a "biomedical journal" to track their weekly successes and challenges.

**Module 1 – Getting Started:** Outline individual goals for the series. Learn how to begin implementing a biomedical protocol and get information about different laboratory tests and ways to check for heavy metal toxicity, yeast and bacteria overgrowth, allergies and digestive problems. **July 3**

**Module 2 – Specialized Diets:** Learn the why and how of implementing specialized diets including gluten- and casein- free, specific carbohydrate and low- phenol, sugar and oxalates. Discuss practical tips for shopping, cooking, eating out and special occasions. **July 10**

**Module 3 – Vitamins and Supplements:** Discover the benefits of using vitamins and natural supplements such as probiotics, enzymes, electrolytes and fatty acids to address common problems including acid reflux, yeast overgrowth, viruses and weakened immune systems. Learn about the role of homeopathy as a natural alternative to ailments. **July 17**

**Module 4 – Detoxifying the Body and Environment:** Learn about natural and medically prescribed options for removing toxic metals from the body, as well as natural ways to rid the home of toxins.

**July 24**

**Module 5 – Applying the Principles:** Review and discuss individual goals and progress. Participants who attended all 5 modules will create a specifically tailored strategy to implement a healthier lifestyle to heal, rejuvenate and rebalance their child's body. **July 31**

Members - Free

Non-Members - \$25 per Module or \$100 for all 5 Modules

**Limited to 25 Participants - Please Reserve Early**

[Select to Download Registration Form](#)

**Tuesday, July 8, 2008 7:15pm – 8:45pm**

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**Wednesday, July 9 – Saturday, July 12, 2008**

THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF AMERICA

**The National Conference & Exposition on Autism Spectrum Disorders**

The Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, Orlando, Fla.

This is the largest gathering of people with autism, families and professional with over 200 sessions and 150 exhibitors. For more information: [conference@autism-society.org](mailto:conference@autism-society.org) Exhibitor Information: [ellacott@autism-society.org](mailto:ellacott@autism-society.org) Media Information [mcolston@autism-society.org](mailto:mcolston@autism-society.org) or call: 800-328-8476 x7

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**Thursday, July 17, 2008 7:00pm 9:00pm**

GREATER HUDSON VALLEY AUTISM SPEAKS  
Bear Mountain State Park, Merry Go Round Pavillion  
**Greater Hudson Valley Kickoff Cocktail Reception**

Anyone wishing to learn more about Autism Speaks and how to join us at the Inaugural Greater Hudson Valley Walk Now for Autism on **Saturday, September 27, 2008** at Anthony Wayne Recreation Area in Harriman State Park should attend.

Walk and team building materials will be available. The Kickoff event is compliments of Autism Speaks. Please invite your friends, family, and colleagues. Feel free to extend this invitation to anyone who would like to potentially become a team captain and support our Walk.

To insure your reservation for the Kickoff event, [reserve your seat here](#). If you have additional questions or would like walk materials, please contact the Greater Hudson Valley Walk office at (914) 934-5138 or by e-mail at [greaterhudsonvalley@autismspeaks.org](mailto:greaterhudsonvalley@autismspeaks.org).

**July 21 - August 1, 2008**

Valley Cottage, NY

**Carbone Clinic Summer Institute**

Description: **Educators in public and private schools** who are interested in learning the most effective methods of teaching children with autism and related disabilities are invited to apply for summer institute opportunities. The institute is two weeks (10 days) in duration. A small group (up to 9 individuals) will be chosen to participate in these training activities. During the institute a full schedule of activities will include didactic instruction and the opportunity to be coached during the delivery of instruction with children with autism. Issues of classroom management and organization necessary to establish a classroom based upon ABA principles will be discussed. There will be nightly homework assignments. Classroom Instruction & Hands-on Training with Learners. **Prerequisites:** Attendance at Dr. Carbone's Introduction to Verbal Behavior Workshop.

Readings: "Teaching Language to Children with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities" (Sundberg & Partington) "Assessment of Basic Language and Learner Skills" (Sundberg & Partington)

"Behavior Modification: Principles and Procedures" (Raymond Miltenberger) You must have completed the prerequisites and bring the materials with you to the Summer Institute. For additional information or an application for the Summer Institute, please contact Suzanne at [suzkuh@aol.com](mailto:suzkuh@aol.com).

**Tuesday, July 22, 2008 7:15pm - 8:45pm**

**THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN MANHATTAN**

The Samuel Priest Rose Building, 334 Amsterdam Ave. @ 76<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY 10023  
**Adult Sibling Support Group**

This group provides support for young adult siblings who grew up in families where a brother or sister had special needs. In a small group format, the personal experiences of the participants will be shared as a way to better understand and cope with some of the life-long issues they face as siblings. Emotional support, insight, strategies and community will be facilitated. Please call Hannah Cohen for an intake at 646-505-4460 prior to registration. Facilitated by **Dr. Wendy Kamaiko-Solano and Hannah Cohen**.

**11 Tuesdays: Feb 5, Mar 4 & 18, Apr 1, 15 & 29, May 13 & 27, Jun 24, Jul 8 & 22**

**COST: \$330/\$385** Please call Hannah Cohen for information and intake, 646-505-4460

**Saturday September 27, 2008!**

**AUTISM SPEAKS**

**Greater Hudson Valley Walk Now for Autism**

Anthony Wayne Recreation Area, Stony Point, NY

\*\*\*Second Location At **Sullivan County Community College**, Loch Sheldrake, NY

[www.walknowforautism.org](http://www.walknowforautism.org)

**Saturday, October 25, 2008**

**CACLD/THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN &**

**ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

Stamford Marriott

**Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficits Through the Lifespan.** Offering answers, direction, information, strategies and support. **WORKSHOPS • EXHIBITS • GIANT BOOKSTORE.** CACLD annual conference. For more info, check [www.CACLD.org](http://www.CACLD.org).

**FYI**

**PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS FORMING**

Raising a child with special needs can take quite a toll on our emotional lives. Parents of special needs children often are so overwhelmed with intense feelings, such as grief, guilt, and frustration, that they neglect themselves and their other relationships. Marriages can suffer, as can relationships with other children and relatives. A professionally led parent support group can help parents develop techniques to overcome the unique challenges they face, and find greater fulfillment and tranquility in their personal lives and relationships.

Cynthia Potel, JD, LCSW is a psychotherapist in private practice in Croton. She is the mother of four children in the Croton schools, and is a two-time SEPTA presenter, once on adolescent issues, and once on kids develop social skills. Cynthia is forming parent support

groups based on the age of the special needs child(ren) and level of functioning. The more commonality among the parents, the greater the opportunity for empathy, support and practical solutions. If you are interested in joining one of the groups, or would like to talk to Cynthia about anything else, please call her at 914-325-1027, or e-mail at [cynthiapotel@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiapotel@hotmail.com).

#### **ADVOCACY**

We need your help - become an Autism Advocate! See the ways you can help take action for [Autism legislation](#) not only in New York State, but also in your community.

[AUTISMVOTES.ORG](#) launched! Autism Speaks has launched a new website that covers state and federal initiatives regarding autism. On this new site you can see up to date coverage of autism legislation state by state or on the federal level, take action on upcoming legislation, email your representatives and more! Visit [autismvotes.org](http://autismvotes.org) to learn more.

#### **LOCAL PROGRAMMING:**

#### **PARENTS PLACE, INC. FREE SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER AGES PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**\*This program is funded in part by the Hudson Valley**

**Developmental Disabilities Services Office**

Meetings are facilitated by a social worker.

The group provides opportunities for:

- Sharing information and resources
- Sharing feelings
- Decreasing isolation by meeting with others "in the same boat"
- Learning to deal with the EI, CPSE, and CSE systems
- Developing strategies to cope with children's behavioral challenge

**Tuesday evenings, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Parents Place, 3 Carhart Avenue, White Plains, NY ce**

If you feel this group would be of interest to you or anyone you know, please call Lenore Powers, MA (Family Counselor): (914) 373-4527

Email: [lenorepowers@yahoo.com](mailto:lenorepowers@yahoo.com)

Pam Ancowitz (Director, Parents Place)

Tel: (914) 948-5187 Fax: (914) 948-5187 Email: [parentsplace@verizon.net](mailto:parentsplace@verizon.net)

[www.parentsplaceinc.org](http://www.parentsplaceinc.org)

**Mt. Pleasant AYSO Soccer** has established a new Mt. Pleasant AYSO VIP Soccer Program for children with special needs. It is not strictly for Mt. Pleasant residents, but open to all who would like to participate. The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Very Important Player (VIP) program provides a quality soccer experience for children and adults whose physical or mental disabilities prevent them from successful participation on mainstream teams. VIP teams may include individuals with Down syndrome or mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, emotional disturbances, visual impairments, or other conditions that limit mobility, strength, and/or comprehension. **EVERYONE PLAYS!** All individuals with disabilities are welcome, starting at age five. Although the typical AYSO program ends at age 16, for VIP players playing on VIP teams there are no upper age limits. The focus is on participation and fun! VIP coaches are flexible and positive, finding a way for all players to participate as fully as they are able. If you thought your son or daughter could not play soccer, think again! With VIP soccer, dreams become realities. The 1 1/2 hour program will be held once a week, on either Saturday or Sunday starting this Spring and continuing in the Fall. The cost of registration for both Spring and Fall is \$85. **REGISTRATION will be SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008 from 9:00AM-12:00PM** For more information, contact Sherril Bastardi, Mt. Pleasant PTA, at 914-769-8965, or email [Sherril777@aol.com](mailto:Sherril777@aol.com), or contact the Mt. Pleasant AYSO Registrar at 914-909-6651, or email [ayso221registrar@gmail.com](mailto:ayso221registrar@gmail.com) or [dcdore@gmail.com](mailto:dcdore@gmail.com). Visit the AYSO website for more information and to pre-register your child: [www.eAYSO.com](http://www.eAYSO.com)

#### **JCC OF MIDWESTCHESTER**

999 Wilmot Road  
Scarsdale, NY 10583  
Phone 914.472.3300  
Fax 914.472.9270

#### **-AFTER-SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**

The JCC offers enrichment programs that are appropriate for children with ADHD, speech/language delays, learning disabilities, Asperger's Syndrome, PDD or any social and emotional problems. With small classes, in a warm nurturing atmosphere, your child can take advantage of many exciting activities that include social skills, writing workshops, theater, art, music, sports and much more. Sibling workshops and birthday parties also available.

#### **-MATAN AT THE JCC - THE GIFT OF JEWISH LEARNING FOR EVERY CHILD**

MATAN is an organization that was created to ensure that all Jewish children, including those with special learning needs, can be participating members of Jewish educational programs. With Jewish educators, special educators, and educational consultants and administrators, MATAN offers self-contained religious school classes meeting once a week, in addition to family Jewish holiday celebrations and programs. For information on Jewish religious school classes being offered at the JCC for children ages 4-15 on Sundays and weekday afternoons. For more information, call x345 or e-mail: [deena@matankids.org](mailto:deena@matankids.org). Please visit MATAN's website at: [www.matankids.org](http://www.matankids.org). MATAN classes can be scheduled back to back with Sunday Funday and SNAAC programs.

Matan Katan preK, K, 1st grade 9:00-10:30am

2-4th grade 9:00-10:30am

4-6th grade 10:30am-12:00pm

6-9th grade 10:30am-12:00pm

#### **-RESPITE SERVICES**

Paula Krenkel, MA, CCC-SLP, Director of Respite Services, 472-3300 x315, [krenkelp@jcca.org](mailto:krenkelp@jcca.org).

**Respite Assistance** is the temporary relief from the constant responsibilities of caring for a child with special needs. The goal of Respite Care is to provide families with the time to meet the needs of other family members; attend to day-to-day responsibilities and to pursue other interests. Special events and programs will be offered at the JCC for parents with child care on site. Parents can access the list of qualified providers following a brief interview. Fees for home care will be determined by the families and care gives. Scholarships are available.

**Respite Training** is offered at the JCC for people interested in providing Respite Care to families. Workshop topics include behavior management, developmental disabilities, setting appropriate goals, creating recreational activities and American Red Cross CPR and First Aid. All workshops are free to participants thanks to a grant from the UJA Federation.

#### **SPARC, Inc.**

SPARC, Inc., Special Program And Resource Connection, is a not-for-profit agency providing social, recreation, and therapeutic services for youth and adults with developmental disabilities. We all seek satisfying and joyful experiences through socialization and leisure. Every person needs a time to relax, be with friends, develop new abilities, and learn about oneself. Since 1989, SPARC has been dedicated to delivering dynamic recreation opportunities to individuals with special needs and support services to their families and agencies. Visit [www.sparcinc.org](http://www.sparcinc.org) to learn about the services available.

#### **ADAPTIVE SAILING PROGRAM**

STRIDE offers the chance to learn to sail rigged sonar keelboats, morning sailing after each of the four weeks of indoor classroom instruction each weekend. Classes are held summer evenings at the New York Sailing School in the New Rochelle Marina. The "Start Sailing Right" manual of the American Red Cross and U.S. Sailing is used throughout the course. Individual learning needs are addressed, and boats are adapted to meet the needs of every child. To reserve your spot at the helm, call Skipper Pete Corsi (914) 393-6928. Call early, because we have only ten crew positions to fill. And as always feel free to call with your questions regarding this fun and exciting program. So "ready about" & "Hard to lee"! Lets go sailing!

**Camp Yofi**, family camp for Jewish families with children with autism at Ramah Darom has openings for the 2008 season. Camp Yofi provides programming for the whole family and is appropriate for children with autism ages 6-12. Families may register on line at: [www.ramahdarom.org/campyofi](http://www.ramahdarom.org/campyofi). For further information about attending Camp Yofi, or experiencing Camp Yofi as a contributing staff member, please contact Susan Tecktiel, Camp Yofi director, at [stecktiel@ramahdarom.org](mailto:stecktiel@ramahdarom.org). There will be two different sessions. The dates for this year's Yofi Camps are May 28-June 1 and Aug 20-24

#### **CAN YOU HELP:**

##### **GLIMPSE**

##### **Seeking submissions for a new ICDDL publication**

GLIMPSE showcases the unique perspective contained in the writings and artwork of individuals with a history of autism and other developmental disabilities. We are seeking poetry, essays, reflections, short stories, photography, and two-dimensional artwork on any subject, so that we may gain a GLIMPSE into the rich inner life of individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. We are seeking work from individuals of all ages. GLIMPSE will be published annually online. To view the 2007 issue, visit [www.icddl.com](http://www.icddl.com). Written entries, digital photographs, and questions should be sent to [GLIMPSE@icddl.com](mailto:GLIMPSE@icddl.com). Please include name, age, state or country of residence, email, and type of disability. Additional editorial policy and submission guidelines for artwork are available at [www.ICDDL.com](http://www.ICDDL.com). Submissions are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Editors: Lori Jeanne Peloquin, PhD. and Austin Retzlaff

[GLIMPSE@icddl.com](mailto:GLIMPSE@icddl.com).

##### **AUTISM SPEAKS**

The Autism Speaks 100 Day Kit is created specifically for newly diagnosed families, to make the best possible use of the 100 days following the diagnosis of autism. The kit contains information and advice collected from trusted and respected experts on autism as well as from parents of children with autism. There is a week by week plan for the next 100 days, as well organizational suggestions and forms that parents/caregivers can use to help with the paperwork and phone calls, as they begin to find services for their child. Newly diagnosed families (within six months of diagnosis) can order a kit which will contain personalized information specific to the child's age and location. Please fill out the survey ([click here](#)) and an Autism Speaks Autism Response Team coordinator will contact you by phone, to get some additional information so that we may personalize a kit for you and your child. The kit is available on line in pdf

format for all to view and download ([please click here](#)). Users also have the ability to personalize their own kit with local resources in their area using the [Family Services Resource Guide](#).

The [Autism Response Team](#) is also available to connect families with information and resources in their area.

#### WEB RESOURCES:

Video to watch <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnylM1hI2jc&feature=related>

The **Autism Perspective Magazine** is now available on-line at [www.theautismperspective.org](http://www.theautismperspective.org).

**Health Services for Children**, in partnership with The George Washington University Graduate School Services for Children, in partnership with The George Washington University Graduate School Education and Human Development have developed a booklet designed for Children, in partnership with The George Washington University Graduate and have developed a booklet designed to help parents of children diagnosed with health or mental health care needs in locating resources and working with their child's school:

[www.hscfoundation.org/whatwedo/familysupports.php](http://www.hscfoundation.org/whatwedo/familysupports.php)

#### Special Needs Planning Guide: How to Prepare for Every Stage of Your Child's Life

Brookes Publishing, 2007

Written by authors who also have family members with special needs (John W. Nadworny & Cynthia R. Haddadis). Also included is a CD-Rom which contains a helpful Financial Planning Timeline and a printable Letter of Intent that lets parents communicate key information, concerns, and desires to future caretakers. <http://www.brookespublishing.com/store/books/nadworny-68028/index.htm>

#### BLOGS BY PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM (click on the links):

- § [Autismville](#), by Judith Ursutti
  - § [Autismvox.com](#), by Kristina Chew
  - § [About.com's Autism blog](#) by Lisa Jo Rudy
  - § [The Family Room](#) by Susan Etlinger
  - § [Susan Senator's blog](#), the author of [Making Peace with Autism](#)
  - § [Whitterer on Autism](#), by Madeline McEwen-Asker
  - § [autismbulletin.blogspot.com](#), [Autism Bulletin](#)
- News, reflections and resources from a writer, editor and father of a young child with ASD.
- § [appliedbehavioranalysis.blogspot.com](#), [Applied Behavior Analysis: Current Topics](#)
  - § [www.taaproject.com](#), [Autism Acceptance Project](#)
  - § [joyofautism.blogspot.com](#), [The Joy of Autism](#)
  - § [www.parents.com/autismville](#), [Autismville](#)



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