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*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.*

RESOURCES & PROGRAMS

TITLES OF NEWLY ADDED EVENTS, PROGRAMS & RESOURCES ARE IN RED

******QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE NO LONGER BEING ACCEPTED******

We regret to inform, but due to the overwhelming number of applications received within the first 15 days (we have received more than \$1,000,000 in requests), we are no longer accepting Quality of Life Grant applications for 2008.

Since order of receipt is one of our deciding factors, we have decided that it would not be fair to potentially provide false hope to those families that have not yet submitted an application.

If you would like to be notified when applications will be again available, please [contact us](#).

Through the Quality of Life Grant program, families that care for children and adults with autism and other special needs may receive funding to offset their enormous financial burdens. These grants provide families with stipends that may be used for a wide variety of supports related to their family member. <http://www.neighborheart.org/grants.asp>

FREE SCREENINGS FOR YOUNGER SIBLINGS OF CHILDREN WITH ASD

The Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center of the Rose F. Kennedy Center at Albert Einstein College of Medicine is a comprehensive diagnostic and rehabilitation program with over 40 years of experience in the diagnosis and treatment of developmental disorders in children and young adults. The RELATE program is a specialty diagnostic and treatment program for children with autism. The program offers free screenings for younger siblings of children with autism spectrum disorders. The screenings will be scheduled at key developmental stages from six through thirty-six months. Parents will be given feedback and referrals where appropriate. Additionally we will be offering a parent-child play program for children who fall into an at-risk category. If you are interested in having your child participate in this program or for more information please contact Bethany Burrows or Leora Bernstein at (718) 430-8600, extension 6249

RESEARCH STUDIES OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS @ COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NYS PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE

The Simons Simplex Collection is a bold new initiative to search for the causes of autism. Researchers at thirteen sites in North America will collect DNA samples from families with just one child affected by an autism spectrum disorder. This valuable data will be available to the best scientific minds in the world to search for clues that will lead to important breakthroughs. The Simons Foundation, a New York-based philanthropic organization, is committed to finding science-based solutions to one of the most complicated health issues of our time.

A Complicated Challenge, A Focused Response

The wide range of autistic symptoms presents a formidable challenge to researchers looking for risk factors, causes, and treatments. Earlier efforts studied multiplex families, or families with more than one child with autism. This initiative is different. It is focused on families with just one child with autism, called simplex families, which will provide insight into the most common and unexplained form of autism. This comes at an exciting time in history, in which breakthroughs in gene mapping, advancement of high-tech tools and the latest brain research present a unique opportunity for progress.

Building a Community

Families will be welcomed as part of the local community and the larger team. We hope to follow the progress of patients and their families over time, offering ongoing support as well as access to the latest research results.

Getting Involved - Eligibility Requirements

Two thousand families from across North America will join our study group. Families eligible to participate consist of:

- Only one child with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), age four or older,
- One or more siblings without an ASD, age four or older, and
- Unaffected biological parents who are willing to participate.

Three Research Components

1. Eligible children with an ASD will receive a behavioral assessment.
2. All family members will donate blood, a source of DNA. The samples will be stored without identifying information to protect the privacy of individuals and families. A small number of families with no siblings or siblings under the age of four may be eligible to participate in the study.
3. Families will be contacted for follow-up questions as researchers pursue promising findings.

Simons Simplex Collection, 1051 Riverside Drive, Unit 74, NYC

AutismResearch@childpsych.columbia.edu (212) 543-6705 www.sfari.org/ssc

ON-LINE RESEARCH STUDY OF ADULTS 18 - 30YRS. W/ASPERGER'S/HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM

From the Psychology Department at Fordham University

Do you have Asperger's Syndrome/High Functioning Autism? Are you between the ages of 18-30?

If so, then you are eligible to participate in a study being conducted by researchers in the Psychology Department at Fordham University!

We are studying self-concept in young adults and are trying to get a diverse group of subjects - your participation is important and would lend to a greater body of work.

- The survey is done ONLINE
- You can complete it from the privacy of your own home
- It is 100% confidential.

Note: If you have logged on to this survey before but did not complete it, you may participate again!

To be eligible for this study you must have Asperger's Syndrome/High Functioning Autism and be within the ages of 18-30.

If you (or someone you know) are interested in learning more about this study please contact:

Heather Schatten by E-mail @ schatten@fordham.edu

NYU RESEARCH REQUEST

Do you have a child with Autism between the ages of 8-11 years old? Do they live with an older brother or sister? If so, we would like to interview you and the older sibling. We are occupational therapy graduate students at NYU completing a Master's research project as part of our graduation requirements. We want to learn about the sibling's experience engaging in work at home. We are specifically looking for a family with:

- A child with Autism between 8 and 11 years old
- A brother/sister older than the sibling with Autism residing in the same household
- A family residing in the New York Metropolitan area

If you and your child agree to participate, you will both be interviewed three times. The first interview will be for 30-60 minutes within one week. A few weeks later, another short interview will be conducted for about 30 minutes. To take part in this research study or for more information, please contact Jessica Young at (914) 907-8400 or jby216@nyu.edu

If you have any questions about the study contact Dr. Jim Hinojosa, Professor, faculty sponsor at NYU Steinhardt School of Education 212 998-5845.

For questions about your child's rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving human Subjects, New York University, 212 998-4808.

AUTISM GENETIC RESOURCE EXCHANGE PROGRAM RECRUITING FAMILIES

AGRE is able to accelerate the pace of autism research by providing approved researchers worldwide with the tools to conduct their research immediately. AGRE eliminates the need for recruitment and data collection by the individual researchers, allowing them to spend their time and money focusing on discovering the causes, better treatments and potentially a cure for autism. AGRE is currently recruiting families that have two or more children diagnosed on the autism spectrum (autism, PDD-NOS, ASD or Asperger's syndrome). Families must reside within the United States and there is no age restriction to participate. Families will go through a series of in-home visits by AGRE staff to collect DNA in the form of a blood draw, conduct clinical diagnostic testing with the children, and collect medical information from participating family members. All of this is done in the privacy of your own home, at no cost to you, and at a convenient time for you and your family. Families who are interested in participating can contact Lynne Herod-DeVerges, AGRE Senior Family Recruitment Coordinator, at 866-612-2473 x788 (toll-free) or by email at familyagre@agre.org. For additional information, please visit their website at www.familyagre.org.

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

You can help others! The New York State Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (NYS CQCAPD), in partnership with eighteen organizations involved in providing services and supports by, with and for people with disabilities, are working together to learn more about the diverse lives of people with disabilities. This information will help service providers and those who plan services and supports make them more responsive to people with disabilities.

To help us gather this information we are conducting two major activities:

- 1) Focus groups - We are holding focus groups across New York State to learn how people with disabilities and their family members define a good quality of life, what supports a good quality of life, the challenges faced and what would improve quality of life.

2) Quality of Life Stories - We are reaching out to people with disabilities and their family members to volunteer to tell us their story by sharing their thoughts about these basic questions:

How would you describe your quality of life?

What makes a good quality of life and what are the challenges to having a good quality of life?

What might improve your quality of life?

We can learn so much from one another by sharing stories and life experiences. Your contributions are invaluable to help people learn more about the various lives of people with disabilities. To speak with someone about holding a focus group or to obtain the Quality of Life Story Guidelines, contact Mindy Becker, Davin Robinson or Karen Malcolm at the NYS Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for persons with disabilities at: 800-624-4143 or email Mindy Becker @ mindy.becker@cqcaped.state.ny.us or you can download the Quality of Life Story Guidelines @ www.cqcaped.state.ny.us

MASS FOR SPECIAL FAMILIES

Church of the Magdalene (Roman Catholic Church)

Celebration of the Mass

Special Mass celebrated for special families on the first Sunday of each month @ 1:00 pm

Church of the Magdalene, 525 Bedford Road, Pocantico Hills, NY 10591

For more information call : WFA @ 914-741-5019

SHABBAT FOR SPECIAL FAMILIES

Simchat Shabbat: The Joy of Shabbat Led by Cantor Ellen Dreskin

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

Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester, 220 South Bedford Road, Chappaqua, NY. For more information regarding the program, please call (914) 238-3928.

2009 WESTCHESTER/FAIRFIELD WALK NOW FOR AUTISM COMMITTEE

Have you considered being a part of the 2009 Walk Committee? Did you enjoy your experience at last year's Walk for Autism? Do you have ideas on how to increase fundraising, food donations or fun at the Kick-off?

We are looking to add new Committee Members in 2009 and grow this Walk to its fullest potential. For more information about being a part of the committee contact our local Autism Speaks at (914) 934-5138 or by e-mail at westchesterfairfield@autismspeaks.org.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY TOOL KIT

Autism Speaks launched an **online School Community Tool Kit** designed to help school administrators talk with their staff about how students with autism can best be supported and included in the school community. The Kit includes content about the features and challenges associated with autism, the strengths possessed by students with autism, and a host of tools and strategies teachers, administrators, and other staff can use to foster an accepting learning environment.

The School Community Tool Kit is available @ www.autismspeaks.org/school

ADVOCACY

We need your help! Please take a minute to register online at www.autismvotes.org to receive advocacy alerts and updates on legislation initiatives on a state level. When an important initiative such as insurance coverage for autism services is introduced or being voted on in New York, you'll be one of the first to know so you can take action.

SOCIAL SKILLS & FEELING MANAGEMENT GROUPS

"FRIENDSHIP BUILDERS"

Friendship Builders is a weekly social skills group for children in elementary through high school.

The program is designed to teach children skills in the areas of: basic social skills, conflict resolution, dealing with teasing, feelings management, and leadership skills. The Year-Long Friendship Builders Groups meet once weekly for 50 minutes and contain 3-5 children matched on age, grade, and need. The groups are purposefully kept small so each child can experience the benefits of a group while not missing out on the individual attention he or she needs. Some of the Friendship Builders groups will be geared toward children who function on grade level and have mild to moderate social difficulties, while others will be geared toward children who have more significant social and/or intellectual impairments.

Pilar B. Wellansky, Psy. D., 400 Bedford Road Pleasantville, NY (914) 773-0680

***FREE SUPPORT GROUP**

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER

AGES PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The group provides opportunities for: Sharing information and resources, Sharing feelings and frustrations, Decreasing isolation by meeting with others "in the same boat", Learning about EI, CPSE, and CSE systems, Developing strategies to cope with children's behavioral challenge, Meetings are facilitated by a social worker.

MEETINGS ARE THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 7:30pm -9:00pm

Parents Place, 3 Carhart Avenue (2nd Floor), White Plains, NY

For further information contact Lenore Powers, MA (Family Counselor) (914) 373-4527

Email: lenorepowers@yahoo.com or Pam Ancowitz (Director, Parents Place) (914) 948-5187

3 Carhart Avenue, White Plains, NY (914) 948-5187

Email: parentsplace@verizon.net www.parentsplaceinc.org

SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP FOR GIRLS

Dr. Susan Goldman, Psychologist. Hastings-on- Hudson, NY. For information: 212-642-5877 or www.rivertownpsychologists.com.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR YOUNG TEENS IN CROTON

Adolescents issues, enhancing social skills and enriching the lives of parents and siblings with kids with special needs. A key to successfully navigating the teen years is the ability to form attachments with peers. This allows the child to slowly let go of dependence on parents in order to take his or her place in society. Cynthia Potel leads groups (separate for boys and girls) to help young teens, ages 12 through 14, develop the skills and social understanding needed to form peer relationships during this time of social transition. Structured group activities focus on having fun with peers while building an environment of trust and friendship.

FREE! If you are interested in joining or would like to talk to Cynthia about anything else, please call her at 914-325-1027, or e-mail at cynthiapotel@hotmail.com Cynthia Potel, JD, LCSW

IT'S TIME FOR LAWMAKERS TO LISTEN

Dear Autism Advocate,

Today is a critical time for you to **take action on behalf of funding for autism research!** Right now, members of the House and Senate are debating the final version of the Fiscal 2009 Defense Appropriations bill. We are seeking \$15 million for the Department of Defense (DoD)-funded Autism Spectrum Disorders Research Program (ASDRP) in the Appropriations bill. This critical program will further the field of autism research and help improve treatments and interventions for children with autism.

In the House, Congressman John Murtha and Congressman Bill Young, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, will be ultimately responsible for this important funding decision. In the Senate, the decision will fall to Senator Daniel Inouye and Senator Thad Cochran, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. These are the key players that need to be contacted by your House Representative and Senators today.

Please help us make sure that your House Representative and your Senators support this request for \$15 million in funding for autism research in FY 2009 by taking action today!!

Here is How to Take Action:

1. **CALL** your House Representative TODAY! Ask him/her to please contact Congressmen John Murtha and Bill Young and will to urge their support for \$15 million in the final version of FY 2009 Defense Appropriations bill for the Autism Spectrum Disorders Research Program! [Find your House Representative's phone number!](#)
2. **CALL** your Senators TODAY! Ask them to please contact Senators Daniel Inouye and Thad Cochran to urge their support for \$15 million in the final version of FY 2009 Defense Appropriations bill for the Autism Spectrum Disorders Research Program! [Find your Senators' phone numbers!](#)
3. [CLICK TO SEND AN EMAIL](#) to your House Representative and Senators today!
4. **FORWARD** this email to everyone you know and get them to call and send emails to their Members of Congress on this issue!
5. [SIGN UP FOR ADVOCACY ALERTS!!](#) Want to stay informed on this and other autism legislation issues? Sign up on AutismVotes.org to become an Autism Votes Advocate and take action on the issues that matter to you and your family!

For more information visit www.autismvotes.org/dod.

Thank you for your help,

Elizabeth Emken, Vice President, Government Relations, Autism Speaks

YOUR CHILD COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR LOW-COST HEALTH COVERAGE

The Children's Defense Fund - New York wants you to know that all children in New York State are now eligible for free or low-cost health insurance thanks to a recent expansion of Child Health Plus, New York's public health insurance program for children. As of September 1, 2008, children in families who earn up to 400% of the federal poverty level (approximately \$70,000 for a family of three) are now eligible, which means 72,000 children will be newly eligible for this affordable, quality health care coverage. Your child could be one of them. To enroll your child in free or low-cost health coverage, call the Child Health Plus hotline at (800) 698-4543 or visit www.nyhealth.gov/nysdoh/chplus/. For more information on public health insurance, visit the Children's Defense Fund - New York at www.cdfny.org.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ASD

Birch Family Services is submitting a proposal to the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) to develop a program designed to prepare individuals with Autism, and similar needs, to live in a "supported living arrangement." [We are inviting individuals and their families, who are interested in such a program, to contact us as soon as possible.](#)

What is a Residential Life Skills Training Program? Living "on one's own," whether alone or with roommates is a big step for anyone. However, we believe that people with autism and related disabilities can live successfully "on their own" if they are given the help to do so. We define "help" as intensive training and real-life practice in the many areas that must be mastered to live successfully in the community: cooking, cleaning, nutrition/menu planning, food purchasing and storage, food preparation, banking community access, traveling, safety, health, sexuality, self-administration of medication, planning and participating in recreational activities, and mastering the social issues and problems that come with this big step. All of these aspects of independent living will be addressed in our Residential Life Skills Training Program.

When will the training program take place and how long will it take to complete? The group-training program will be offered year 'round, during evenings and weekends, at Birch's training centers. The short-term, out-of-home "practice" visits will take place in an apartment with 24-hour staff supervision. These practice visits will be offered to each participant throughout the year, for varying lengths of time. The length of time an individual participates in the training program will vary from person to person, based on their

readiness for out-of-home placement. However, we are estimating that the average length of time will be approximately 2 years.

What is a supported living arrangement? The goal of the program is to enable individuals to live, with staff support, in an apartment in the community. Depending on each person's abilities, needs, and wishes, the amount of staff support, and the number of individuals living together, will vary. However, the amount of support will be less than 24 hours per day. It is expected that most of the apartments acquired for this project will be leased or owned by Birch Family Services. However, in some cases, the individual may be able to lease his or her apartment directly. For persons who participate in the training program, but ultimately require more support than is provided by this program, Birch Family Services will assist the individuals to find suitable 24-hour supervised living arrangements in the OMRDD service delivery system.

Who will pay for these services? The funding to operate the program, for persons who are eligible for OMRDD services, will be provided by a combination of reimbursement from OMRDD and the individual's entitlements (e.g., SSA, SSI) and earnings.

How can I obtain more information about this program and applying for it?

By calling Melinda Caldwell at (347) 543-6129.

RECOMMENDED TRANSITION PRACTICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

A new report from the National Early Childhood Transition Center (NECTC) entitled **Recommended Transition Practices for Young Children**, by Beth Rous provides findings from a national validation survey. The report provides information on 21 transition practices validated across early childhood and early childhood special education professionals. A short summary of the report is available at

<http://www.ihdi.uky.edu/nectc/documents/TRANSITIONALERTS/Validation%20Survey%20TA4.pdf>

The full technical report is available at

http://www.ihdi.uky.edu/nectc/Documents/technicalreport/Validation_Survey_Final.pdf

NEW E-MENTORING PROGRAM ALLOWS STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES TRANSITIONING FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE TO CONNECT WITH EXPERIENCED COLLEAGUES IN THE FIELD

An e-mentoring program developed by the Nisonger Center in Ohio connects students with disabilities with mentors who share their transition experiences. Students complete an online course that helps them prepare for the transition to employment or college while communicating weekly with their mentor. Find out more at

<http://nisonger.osu.edu/Transition/EMentoring.htm>

RESOURCE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

To help families understand supports and services administered through NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. This guide will prove to be a valuable tool for people with disabilities, parents, and caregivers. Copies of the guide can be downloaded from the Health Care Information and Education section of the Parent to Parent NYS website at www.parenttoparentnys.org

ONLINE SUPPORT PARENT TRAINING

If you are interested in becoming a support parent on our network, you can now do the training online. Go to www.parenttoparentnys.org and click on support parent training link. This offers families the flexibility to do the training at their own convenience and pace. A support parent questionnaire can be submitted online or you can contact your local coordinator to receive one in the mail. This must be filled out entirely before you can do the training. Join our network and help make a difference in the lives of other families. Please call us with any questions. There is also an on-line training for a parent willing to be A Health Care Resource Parent. Check the website or contact Laura Carfi. If you previously volunteered to be a support parent but have not yet completed the training and submitted the accompanying support parent questionnaire, this would be an excellent way to finalize your recruitment and training.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CENTER

Just a reminder that material for families related to health issues has been developed and is available in two ways. You can go on the Parent-to-Parent NYS website www.parenttoparentnys.org and click on Family to Family or we can send you a copy in the mail. Contact your local coordinator if interested. Materials that are available include Medicaid Fact Sheets, Health Care Notebooks, Tips For Handling Medical Appointments, Financial Aid For Children With Special Health Care Needs, Record Keeping Tips, HCBS Waiver In NYS, Section 504 Accommodations, Coping and Stress Reduction Facts and Tips, Healthcare Information On The Internet, Medicaid Prescription Tips for Parents/Caregivers, Understanding Health Insurance and Doctor Selection Fact Sheet. Parent-to-Parent has an e-group for parents who have children who are medically fragile or have complex medical needs. Email Lisasdesk@verizon.net or visit the Parent-to-Parent NYS website listed above.

MENTAL HEALTH NEWS UPCOMING THEMES & DEADLINE DATES

You Are Cordially Invited to Submit: Articles Addressing Our Theme or Display Advertising for Your Programs & Services. Contact the Publisher to Reserve Your Space -

Winter Issue: "Understanding and Treating Posttraumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD)"

Deadline: Saturday, November 1, 2008

Spring Issue: Release Date March 2009

"Helping Parents and Family Members Cope with ASD's" Deadline: December 15, 2008

Summer Issue: Release Date June 2009

"Education for Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders" Deadline: March 15, 2009

Fall Issue: Release Date September 2009

"Addressing the Needs of Adults on The Spectrum" Deadline: June 15, 2009

Contact Us Today!! Phone: (570) 629-5960 Email: mhnmail@aol.com

Ira H. Minot, LMSW Executive Director, David H. Minot, BA Associate Director

Click Here: Autism Spectrum News Flyer www.mhnews-autism.org

PARENTS RUN AMOC - The Autism Move-a-thon of Orange County Presents

A TRAINING SERIES in AUTISM

Developed for Parents, Professionals, Para-Professionals, Service Providers and Caregivers Parents Run AMOC in collaboration with Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. and the New York Autism Resource Center will be hosting a six part training series in autism. Presenters will be from the Verbal Behavior Network.

Training Topics

#1 Teaching Functional Communication Skills - May '08

#2 Structuring the Home Environment for Success - Sept. 18, 2008

#3 Teaching Cooperation - October 2, 2008

#4 Teaching Adaptive Life Skills - January 12, 2009

#5 Increasing Social Opportunities - March 2, 2009

#6 Getting Kids to Eat - TBA

All trainings to be held at Orange-Ulster BOCES Auditorium 6:30 - 9:30 pm

For more information visit www.mhaorangenyny.com or call (845) 294-7411 Ext. 253 or 307

ONLINE DIRECTORY FOR FINDING COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Library has released a new edition of the Community Services Locator, an online directory that can be used by service providers and families to find health, mental health, family support, parenting, child care, and other services in their communities. Topics include education and special needs, health and wellness, mental health and well-being, family support, parenting, childcare and early childhood education, and financial support. http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_community.html

PARENTING CHILDREN WITH CHALLENGES- JCC ON THE HUDSON

This is an opportunity for parents of children with special needs and challenges to share experiences and take time to care for themselves. In addition to discussions, there will be journaling, and time to learn and practice relaxation exercises.

Facilitators: Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW, Stefani M. Cohen, LCSW

Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

November 6, December 4, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7

Fee: \$10/session, JCC and RJC members free

JCC on the Hudson, 371 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591

For more information call 914-366-7898 or Email: info@jcconthehudson.org

GROWING UP AND THRIVING ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

A series aimed at providing parents, educators, advocates and health care professionals with vital, state-of-the-art information and support.

Friday, November 21, 2008 • 9am-12pm

Friday, January 16, 2009 • 9am-12pm

FECA - FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

FECA is proud to present this educational series developed to help provide parents of children with autism and educators the tools needed to cope with the challenges they face raising/educating a child with autism from their early years, through adolescence to adulthood.

Each session will be held from 9am - 12pm at Sam's of Gedney Way, 50 Gedney Way, White Plains, NY.

Friday, November 21, 2008 • 9am-12pm

Pharmacological Approaches to Autism

Although there are no medications specifically marketed for the treatment of autism, this session will evaluate the appropriate role of various medications for specific target symptoms and individuals: SSRIs and antidepressants, anticonvulsants and mood stabilizers, conventional and atypical antipsychotics, cholinesterase inhibitors, and stimulants and nonstimulants. The speaker also will discuss the outlook for a vaccine and any medications that may prove to be effective in the treatment of the core social or communication impairment seen in autism.

Speaker: Evdokia Anagnostou, MD, Child Neurologist, Assistant Professor, Bloorview Kids Rehab and Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto.

Friday, January 16, 2009 • 9am-12pm

Preparing Students with Autism for Post-Secondary Employment: Making a Transition from School to Work

This presentation will discuss assessment, planning, and intervention issues for school personnel in preparing students with autism to graduate to adult services. Strategies that may be specific for students with autism from an applied behavior analysis perspective will be highlighted and issues such as pre-teaching, job sampling, and staff training will be discussed.

Speakers: Cindy Alterson, Ph.D., BCBA, Principal and Director, Devereux Millwood Learning Center Cindy Alterson, Ph.D., principal and director, Devereux Millwood Learning Center, is responsible for program development, individual education plans, putting theory into practice, and evaluation.

Neil Boyle, M.Ed., Vocational Director, Devereux Millwood Learning Center Neil Boyle, vocational director, Devereux Millwood Learning Center, works as a liaison between community partners and the school to create additional vocational training sites for students.

Phone 914-761-7111 or fax 914-761-7854 or visit our web site at www.FECAinc.org

LOCATION: Sam's of Gedney Way in White Plains

[Click here](#) for driving directions. [Click Here](#) for a registration brochure and a list of speakers

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH AUTISM?

Autism is a lifelong, neurodevelopmental disorder. It impacts social functioning, communication skills, and restricts behavior and interests. The causes of autism are currently being investigated. One highly studied cause involves genes and how they are passed down from one generation to the next. This research study's main objective is to identify the genes that cause autism. If you have a child between the ages of 3-21 with autism, you and your child may qualify for a no-cost evaluation that includes testing for autism. **For more information please call: Danielle at 212-659-8767 @ Mt. Sinai School of Medicine danielle.zurawiecki@mssm.edu**

STRESS REDUCTION CLASS FOR PARENTS WITH DR. MARK BERTIN

Mondays 7:00pm - 9:00pm 10/20 - 11/24

Dr. Bertin is a board certified developmental pediatrician specializing in care of children with developmental and behavioral concerns including learning disabilities, ADHD and autistic spectrum disorders. The six-week course is based on the UMass Medical Center's 'mindfulness based stress reduction' program. While building on a foundation of stress reduction techniques, it also encourages awareness of how we react habitually to stressful situations, so that we can make more skillful choices with our families and respond differently to the day-to-day challenges of parenting.

For more information call Mark Bertin, M.D. 914-841-2302

www.developmentaldoctor.com

FALL 2008 BIOMEDICAL/NUTRITIONAL WORKSHOPS NOW FORMING

Nancy Guberti has formed two Parent Groups to start meeting immediately. One is led by Nancy and one is Co-lead by her and Nancy Kaplan, LCSW, who is a social worker and an expert in providing parent support in this area.

Friday mornings at 10:00am or Friday evenings at 7:00pm

October 10th, November 14th, December 19th, January 16th

Group Leader: Nancy Guberti, Certified Nutritionist, GFCF Diet Counselor & DAN Practitioner

Monthly support group for parents and caregivers will supply the information and ongoing support needed to embark on the biomedical approach and healthier regimes for your child and family. Each month a new topic will be discussed and support will be provided so that making this lifestyle change is an easy transition for you and your family.

Wednesday mornings from 9:30am- 11:00am or Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm -8:30pm

October 15, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11

Group Leaders :Nancy Guberti, Certified Nutritionist, GFCF Diet Counselor & DAN Practitioner & Nancy Kaplan, a caring Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Monthly meeting will address how to incorporate the biomedical approach for your family while dealing with stress, feeling overwhelmed, a desire to give up, avoiding sabotage and overcoming barriers. Each month a new topic will be discussed and support will be provided for you and your family.

Main Office: Holistic Learning Center in Eastchester, NY

Biomedical research suggests that food and supplements may affect a child with sensory issues, learning disabilities, attention issues, social withdrawal, eye-contact avoidance and perseverative behaviors. Children diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Autism, Sensory Processing Disorder, Auditory Processing Disorder, Language Delay, and Global Developmental Delay are offered a variety of services to support their growth and development. Our mission is to support families with their quest for knowledge as it relates to the health and nutrition necessary for their children to reach maximum potential.

For more information call 914-725-6801 nancy@coachforhealthyliving.com

www.coachforhealthyliving.com

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 11:00am - 1:00pm

PREMIER HEALTH CARE

WORKSHOP SERIES I: WEIGHT AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT:

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP PATIENTS

WITH ID/DD ACHIEVE TOTAL WELLNESS

Speaker: Steven Lowe, MD, Senior Physician and Chief of the Weight Management Program, Premier HealthCare, Brooklyn Heights, Attending Physician, Department of Emergency Medicine, Long Island College Hospital

Did you know that between 50% and 75% of people with developmental disabilities are overweight or obese? We will explore how clinicians, service professionals, patients and their families or advocates can work together to help people with developmental disabilities live the most healthful, active and independent lives possible.

Free Health Education Workshops designed for service coordinators, residential health care staff and other professionals serving people with developmental disabilities throughout New York City. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD) often have complex health care needs. As an experienced provider of medical, medical specialty, rehabilitation, and mental health services, the staff of Premier HealthCare understand the importance of coordinated care.

Space is limited, so registration is required! Call **YAI LINK** at 212-273-6182. You will receive a confirmation of registration by phone, e-mail, or mail, so be sure to leave us your contact information.

****Medicaid Service Coordinators will receive a certificate of attendance to use for training credit.**

For more information or to make a referral, call **YAI LINK** at 212-273-6182. www.yai.org

Wednesday, October 22nd, 10:00am

CHAPPAQUA LIBRARY

Chappaqua Library, 195 So. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua

The Art and Science of Parenting, Presented by Dr. Mark Bertin

Dr. Mark Bertin, in private practice and on the staff of NY Medical College and the Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD) will cover topics ranging from child development and parenting, to simplifying decisions to adapting science to reduce stress. **FREE!** AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For more information call (914) 238-4779 or visit www.chappaqualibrary.org

Wednesday, October 22, 2008 2:00pm - 7:00pm

PUTNAM/NORTHERN WESTCHESTER BOCES

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, 200 BOCES Drive, Yorktown Heights, NY

THE FIFTH ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS EXPO

The primary focus of the expo is to provide one local setting in which administrators, educational staff, related service providers, families of individuals with disabilities, Committee on Special Education Chairpersons, case managers providing services for Medicaid recipients, and the staff of center-based programs for the disabled can receive the latest information in their specific area of interest. Included will be a well-balanced list of exhibitors with the latest technology for all of the Lower Hudson Valley.

For more information call 914-248-2260 or 914-248-2257 or Email: sbinder@pnwboces.org or agullen@pnwboces.org

Thursday, October 23, 2008 9:00am - 12:00pm

LOWER HUDSON REGIONAL SETRC

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, 200 BOCES Dr., Yorktown Heights, NY Projects Building

CSE Parent Member Training

This workshop is designed to give parent members a better understanding of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) process.

Topics will include:

- Roles and responsibilities of CSE members
- Requirements of Federal and State laws and regulations
- Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process
- Role of the parent member
- Overview of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) —including changes due to the reauthorization of IDEA

Target Audience: Parents of children with special needs

Presenter: Laurie Levine, Lower Hudson Regional SETRC Trainer

Contact: Laurie Levine, llevine@pnwboces.org, 914-248-2291 **FREE!**

Registration: Please go to www.pnwboces.org/catalog to register online. Under "Programs", click on SETRC and then click "View Now". Scroll down the webpage until you see the workshop you are

interested in and then click on its name to see details and enroll. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call Lois Schmidt at 914-248-2289 to register

Thursday, October 23, 2008 7:00pm

MT. PLEASANT SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA

Columbus Elementary School Cafeteria, Columbus Avenue, Thornwood

Understanding your child's evaluations - What are the components of a good IEP?

This informative lecture will enlighten you on why evaluations are important and how to read them. Parents will learn their role in the evaluation process and what to do if you disagree with the evaluation results. Find out why the IEP (Individual Educational Plan) is the most important document in a child's Special Education Program, the process of developing an IEP and how to ensure the IEP reflects your child's unique and appropriate Special Education needs.

Target audience: For Parents/Families of Children with Special Educational needs (birth - 21 yrs) and Professionals working with children receiving Special Educational services

Guest Speaker: Sheryl Frishman, Attorney, Frishman & Faber

Sheryl is a principal and co-founder of the law offices of Frishman & Faber, a practice devoted entirely to the advocacy and life planning needs of children and adults with disabilities and their families. She serves on the board off Westchester Arc, JCC on the Hudson, WIHD Autism Expansion Grant, Navigating the Spectrum, S.A.I.L. at Ferncliff Manor, and Family Support Services Council of the Hudson Valley. Developmental Disabilities Services Office. Previously, Sheryl was the senior associate attorney at a prominent Sheryl is an active member of many organizations in the disability community and has been instrumental in developing and implementing programs in Westchester for disabled people and their families. Sheryl received her B.S. from Union College, and her J.D. from Cardozo Law School of Yeshiva University. Sheryl is the mother of three children, one of whom has Autism.

This lecture is open to the public !

For Question, Contact MP-SEPTA President, Sherril Bastardi at 769-8965

Thursday, October 23, 2008 10:00am -10:00pm

JCC MID-WESTCHESTER

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP @ BLOOMINGDALES (White Plains)

Help support the JCC of Mid-Westchester

For only \$10.00 you will receive a coupon for 15% off on almost every purchase and 20% off when you spend \$300.00 or more on your Bloomingdale's card that day!

Pre-select Merchandise on Thursday, October 16th - Wednesday, October 22nd and pick up merchandise on or after The Shopping Benefit, Thursday, October 23rd. The Shopping Benefit features special savings, gift incentives, entertainment, fashion events, kids' activities, product demonstration and more...

ALL TICKET REVENUES WILL GO TO SUPPORT JCC PROGRAMMING.

Tickets on sale now at the JCC of Mid-Westchester

Contact Katia Urrico @ 914-472-3300 x269 or urricok@jccmw.org

Thursday, October 23, 2008 9:30am - 1:30pm

PLANNED PARENTHOOD HUDSON PECONIC & PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NASSAU COUNTY

PPHP Training Room, 175 Tarrytown Road, White Plains 10607

FALL 2008 Professional DEVELOPMENT Training

4 Lessons in 4 Hours: Sexuality and the Developmentally Disabled

During this 4 hour training, participants will be given 4 simple lesson plans that can be adapted to be used with almost anyone's learning style. Activities will cover anatomy and physiology, reproduction, contraception, STD prevention, healthy relationships and boundaries. Participants will be given the opportunity to learn several new, hands-on, activities that are proven to work. Not to mention that each of the activities will be able to be adapted to meet a variety of learning styles, such as people with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury and ADD/ADHD.

Please Note: Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is one week prior to training

All trainings are \$25 each. Fees include materials and light breakfast.

Registration Deadline October 16 Questions, please contact Melissa Ptak: 631-240-1130

Thursday, October 23, 2008 7:30pm

WINDWARD TEACHING TRAINING INSTITUTE

Windward School, Red Oak Campus, White Plains, NY.

Auditory Processing Disorder in Children: Mysteries and Misconceptions

Speaker: Lydia H. Soifer, Ph.D. **FREE!** For information call 914-949-1279 or visit www.windwardny.org

Thursday, October 23 - Friday, October 24, 2008

KENNEDY KRIEGER INSTITUTE

Sheppard Pratt Conference Center, 6501 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21285

Kennedy Krieger Institute's Annual Autism Conference

"Update on Diagnosis and Intervention through Adolescence"

Please contact Kelly Templeman for more information at 443-923-7680 or templeman@kennedykrieger.org

www.autismconference.kennedykrieger.org

Friday, October 24, 2008 11:00am - 12:15pm

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY CHILD STUDY CENTER

Auditorium Alumni B (unless otherwise posted), NYU School of Medicine, 550 First Avenue, NYC

NYU Child Study Center Grand Rounds

Music, Movement and Meditation: Alternative Interventions for Mood and Anxiety Disorders in Youth

Presenter: Georgette DeJesus, M.D. and Karen Groff, M.D.

Second Year Residents and Clinical Instructors, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

For more information: Contact Nadia Addassi at nadia.addassi@nyumc.org

Friday, October 24, 2008, 9:30am - 11:00am

FOUR WINDS HOSPITAL

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

New York ~ The State of Mental Health

Michael Hogan, the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Mental Health, will discuss current mental health services in New York State. At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will better understand:

- "Mega-trends" in mental health
- Current issues and challenges in New York State

Target Audience: Physicians, psychologists, social workers, nurse practitioners, mental health providers, EAP's, education professionals, counselors, RN's, and consumers

Presenter: Michael F. Hogan, Ph.D., Commissioner, New York State Office of Mental Health

Fee: \$15 **Contact:** Adrienne Kamalsky, 800-546-1754 ext. 2413

www.fourwindshospital.com

Friday October 24th 2008 10:00am - 2:00pm

EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS, INC.

The Elija House 665 N. Newbridge Rd. Levittown NY 11756

Introduction to Autism & Applied Behavior Analysis

Presenter: Allison Schear MA BCBA

Attendees will learn about Autism and its core deficits, Applied Behavior Analysis and how it applies to teaching learners with autism, how to utilize the principals of behavior analysis to remediate the deficits of learners with autism, be introduced to the analysis of Verbal behavior and effective teaching strategies that help facilitate communication, reduce learner errors and problem behavior while increasing on task behaviors.

Cost: \$45 Click here for Mail in registration:

<http://www.effectiveinterventions.com/mailinbv1day.html>

Online registration: NOT AVAILABLE YET Call if you wish to use credit card 516 433 4202

Friday, October 24 & Saturday, October 25, 2008

ORGANIZATION FOR AUTISM RESEARCH

The Westin Arlington Gateway, 801 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA

Sixth Annual Applied Autism Research and Intervention Conference

A two-day forum on current autism research and evidence-based intervention with autism spectrum disorders. This year's conference will be another high-quality offering featuring keynote addresses by **Dr. Ami Klin** from the Yale Child Study Center, **Dr. Joanne Gerenser** from the Eden II programs, and **Dr. Roy Richard Grinker**, author of the book *Unstrange Minds: Remapping the World of Autism*. Tracks will include **OAR Sponsored Research, Research into Effective Practice, Social Skills/Adaptive Behavior, and Life Outside the Classroom**. [Please click to review the list of currently scheduled speakers](#) Fees are waived for persons with autism and *RUN FOR AUTISM* participants. Scholarships are available on a case-by-case basis. Please contact OAR for more information. Register [Here!](#) Please contact (703) 243-9710, toll free (866) 366-9710, or e-mail conference@researchautism.org for more information.

Friday, October 24 - Saturday, October 25, 2008

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Pittsburgh Airport, Pittsburgh, PA

2008 Pittsburgh Autism Expo - Environmental Implications, Practical Treatments

This two-day comprehensive biomedical autism conference includes some of the most respected and well-known names in the industry. Keynote Speaker, David Kirby, has been a professional journalist for 17 years, and has written for The New York Times for more than a decade. David Kirby's first book "Evidence of Harm, Mercury in Vaccines and the Autism Epidemic" debuted at number 27 on The New York Times bestseller list. The book has sparked a national debate and Kirby has appeared on such varied media venues as Meet the Press, The Today Show, Imus in the Morning, Montel Williams and Air America. For information on exhibiting, email Cindy or Jane or Angela. For more information visit <http://www.pghautismexpo.com>

Saturday, October 25, 2008

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

Stamford Marriott, Stamford, CT

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.

Saturday, October 25, 10:00am - 12:30pm

THE SON-RISE PROGRAM

Lighthouse Conference Center, 111 East 59th St., (Between Park & Lexington), NYC

Autism: Breakthrough Strategies for Parents

Raun K. Kaufman, the chief executive officer of the Autism Treatment Center of America™ is presenting a **FREE** lecture in midtown Manhattan to deliver a message of hope to families of children with Autism. Mr. Kaufman is a leading expert on Autism solutions and an inspirational force in a sometimes less-than-inspired world. Not only is he an outstanding and entertaining speaker, but he brings an extraordinary qualification to the realm of autism treatment - his own personal history as someone fully recovered from the disorder. Mr. Kaufman will lead an interactive lecture about the key principles of *The Son-Rise Program*®, which led to his own recovery from Autism. The principles discussed are designed for parents caring for children challenged by Autism, Autism Spectrum Disorders and other related developmental difficulties. This lecture will include specific strategies that can be used immediately at home, by parents working with children with special needs, to maximize speech and language development, generate eye contact, and alleviate tantrums and repetitive behaviors. In addition to providing information that can be put to use immediately, lecture attendees will have the opportunity to attend upcoming Autism treatment programs. In addition to sharing the information by email, you may also obtain a copy of the lecture flyer by clicking [here](#). To register for the free lecture or for more information: Please visit: <http://www.autismhelp.com/nyc> or call: (877) 766-7473.

Sunday, October 26, 2008 10:00am - 3:00pm

THE MONTANO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTER

2326 East Main Street (5 blocks below Beardsley Zoo on RT 127, Bridgeport, CT 06610

Virtual Reality is Coming to the Montano Center - A center for Autism and for all disabilities

Ages: Birth to Earth

Come and see the latest addition to The Montano Assistive Technology Center. We have found more innovative ways to combine speech and technology. Virtual Reality provides our participants with an exciting multi-sensory experience to translate movement into language stimulation. It employs a wide array of applications and environments. For instance, imagine our users stepping onto ice, which breaks beneath their feet with fish swarming around their toes, and they do this without getting their feet wet! This technology is also applied to our cushioned wall display using different visual themes. This interaction is both stimulating and educational. The Montano Assistive Technology Center is on the leading edge of interactive rehabilitation and sensory stimulation centers. It offers technological interactive solutions for those individuals for whom success is limited and is ideal for all ages and ability levels.

www.Montanoatcenter.org <http://www.montanoatcenter.org/> Phone: 333-3366

Sunday, October 26, 2008 9:00am - 4:30pm

THERAPEUTIC SERVICES, INC

St. John's University, 101 Murray Street, NYC

Great Expectations and Social Stories: Advanced Ideas and Applications

Speaker: Carol Grey, Director of The Gray Center for Social Learning and Understanding in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Carol developed [Social Stories™](#) and [Comic Strip Conversations](#) strategies that are used worldwide with children, adolescents, and adults with [autism spectrum disorders \(ASD\)](#). She has published several resources on topics related to children and adults with ASD, including articles on bullying, death and dying, and how to teach social understanding.

Course Description: Using lecture, demonstration, and activities, this all-new, fast-paced course explores the most current thinking on these popular educational tools (including an overview of Social Stories™ 10.1, the first major revision and update of Social Stories™ 10.0 containing revised, reorganized, and expanded criteria, including Social Story™ Templates), and recent research, ideas, and implications.

Target Audience: This course is geared for all parents and professionals, including those with little or no experience with these approaches, working on behalf of people of all ages with ASD.

Professionals: \$280.00; Early Registration \$255.00 (must be postmarked 21 days prior to seminar)

Family Members*: \$220.00; Early Registration \$195.00 (must be postmarked 21 days prior to seminar)

For more information call 718-692-1929 or visit www.therapeuticservicesinc.com

Sunday, October 26, 2008 10:00am - 3:30pm (registration 9:30am).

THE CODY CENTER

The Wang Center, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

"Transition to Adulthood-What Parents Need to Know"

for parents of children ages 14 to 25 with special needs

Topics: Guardianship , SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and Medicaid , OMRDD (Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities) Services , VESID (Vocational Training/Placement Services) Special Needs Trusts , Financial Planning

A contribution of \$20 per person is suggested to pay for the costs of coffee, tea, soda, a box lunch, and incidentals, etc. **Please register no later than October 20th** for more information call 631-632-3120 or visit www.stonybrook.edu.

Monday, October 27, 2008 6:00pm

PACE LAW SCHOOL

Pace Law School, 78 North Broadway, Moot Court Room, White Plains, NY

Special Education Law: Transition Planning and Implementation

Training Attorneys, Educators, Advocates and Others to Better Serve Children with Disabilities and Their

Communities

Presenter: Barbara J. Ebenstein

Why You Should Attend: IDEA 2004 strengthened the transition mandate.

This is an advanced workshop that moves beyond the law to innovative strategies to implement the law.

Highlights of Program:

- Transition plans for college-bound students
- Provisions unique to New York State
- Addressing common transition issues

Program Registration: \$125 Attorneys/\$100 Pace Law School Graduates

\$50 Government Employees, Advocates, Parents, School Officials and Others

Includes Certificate, Written Materials. **Pre-registration is required.**

Directions to the campus: http://www.pace.edu/page.cfm?doc_id=23100 For more information: Phone: 914-422-4062 E-mail: kcarlisle@law.pace.edu www.law.pace.edu/ccle

Monday, October 27, & Tuesday, October 28, 2008 8:00am - 3:00pm

AHA/AOR/WWW.RESEARCHAUTISM.ORG

Eastern Suffolk BOCES, 15 Andrea Road, Holbrook, NY

Eighteenth Annual Fall Conference: Issues in Education for School Aged Children on the Autism Spectrum

This two-day program is the eighteenth in a continuing series addressing educational, social, and behavioral issues pertaining to students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Our purpose is to provide those who attend - educators, parents, and related professionals - with current and effective strategies for the appropriate education of the higher functioning student with Autism, Asperger Syndrome and other Pervasive Developmental Disorders.

Welcome: Pat Schissel, AHA President

Keynote: Brenda Smith Myles, Ph.D. **What's Hot and What's Not in the Science of Autism** Ruth Aspy, Ph.D., and Barry Grossman, Ph.D. **Assessment and Intervention for Students with ASD, Part 1**

Individualized educational plans (IEPs) can incorporate proactive interventions and supports to address social, emotional and behavioral issues in addition to educational needs. This workshop will teach participants how to use evidence-based practices to develop and implement comprehensive IEPs based on assessment of students' individual needs, strengths and skills.

Speakers: Ruth Aspy, Ph.D., and Barry Grossman, Ph.D. **Assessment and Intervention for Students with ASD, Part 2** Michelle Garcia Winner, MA, **CCC How Social Processing Deficits Impact Academics, Part 1**

This workshop will explain how social processing challenges impact a student's school experience, including participating in activities like group projects and completing specific academic tasks such as written expression and reading comprehension.

Speaker: Michelle Garcia Winner, MA, **CCC How Social Processing Deficits Impact Academics**

TEEN PANEL - Always outstanding! Don't miss it.

***The location at Eastern Suffolk BOCES that we have been using for the past 18 years will have some restrictions in the conference room area (1/4 of the room is being used by staff from another location while their building is under renovation). Because of this snag our seating will be SEVERELY LIMITED.

YOU MUST REGISTER VERY EARLY OR YOU WILL BE CLOSED OUT. THERE WILL BE NO WALK-INS PERMITTED!

For more information visit info@ahany.org or call 516-470-0360

Tuesday, October 28, 2008 9:30am - 2:30pm

EDEN II/GENESIS PROGRAMS

Four Points by Sheraton, 333 South Service Road, Plainview, NY

AUTUMN AUTISM WORKSHOPS

"PROMOTING COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS"

Speakers: Jan Downey, MA, CCC-SLP, Mary Bainor, MA, CCC-SLP, Helen Guggino, MA

Individuals with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) typically demonstrate significant deficits in communication and conversation skills. This workshop will provide a brief overview of the unique language and learning characteristics of individuals with ASD that contribute to the difficulties in acquiring communication skills. Strategies to increase initiating and communication skills such as incidental teaching techniques, augmentative/alternative communication systems including written and audio scripts will be discussed. These workshops are designed to offer training in the understanding and implementation of applied behavior analysis (ABA) procedures for individuals across the autism spectrum. These workshops are open to professionals and parents and workshop content is suitable for intervention with individuals of all ages and functioning levels across the autism spectrum. Each workshop will be 5 hours long* with a 1 hour break for lunch. Lunch will be on your own. Fee: \$100

For more Information contact Marissa Bennett @ 516-937-1397 X217 or email mbennett@eden2.org

Tuesday, October 28 2008 6:00pm (Social Hour/Networking) 7:00pm Lecture

NATIONAL AUTISM ASSOCIATION NY METRO CHAPTER

Rebecca School, 40 East 30th Street, 5th Floor

An Alternative Approach to Healing your Autistic Child Utilizing Homotoxicology and Pleomorphic Remedies

Mary Coyle is a homeopathic practitioner in New York City and has been primarily consulting parents with autistic children on implementing biological medicines, drainage remedies, and low potency homeopathic detoxifiers in assisting the body to remove its own endogenous toxic burden.

Dr. Jeffrey Klass is a licensed Naturopathic Physician in Connecticut who has employed Sanum Remedies, which are Pleomorphic medicines, and other biological medicines for the last 17 years.

For more information visit: <http://www.naanyc.org/index.html>

Wednesday, October 29, 2008 5:30pm

NEW ROCHELLE SEPTA (SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA)

New Rochelle High School

The 9th New Rochelle SEPTA Transition Fair

The agenda for the night is:

5:30-6:30 Exhibitions and light dinner

6:45-7:30 Keynote Speaker

7:30-8:15 Breakout Workshops

8:15-9:30- Breakout Workshops

For more info contact Greg Lau @ <mailto:glau@newrochelle.k12.ny.us>

Wednesday, October 29, 2008 8:00am - 3:30pm

NYU CHILD STUDY CENTER

Alumni Hall B, NYU Langone Medical Center, 550 First Avenue, NYC

Looking Into the Mind of Autism Spectrum Disorders and Like Disabilities:

How Assessment, Mental Health & Transition Issues Link to Practical Program Development

The autism spectrum and related disabilities represent a very heterogeneous population across a broad range of functioning. The core social challenges experienced by this population are complex and are based on the dynamic and synergistic process of the development of communication and social cognition.

To be presented:

- Videos of various-aged students across three levels of perspective taking
- Information on informal assessment, related treatment approaches and integrating students into mainstream settings
- Handouts that discuss different types of treatment while recognizing that there is no single treatment for people on the autism spectrum
- Strategies to help prepare for successful transition to adulthood along with specific methods for working with older students and adults

Speaker: Michelle Garcia Winner, M.A., CCC-SLP

Target Audience: both professionals who work with children on the autism spectrum and

parents who want to have a broader understanding of the development of social cognition.
RSVP by visiting the Calendar of Events on www.AboutOurKids.org or call 212-2652-1961

Wednesday, October 29, 5:30-7:30pm

JCC/YAI/NYL/LIFESTART

2008 SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL FAIR (more details)

The Jewish Community Center In Manhattan ([map](#)),

The Samuel Priest Rose Building ([floor layout](#))

334 Amsterdam Avenue at West 76th Street, NYC

Representatives from pre-schools and elementary schools serving the New York City special needs community will be on-site to provide information and answers to your questions about the application process, class profiles, tuition costs and more. School materials will be available. (HSRSCH00F9)

Free! To register, please call 646.505.5708 or visit www.jccmanhattan.org. info@jccmanhattan.org
www.Jccmanhattan.org/specialneeds

Wednesday, October 29, 2008, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

PARC TRANSITION COMMITTEE

PARC Center, 1938 Route 6, Carmel, NY

Educational Advocacy and the Transition Process

This two-part workshop includes a presentation and discussion on special education school services for all ages. There will be a question-and-answer session with Nadine Ziegler, an educational advocate, and a discussion on the process for high school students transitioning from school services to adult services.

Target Audience: Parents and guardians of special education students seeking advice regarding educational planning and students transitioning to adult services

Presenters: Nadine Ziegler, M.Ed., PARC Educational Advocate & Teddi Barry, M.S., Director of PARC Educational Services **FREE!** - RSVP before October 24th if you need childcare

Contact: Teddi Barry Nadine Ziegler 845-225-5650 ext. 127 845-225-5650 ext. 172

teddi_barry@putnamarc.org nadine_ziegler@putnamarc.org www.putnamarc.org

Wednesday, October 29, 2008, 9:30am - 12:00pm

PUTNAM/NORTHERN WESTCHESTER SETRC AND LOWER HUDSON REGIONAL SETRC

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, Projects Building, 200 BOCES Drive, Yorktown Heights, NY

Understanding Your Child's Evaluation

Parents will learn how psychological and educational testing contributes to educational planning. Topics will include:

- What are the components of a Committee on Special Education (CSE) evaluation?
- How are psychological and educational test results used?
- How does the CSE determine eligibility for special education services?
- How does the CSE set realistic and measurable goals for each child?
- How can parents be involved in the CSE process?

Target Audience: Parents of children with special needs

Presenters: Patti Slobogin, Ph.D., SETRC Coordinator & Laurie Levine, Lower Hudson Regional SETRC Trainer

FREE! Contact: Laurie Levine, llevine@pnwboces.org, 914-248-2291

Registration: Please go to www.pnwboces.org/catalog to register online. Under "Programs", click on SETRC and then click "View Now". Scroll down the webpage until you see the workshop you are interested in and then click on its name to see details and enroll.

If you do not have access to the Internet, please call Lois Schmidt at 914-248-2289 to register.

Thursday, October 30, 2008 7:00pm - 9:00pm

WE BELONG/WESTPORT SEPTA

@ Coleytown Middle School, on North Avenue, Westport, CT

Dr. Michael Weiss from Giant Steps and private practice on Social Skills and Making Friendships.

RSVP to Eva Greenwald at evagreenwald@sbcglobal.net.

Thursday, October 30, 2008 9:30am - 2:30pm

EDEN II/GENESIS PROGRAMS

Four Points by Sheraton, 333 South Service Road, Plainview, NY

AUTUMN AUTISM WORKSHOPS

**"PROVIDING EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM
IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SETTING"**

Speakers: **Catherine Hamilton**, LMSW, BCBA, **Irene Stefas**, MA

This workshop will teach participants basic principles of behavior and how to apply them in their setting with students with autism. Specific strategies to reduce interfering behavior and improve educational outcomes will be discussed. An overview of some of the academic challenges faced by some learners with autism will be provided along with specific accommodations and modifications that may be beneficial. In addition, this workshop with focus on improving social skills and promoting independence among students with autism. Strategies for training classroom staff will be outlined. Finally, the role of an autism consultant will be discussed. These workshops are designed to offer training in the understanding and implementation of applied behavior analysis (ABA) procedures for individuals across the autism spectrum. These workshops are open to professionals and parents and workshop content is suitable for intervention with individuals of all ages and functioning levels across the autism spectrum. Each workshop will be 5 hours long* with a 1 hour break for lunch. Lunch will be on your own. Fee: \$100

For more Information contact **Marissa Bennett** @ 516-937-1397 X217 or email mbennett@eden2.org

Thursday, October 30, 2008 10am - 12:00pm

SPED*NET NEW CANAAN - SPECIAL EDUCATION NETWORK OF NEW CANAAN

The Use Of Positive Behavior Supports Within In The Community.

@ The Waveny House, Waveny Park, New Canaan.

Click here for directions <http://www.newcanaan.info/content/293/323/675/1531.aspx>.

Speaker is Todd T. Kellogg, MA, MA, LMFT, has worked in the field of disabilities since 1994 and in December 2001, established a private practice that is currently based in Trumbull, CT. Mr. Kellogg specializes in providing Structural Family & Behavior Therapy to resolve challenging behaviors in children both at home and in school, to build a partnership between home and school, to increase parenting skills, and to work on relationship issues within families that have members with special needs. The focus of treatment is often the development and implementation of a Positive Behavior and Parenting Plan (PBPP) to address difficult behaviors while teaching new skills and promoting alternative behaviors. The therapy process can include Functional Assessments, School Consultations, Family Therapy, Individual Therapy, and Parent Coaching (instruction and modeling of parenting strategies during peak times of difficult behavior). Mr. Kellogg's practice includes a number of qualified therapists where a team approach is used to best meet the needs of the client. To learn more, check out <http://www.positivefamilybehavior.com>.

Coffee and bagels served. www.spednet.org/new_canaan. RSVP to Judi Anders at (203) 801-0794.

Friday, October 31, 2008 9:00am - 5:30pm & Saturday, November 1, 2008 9:00am - 12:30pm

AHEAD (Association on Higher Education and Disability) NEW ENGLAND/CONNECTICUT AHEAD!

The Sheraton Hartford Hotel, 100 East River Drive, East Hartford, CT 06108 USA

Fall 2008 Topical Workshops

Workshop #1: Risk and Stigma Management in Higher Education: Practical Skills and Policy Guidance for Disability Services and College Personnel

Workshop #2: Disability Services in the Community College: Key Issues and Best Practices

Workshop #3: In-Depth: The Reality of TRiO Students and LD

For more information call: (704) 947-7779 or visit www.AHEAD.org

Saturday, November 1, 2008 8:00pm

WIHD/NY MEDICAL COLLEGE

The Cedarwood Hall Lobby WIHD/NY Medical College, Valhalla, New York

Fall Gala 2008 - COMEDY CABERET

Mark your calendar and join us as we honor WIHD, our supporters and our friends, for a "Comedy Cabaret" You'll be treated to lots of laughter, music and song, as we join together to share our passion for advancing efforts to enable people with disabilities to find their voice, contribute to society and participate in mainstream American life.

The festivities begin at 8:00 p.m. with a champagne reception followed by a fun-filled cabaret performance by London's West End Performers and local comedians, and conclude with decadent desserts.

Saturday, November 1, 2008

AUTISM ON THE SEAS

Departing from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida sailing to Grand Cayman and Cozumel onboard the Royal Caribbean "Enchantment of the Seas"

Next cruise **Thursday, January 15, 2009** Departing from Tampa, Florida sailing to Key West, Florida and Cozumel, Mexico onboard the Royal Caribbean "Grandeur of the Seas"

For more information visit www.AutismontheSeas.com or call Alumni Cruises and speak with a representative at any time for booking or information at 800-516-5247.

Monday, Nov. 3, 2008 10:00am - 12:00pm

YAI/PREMIER HEALTHCARE

WORKSHOP SERIES II:

IS THIS NORMAL? NEW OR CHANGING BEHAVIORS IN INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Robert Doty, MD, Psychiatrist, Premier HealthCare, Brooklyn Heights

Dina Larina, MA, Therapist, YAI Center for Specialty Therapy

Iris Varela, MA, Therapist, YAI Center for Specialty Therapy

Is an individual that you serve exhibiting new behaviors that concern you? This workshop will assist you in understanding what may be motivating a behavior, what elements of the behavior may be associated with autism spectrum disorder and what strategies are likely to be effective in reducing the behavior.

Free Health Education Workshops designed for service coordinators, residential health care staff and other professionals serving people with developmental disabilities throughout New York City. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD) often have complex health care needs. As an experienced provider of medical, medical specialty, rehabilitation, and mental health services, the staff of Premier HealthCare understand the importance of coordinated care.

Space is limited, so registration is required! Call YAI LINK at 212-273-6182. You will receive a confirmation of registration by phone, e-mail, or mail, so be sure to leave us your contact information.

****Medicaid Service Coordinators will receive a certificate of attendance to use for training credit.**

For more information or to make a referral, call YAI LINK at 212-273-6182. www.yai.org

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 6:30pm - 8:30pm

MAVERICK MINDS/SPED*NOR

@ The Ridgefield Community Center, 316 Main St., Ridgefield, CT

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 for parents and educators from a strength based perspective. Speaker is Ruthann N. Short, MSW, LCSW. For more information contact Sheryl Knapp at SKnapp@LiteracyAdvocates.com or Ruthann N. Short at maverickmindsllc@aol.com.

Thursday, November 6, 2008 8:00am-3:30pm

BIRCH FAMILY SERVICES

Columbia University, Alfred Lerner Hall, NYC

Birch Family Services' 11th Annual Conference

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF AUTISM CONFERENCE - "Getting the Social Stuff Right"

Keynote: Brenda Smith Myles, PhD, University of Kansas - Department of Special Education

Author of *The Hidden Curriculum: Teaching What is Meaningful; Asperger Syndrome and Difficult Moments: Practical Solutions for Tantrums, Rage and Meltdowns* (with Southwick); and, *Asperger Syndrome and Adolescence: Practical Solutions for School Success* (with Adreon). Brenda has made over 500 presentations all over the world and written more than 150 articles and books on autism and Asperger Syndrome.

Presenter: Nancy Reichle, PhD, University of North Carolina — Division TEACCH

Director of Division TEACCH's Carolina Living and Learning Center (CLLC), a residential and vocational treatment program for adults with autism. Co-author of the following: *Effects of a Model Treatment Approach on Adults with Autism* (in press) in the *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disabilities*; *Residential Treatment for Individuals with Autism* in *Handbook of Autism — 2nd Edition*; and, *The Environmental Rating Scale (ERS): A Measure of the Residential Environment for Adults with Autism* in *Research in Developmental Disabilities*, Vol. 19, No. 5, 1998.

Presenter: Elisa Gagnon, Ms. Ed, University of Kansas — Asperger Syndrome Project

Coordinator of the Asperger Syndrome Project at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Author of *Power Cards: Using Special Interests to Motivate Children and Youth with Asperger Syndrome and Autism*, and Co-Author of *This is Asperger Syndrome*.

Panel Presentation: Michael John Carley and members of G.R.A.S.P.

Global and Regional Asperger Syndrome Project

Michael John Carley is Founder and Executive Director of G.R.A.S.P., the largest organization comprised of adults on the autism spectrum. He has appeared in the media widely, most notably in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *NY Newsday*, *the London Times*, *the Chronicle of Philanthropy*, *the Chronicle of Higher Education*, *NEWSWEEK OnAir*, *Psychology Today*, and on radio on Terry Gross' *Fresh Air* as well as *The Infinite Mind*. In 2000, along with his (then) 4-year old son, Mr. Carley was diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome. This conference is geared toward professionals, parents and other family members working with individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Presenters will address triumphs and challenges with helping individuals with ASD understand and maneuver social interaction with others. Information will be presented regarding working with children, adolescents and adults with ASD.

[Register Online](#) [Register by Mail](#) [Directions to Lerner Hall](#)

Thursday, November 6, 2008 8:30am - 4:30pm

ELIJA FOUNDATION

[Marriott Residence Inn, 9 Gerhard Road](#) Plainview, New York 11803

Wrightslaw One-Day Special Education Law and Advocacy for parents, advocates, educators and attorneys.

Presented by: Pete Wright, Esq. an attorney who represents children with special educational needs. One-day special education law and advocacy programs focus on four areas: *Special education law, rights and responsibilities, *Tests and measurements to measure progress & regression, *SMART IEPs, *Introduction to tactics & strategies for effective advocacy. The registration fee includes two books - Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition, (Retail: \$29.95) and Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition. (Retail: \$19.95) Cost: \$150 Members, \$175 Non-Members/Late/Walk-in (after Oct. 23, 2008)* Lunch included

For more information visit <http://elija.org/conferences.html> or call 516-433-4321

Friday, November 7, - Sunday, November 9, 2008

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL & LEARNING DISORDERS

Hilton McLean, Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102

Autism & Disorders of Relating & Communicating Featuring Stanley Greenspan, MD, Serena Wieder, PhD, & Ricki Robinson, MD For more information call 301-656-2667 or visit <http://www.icdl.com/> info@icdl.com

Saturday, November 8, 2008 1:00pm - 4:00pm

SINERGIA'S METROPOLITAN PARENT CENTER & COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

New York State Psychiatric Institute at Columbia University Medical Center

1051 Riverside Drive, NYC

Bridging Public Awareness with Developing Science in Autism

Clinical and Research Opportunities At Columbia University

The accomplished clinicians and research scientists working with individuals with Autism in the Division of Child Psychiatry and the Developmental Neuropsychiatry Program at Columbia University Medical Center would like to share their work with you, listen to your concerns and answer your questions.

I. Clinical Services for Autism at Columbia University

Understanding What Makes a Good Evaluation

The Autism Treatment Network

II. Medications to Treat the Symptoms of Autism

Research into Drug Treatments

III. Social Perception in Autism

Research into the Social Interactions of Individuals with Autism

IV. Using Technology to Understand the Brain in Autism

Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

V. Genetics and Autism

DNA: A Piece in the Puzzle of Autism

The Simons Simplex Collection

VI. Open Panel Discussion

Attendees are given the opportunity to pose their questions to a panel of clinical professionals and research scientists from Columbia University Medical Center and Developmental Neuropsychiatry Program

There is limited seating available-- Please register by Monday, November 3rd, 2008.

For registration information, directions, and all other inquiries please contact Cassandra D'Accordo

Phone: 212-543-0153 E-mail: daccordc@childpsych.columbia.edu

Sunday, November 9, 2008 12:00pm - 4:30pm

WESTCHESTER FOUNDATION FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DEVELOPEMENTAL DELAYS

Beckwith Pointe, 700 Davenport Avenue, New Rochelle, NY

9th Annual Celebration of Hope Gala

The Westchester Foundation for Autism focuses on the struggles that our families endure each day living with autism. Some of our children experience frustration from not being able to communicate their needs and/or over-stimulation, which can trigger severe, uncontrollable and unpredictable behavior. Unfortunately, people who have not experienced autism and its behaviors can often be very cruel and unsympathetic. This can make a simple day at the mall or dinner at a restaurant a suddenly horrific experience for the entire family. Because of this, many of our families avoid social or public situations. We all know that research is crucial in order to one day cure this horrific disorder that claims our children. There are national organizations that focus on finding a cure, but are not able to address our daily burdens and issues. Until the day we do have a cure, our families need support, education and information. They deserve a full life with happiness, friends and good memories. Our goal, with your help, is to improve the quality of life for all our families and give them a safe and happy environment where they can enjoy life's special moments instead of avoiding them. We appreciate any donation you could make to help raise funds for our programs that service hundreds of families living with the diagnosis of autism. These programs are extremely necessary in order to provide support, recreation, education and socialization opportunities for each family member and to improve the quality of life for the entire family. For more information email wfa@wfaautism.org or visit www.wfaautism.org

Monday, November 10, 2008 9:30am - 11:30am

Southern Westchester BOCES, Building 2, 2 Westchester Plaza, Elmsford, NY

Thursday, November 13, 2008 7:00pm - 9:00pm

WIHD-Westchester Medical Center, Cedarwood Hall, Valhalla, NY

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 9:30am - 11:30pm

Rockland BOCES, 65 Parrot Road, West Nyack, NY

LOWER HUDSON REGIONAL SETRC

Understanding Preschool Special Education

Parents of preschool-aged children with special needs are equal members of the Committee on Preschool Special Education in New York State. This workshop will enable parents to work together as team members with their school district administrators to ensure the future academic success of their children by providing necessary information and explanations of:

- Current Federal and State Special Education regulations
- Parental rights under the law
- Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) process and timelines
- Specific guidelines for eligibility determination
- The continuum of programs and services available
- Explanation of Early Childhood Outcomes and the NYSED State Performance Plan

Target Audience: Parents of preschool-aged children with special needs

Presenters: Laurie Levine, Lower Hudson Regional SETRC Trainer & Suzanne Peretz, Director, Early Childhood Direction Center

Contact: Laurie Levine, llevine@pnwboces.org, 914-248-2891 **FREE!**

Registration: Please go to www.pnwboces.org/catalog to register online. Under "Programs", click on SETRC and then click "View Now". Scroll down the webpage until you see the workshop you are interested in and then click on its name to see details and enroll.

If you do not have access to the Internet, please call Lois Schmidt at 914-248-2289 to register.

Monday, November 10, 2008 8:15am - 4:30pm

YAI NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

McGraw Hill Auditorium, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, NYC (Entrance on 49th Street, close to 6th Ave.)

YAI presents A Full-Day Conference -The Imperative of Early Intervention in Autism:

Detection, Diagnosis and Treatment

Featuring: **Dr. Vincent Carbone**, Ed.D., BCBA, Director of the Carbone Clinic

"The Benefits of a Language-Based Approach in Programs for Teaching Children with Autism"

and **Dr. Catherine Lord**, Ph.D., Director, Autism and Communication Disorders Center; Senior Research Scientist, Center for Human Growth & Development at University of Michigan, Visiting Professor at NYU Child Study Center "Early Detection, Diagnosis and Intervention of Autism Spectrum Disorders"

WELCOMING REMARKS - Council Member David Weprin Chair of the New York City Council's Finance Committee and Co-sponsor of the New York City Council's "1 in 150 Autism Initiative"

\$175 (includes continental breakfast) No refunds after October 27

NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED.

For more information, contact Aimee Hoffner at www.ahoffner@yai.org or 212-273-6255.

To register on-line visit www.yai.org/autismconference [Autism Conference Web site](#)

Monday, November 10, 2008 7:00pm -9:00pm

THE GREATER DANBURY CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK

Early Care and Education Training Institute (ECETI), 30 Main St., Danbury, CT

Toilet Training Your Child With Special Needs

Target Audience: Parents of children with special needs and others.

Presenter: Anne Mead (Director of ECETI), will provide practical tips peppered with a little humor! Childcare and light refreshments will be available.

FREE! Please RSVP to Caroline LaFleur at 203-797-8088. www.danburychildrenfirst.org.

Tuesday, November 11, 2008 6:30pm - 8:00pm

WESTCHESTER ARC

The Children's School for Early Development

Parent Workshop Series

Dinner and a Movie!

Parent Workshop Series on Potty Training

Dr. Pete, Presenter and Geri Friedman, Social Worker

Contact: 914-347-3227, ext. 104, bspatola@westchesterarc.org

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 6:30pm - 10:30pm

YAI/NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES NETWORK

The Pierre - New York

2008 Benefit for Hope Gala 51st Anniversary Celebration

The 51st Anniversary celebration of the YAI/NIPD Network will bring together family members and the corporate community to celebrate over five decades of outstanding achievements of the YAI/NIPD Network. The event is expected to host over 500 family members, friends and representatives of the business community. Individual tickets and sponsorship opportunities start at \$500.

Cocktail Reception and auction begins at 6:30pm. Program and dinner from 7:30-10:30

For more information please visit www.yai.org/gala or to learn about sponsorship opportunities contact JoAnne Kaplan at 212-273-6192 or joanne.kaplan@yai.org.

Wednesday, November 12th, 2008 10:00am-12:00pm

THE PILOT HOUSE EDUCATION SERIES

Fairfield Public Library, Post Rd.

Thinking Beyond One Day At A Time...Making A Difference For Your Child's Future

Stephen A. Ehrens, CPA & Financial Advisor

Attorney Greta Solomon, Principal, Cohen & Wolf, P.C. www.thepilothouse.org

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 7:00am-9:00pm

NORWALKSEEKS & SMARTKIDS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

@ Norwalk City Hall, 125 East Ave., Room 101, Norwalk

NEURO-PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS

Presenter: SCOTT BEZSYLKO, Executive Director of Winston Prep Schools/NYC & Norwalk Campuses, will discuss and explain the fundamentals of a Neuro-psychological evaluation and its implications regarding your child's learning profile, IEP, educational plan and setting. It is free and open to the public.

Questions at info@norwalkseeks.org or (203) 846-2501

Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

REGIONAL CENTER FOR AUTISM @ WESTCHESTER INSTITUTE FOR
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (WIHD) & SETRC

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, Front Conference Room, 200 BOCES Drive, Yorktown Heights, NY

Evidenced-Based Practices in Autism

This presentation is ideal for parents who have children diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). A brief discussion of the defining features of ASD will be provided, followed by a review of many of the current practices employed with children with ASD and the research associated with each. The goal of this presentation is to familiarize parents with the various treatment modalities and help them understand which are currently supported by research and which have yet to be sufficiently researched. Material will be presented in an objective format to allow parents the opportunity to make individualized decisions. In addition, parents will be provided with information on regional resources.

Presenters: David E. Kuhn, Ph.D., BCBA & Stephanie Contrucci-Kuhn, Ph.D., BCBA

Target Audience: Parents of children diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder

FREE! Contact: Lois Schmidt, lschmidt@pnwboces.org, 914-248-2289

Sponsored by: www.wihd.org/regional-ctr-autism.html

Registration: Please go to www.pnwboces.org/catalog to register online. Under "Programs", click on SETRC and then click "View Now". Scroll down the webpage until you see the workshop you are interested in and then click on its name to see details and enroll. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call Lois Schmidt at 914-248-2289 to register.

Thursday, November 13, to Sunday, November 16, 2008

THE NATIONAL AUTISM ASSOCIATION

Hyatt Regency Bonaventure Conference Center & Spa, 250 Racquet Club Road, Weston, Florida

NAA's National Autism Conference "Hopeism"

Special Guest Keynote Speaker: Congressman Dave Weldon

In response to the growing needs of families and professionals impacted by autism, we have assembled the "best of the best" in terms of conference presenters and relevant topics. From cutting-edge research of environmental toxins to dietary interventions, legal and legislative strategies to estate planning, the world's most renowned experts will gather to share their knowledge and expertise with parents and practitioners. We have also lined up some very special events surrounding our presentation schedule to allow you well-earned time for relaxing with old friends and meeting new ones. NAA is the leading autism membership organization for breaking through the myths of autism as a mysterious and incurable disorder. Recognizing that the future of those with an autism diagnosis can no longer rely on raising awareness alone, we are committed to empowering parents and caregivers with the most up-to-date resources available to enable all affected individuals to reach their full potential.

Who should attend: You should attend if you are a Family Member, Medical Professional, Educator, Therapist, or College Student interested in the latest advances in autism and related disorders.

If you would like further information, please email us at naa@nationalautism.org. To learn more about the National Autism Association, [visit our website](#). Register Today at <http://www.nationalautismconference.org>
<http://www.nationalautismconference.org/fullschedule.htm>

Thursday, November 13, 2008, 9:30am - 12:00pm

THE FOUR WINDS FOUNDATION

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

Child Abuse Identification and Reporting

New York State recognizes certain professionals to be specially equipped to hold the important role of mandated reporter of child abuse or maltreatment. Mandated reporters must participate in training in recognizing signs of abuse and reporting procedures. A State Education Department Certificate of Completion will be given at the end of class.

Target Audience: Educators, mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, creative arts therapists, licensed social workers, physicians, dentists, psychologists and RN's,

Presenter: Valerie Saltz, L.C.S.W.

Fee: \$45 payable to Four Winds Foundation

Contact: Adrienne Kamalsky, 800-546-1754 ext. 2413 www.fourwindshospital.com

Thursday, November 13, & Friday, November 14, 2008

ELIJA FOUNDATION [The Elija Foundation](#).

Special Education Law and Advocacy Boot Camp

Speakers: [Pete and Pam Wright](#).

Thursday, November 13, 2008 12:00pm & 7:00pm

ORANGE COUNTY NETWORK

Family Empowerment Council, Inc., 225 Dolson Avenue,, Suite 404, Middletown, NY

VIDEOS & VIEWS Information & Discussion for Parents, Professionals & Youth

"Dual Diagnosed Adolescents: Bipolar & Substance Abuse"

- Growing number of children diagnosed with Early Onset Bipolar
- Co-occurrence of substance use extremely concerning
- What can be done to identify, treat & teach these children & their families?

Presenter: Pierrette Farber, LMHC, MPS (Liberty Management/Arms Acres)

For information and registration call: (845) 343-8100 x 309 Or toll free: 1-888-343-8181 x 309

2 CASAC Hours Available

Thursday, November 13, 2008 6:30pm - 8:30pm

SUPERKIDS

898 Ethan Allen Hwy Suite 6 Ridgefield, CT

Integrated Therapies for Common Childhood Issues

Come and learn about holistic and complimentary therapies often used to treat a variety of child hood issues and disorders. Social skills therapy, neurofeedback, physical and occupational therapy, and homeopathy are non-medication treatments that are often used with those with ADHD, ASD, Asperger's, Anxiety, Depression, Dyslexia, NVLD, Learning Disabilities, Sensory Integration Dysfunction, OCD, TBI, Tourette's, etc.

Workshop Presenters: Dr. Roseann Capanna-Hodge, Educational Psychologist & Neurofeedback Practitioner; SuperKids—Barbara Cooper & Nancy Widdows - Social Skills Therapeutic Groups; Dr. Josh Berry, N.D. - Pediatric Naturopathic Physician, Pediatric Therapy Associates; Deb Carty - Occupational Therapist.

Registration is not required but seating is limited.

For more information contact Dr. Roseann at 203.438.4848 or drroseann@hotmail.com

Friday, November 14, 2008 7:00pm

FERNCLIFF MANOR, INC.

Westchester Manor - Hastings-on-Hudson

For driving directions www.westchestermanor.com

Ferncliff Manor, Inc.'s Board of Directors cordially invites you to their First Annual Benefit

Chairs: Gayle Cratty, Kristen Yurczak and Lori Fernandes.

Honoree, Dr. Jerome Strachman, Medical Director

Cocktails /Open Bar, Patio 7:00 PM Featuring Conor Lyons Jazz Quartet

Dinner & Dancing - Imperial Ballroom 8:00 PM. Black Tie Optional

For more information visit www.sailatferncliff.com or contact Gayle Cratty, Director, Community Relations & Development gayle.cratty@sailatferncliff.com or call 914-968-4854 x 254

Saturday, November 15, 2008, 9:00am - 1:00pm

THE REGIONAL CENTER FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS @ HUNTER COLLEGE/RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, INC./EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTION CENTER@ NY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

Hunter College, Room 714 West, (SW corner of East 68th Street & Lexington Avenue)

Conference Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders for Families and Professionals

V. Mark Durand, Ph.D., Professor, University of South Florida

Optimistic Parenting: Hope and Help for the Challenging Child & Helping Children Sleep Better

FREE! MUST PRE-REGISTRATION -email: hcard@hunter.cuny.edu or mail to: Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, Hunter College, Special Education 9th Fl West, 695 Park Ave. NY, NY 10065

Saturday, November 15, 2008 10:00am - 3:00pm

WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Westchester County Center, White Plains, NY

2008 TRANSITION FAIR

County Wide Transition Fair for Students with Developmental Disabilities

Information, resources and workshops

11:00 a.m. **Transition Planning**

Noon **Adult services post secondary education**

1:00 p.m. **Benefits and entitlements**

For more information call Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health **914-995-5244**

Saturday, November 15, 2008, 8:30am - 3:30pm

THE CENTER FOR LEARNING DIFFERENCES AND WHITE PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL

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

Life After High School

The Center for Learning Differences Third Annual Life After High School Conference for students who learn differently, their families and counselors is coming to White Plains. The program features presentations by three experts on transition to college as well as an opportunity to hear from and meet with representatives of leading college programs that have strong supports for students with learning differences.

SPEAKERS: Jo Anne Simon, Esq., whose practice focuses on issues relating to older students with disabilities and high stakes testing; Christian Bertsch, former Director of Disability Services at Fordham University; and Jean Baldassare, Director of Disability Services at Manhattanville College.

Target Audience: Students with learning differences, their parents and counselors

Presenters: Jean Baldassare, Esq., Christian Bertsch, Joanne Simone, Director of Disability Services, Manhattanville College

FREE! - required registration at www.centerforlearningdifferences.org

Contact: Susan Denburg Yellin, Executive Director, 516-773-4737

Sunday, November 16, 2008 2:00pm - 4:00pm

PARENTS PLACE INC.

Parents Place, Inc., 3 Carhart Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605

FAMILY DAY

Come connect with other parents who are raising children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

All parents and their children (preschool through elementary) on the Autism Spectrum and their siblings are welcome. Your kids can meet other children and play with paint, sand, water, and toys etc... Sing and have snack (non-allergenic)! Refreshments will be provided but feel free to bring your favorite treats.

FREE! For More Information and/or to Sign Up Please Contact Us at: 914-948-5187

parentsplace@verizon.net www.parentsplaceinc.org

Sunday, November 16, 2008 8:45am - 4:30pm

THERAPEUTIC SERVICES, INC

Hofstra University Student Center, Plaza Rooms, 1000 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY (Long Island) [Directions](#)

Using Nutrition to Improve Clinical Outcomes: Strategies for Addressing the A, B, and C's - Attention, Behavior, and Cognition

Speaker: [Kelly Dorfman, MS, LND](#)

Course Description: Designed to help therapists and teachers improve clinical outcomes by identifying children who are not reaching their potential because of poor diet or insufficient nutrients for cognitive development.

Youngsters can be eating foods that are irritating the system or missing nutrients needed to create neurological connections. Learn how to recognize nutritional problems that may be slowing down progress.

Discover creative strategies for low muscle tone, cognitive enhancement, and improving classroom function.

Nutritional strategies that support speech, occupational, and physical therapies will be discussed.

Target Audience: Professionals and family members, including occupational, physical, and speech therapists, pediatricians, teachers and parents, looking for practical ways to improve function and school performance in children with attention, behavior and cognitive issues.

Cost: \$290.00; Early Registration \$265.00 (must be postmarked 21 days prior to seminar)

Group Discount: A 10% discount will be given to each registrant when 3 or more registrations are received in the same envelope. [For more information visit www.therapeuticservicesinc.com](#) or call 718-692-1929

Toll Free: 1-888-7-THERAPY

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 9:00am-10:00pm

JCC MID-WESTCHESTER

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP @ Lord & Taylor (Scarsdale)

Help support the JCC of Mid-Westchester

For only \$5.00 you will receive a coupon for 15% off all cosmetics & fragrances, 15% off all day & 20% off on one special item (1 purchase Per Coupon). Pre-Select Merchandise on Saturday, November 8th - Monday, November 17th and pick up merchandise on or after The Shopping Benefit, Tuesday, November 18th. An exclusive day filled with special events and savings. As part of the celebration, Lord & Taylor is giving our organization an opportunity to raise thousands of dollars...Don't forget to bring the kids!!! Kids will have a chance to meet IRON MAN.

ALL TICKET REVENUES WILL GO TO SUPPORT JCC PROGRAMMING.

Tickets on sale now at the JCC of Mid-Westchester

Contact Katia Urrico @ 914-472-3300 x269 or urricok@jccmw.org

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

NATIONAL AUTISM ASSOCIATION NY METRO CHAPTER

Patty Lemer, director of Developmental Delays Resources

Choosing and Prioritizing the RIGHT Therapies for Each Child

How do parents and professionals determine where to put valuable time and resources? Patricia S. Lemer, M. Ed., NCC, co-founder and the Executive Director of [Developmental Delay Resources \(DDR\)](#) is a counselor with over 40 years experience. She will offer a road map based on her new book, [EnVISIONing a Bright Future: Interventions that Work for Children and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders](#)

For more information visit: <http://www.naanyc.org/index.html>

Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 7:30pm

YORKTOWN SEPTA & PUTNAM INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES' PARENT TRAINING PROGRAM

Yorktown High School Library, Route 202, Crompond Road, Yorktown Heights, NY

Key Special Education Regulations: Rights & Responsibilities for Our Children with Special Needs

Learn how to positively advocate for your child! Students and parents face unique challenges during their school career whether it's in understanding the IEP process or a 504 classification or any of a number of other difficulties. Joy Drummond can help! Joy is the Parent Training Coordinator at Putnam Independent Living Services. She has organized intensive workshops for parents on Special Education Rights and Responsibilities and has created a network of parents helping parents. Learn how to state your concerns efficiently and effectively, where to go for information on special education and legislation, how to document areas of concern, and how to work as a team with your child's teachers, support staff and principal. Bring your questions!

Target Audience: Parents and professionals

Presenter: Joy Drummond, L.M.S.W., MAT, Parent Training Coordinator, Putnam Independent Living Services and a parent of a child with special needs **FREE!** **Contact:** Gail Chen, tpubpgzm@aol.com

Thursday, November 20, 2008 12:00 PM

ORANGE COUNTY NETWORK

Bon Secours Community Hospital, 3rd floor, conference room, 160 East Main Street, Port Jervis, NY

VIDEOS & VIEWS Information & Discussion for Parents, Professionals & Youth

"Dual Diagnosed Adolescents: Bipolar & Substance Abuse"

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For information and registration call: (845) 343-8100 x 309 Or toll free: 1-888-343-8181 x 309

FREE! www.Orangecountygov.com/youthbureau 2 CASAC Hours Available

Friday, November 21, 2008

KEAN UNIVERSITY

1000 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey

Autism: Putting the Pieces Together: An Interdisciplinary Conference for Teachers, Parents, and Professionals

This regional conference will bring together families, teachers, school administrators, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, counselors, social workers, psychologists, community organizations and others affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders. Family members and professionals will have the opportunity to learn about the local, regional and national resources available to those whose lives ASD touches each day.

Panelists also will discuss the latest discipline-specific research, as well as the various strategies used to cope with this disorder. The conference will feature top research and medical experts on autism from throughout the country. Keynote speakers include Jake Greenspan, one of the co-directors of DIR Support Services in Bethesda, Md. DIR Support Services is a child development center specializing in the use of the DIR/Floortime model. Jake and his DIR co-director Tim Bleeker, with the help of Dr. Stanley Greenspan, developed evaluation and intervention programs based on all aspects of the DIR model. Their goal has been to develop and implement these intervention programs for children with a variety of developmental and learning challenges.

The conference lunchtime speaker is Jim Watkins, who co-anchors the Emmy Award-winning CW11 News at 10. Each weeknight, Watkins teams with co-anchor Kaity Tong, weatherman Irv "Mr. G" Gikofsky, and sportscaster Sal Marchiano. Jim and his wife Lauren Thierry, a CNN financial news reporter, are the parents of an autistic child who was born in 1997. Lauren made a much-praised documentary, *Autism Every Day*, which premiered to a sold-out audience at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

For more information call 908-737-KEAN (5326) or visit <http://www.kean.edu/~autism/home.asp>

Friday November 21, 2008 10:00am - 2:00pm

EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS, INC.

The Elija House 665 N., Newbridge Rd., Levittown, NY

Introduction to Autism & Applied Behavior Analysis

Attendees will learn about Autism and its core deficits, Applied Behavior Analysis and how it applies to teaching learners with autism, how to utilize the principals of behavior analysis to remediate the deficits of learners with autism, be introduced to the analysis of Verbal behavior and effective teaching strategies that help facilitate communication, reduce learner errors and problem behavior while increasing on task behaviors.

Presenter: Allison Schear MA BCBA **Cost: \$45**

Click here for Mail in registration: <http://www.effectiveinterventions.com/mailinvb1day.html>

Online registration: NOT AVAILABLE YET Call if you wish to use credit card 516 433 4202

Saturday, November 22, 2008 8:00am - 1:00pm

THE PILOT HOUSE

Roger Ludlowe Middle School Auditorium, 689 Unquowa Rd. Fairfield, CT

The Pilot House First Annual Conference

RICK LAVOIE - It's So Much Work To Be Your Friend.

Rick Lavoie has served as an administrator of residential programs for children with special needs since 1972. He holds three degrees in Special Education and has served as an adjunct professor or visiting lecturer at numerous universities including Syracuse, Harvard, Gallaudet, Manhattanville College, University of Alabama and Georgetown. His numerous national television appearances include CBS Morning Show, Good Morning America, ABC Evening News and Disney Channel Presents. Rick serves as a consultant on Learning Disabilities to several agencies and organizations including Public Broadcasting Service, New York Times, National Center for Learning Disabilities, Girl Scouts of America, Child Magazine and WETA. He is a member of the Professional Advisor Board of the Learning Disabilities Association.

This seminar will explore the relationship between learning disabilities and social incompetence and will identify the specific causes for specific social skill deficits. Field tested strategies will be presented that can be used by parents, teachers, coaches and caregivers to assist students in gaining peer acceptance and developing age-appropriate social skills.

Among the topics covered will be:

The impact of social incompetence upon the daily life of children.

The direct correlation between social skill deficits and learning disabilities.

The generic nature of social skill deficits.

A review of the history of social skill instruction and the weaknesses of the current approaches.

The impact of paralinguistic's (non verbal language) on the development of social competence.

Helping the child develop friendships and positive peer relationships.

The use of Social Skill Autopsies to improve interaction skills.

Teaching the Hidden Social Curriculum to children to improve peer acceptance.

Factors that enhance children's social acceptance.

Objectives:

The participants will understand the link between learning disabilities and social competence.

The participants will be familiar with terminology and concepts related to paralinguistic's.

The participants will be familiar with the dynamics of childhood reputation.

The participants will learn five strategies designed to foster and promote social acceptance in the classroom and community.

For more information contact Doreen Caruso at dcaruso@thepilothouse.org

R.S.V.P. by 11/14. For more information visit: www.thepilothouse.org

Wednesday, November 24, 2008

SELF-ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION OF NYS/WESTCHESTER ARC

Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library, Hyde Park

"Our Voices, Our Votes" Workshop in developing a platform for people with disabilities for upcoming November election. Details to follow. Contact: Jordan Jankus, 914-493-8367

Self-Advocacy Association of NYS HUDSONVALLEY@SANYS.ORG

Monday, December 1, 2008 10:00am -12:00pm (Snow date: Monday, 12/8/08)

SPED*NET WILTON

The Greens at Cannondale, 435 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT

Biomedical Updates: What's New on the Horizon in Alternative Interventions

Dr. Nancy O'Hara, a specialist in treating children with disabilities and ASD, will present therapies and the research behind them, including neurofeedback, detoxification, neuroinflammation, oxytocin and immunoglobulin therapy. Please RSVP to Pam at 203-563-9994.

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 8:30am - 4:30pm

F.E.G.S HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM

McGraw-Hill Conference Center, 2nd fl., 1221 Avenue of the Americas (at 49th Street), NYC

Leading A Full, Productive Life - One Day Conference

EMERGING BEST PRACTICES, CREATIVE RESOURCES, NEGOTIATING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH A DUAL DIAGNOSIS OF DEVELOPMENTAL AND PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES

This conference aims to widen the lens through which providers view individuals and look beyond diagnoses to learn how to best meet the needs of each person. Join us to share best practices, resources and service delivery models that best serve individuals who are diagnosed with a developmental and psychiatric disability.

Who Should Attend - Service Coordinators, Case Managers, Administrators, Clinicians and Other Health Care Professionals, Advocates and Self-Advocates, Parents and Family Members

Keynotes

• Commissioner Michael F. Hogan, Ph.D., NYS OMH

• Commissioner Diana Jones Ritter, NYS OMRDD

• **Julie P. Gentile, M.D.**, Assist. Prof., Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio - "Putting the Pieces Together"

Conference Registration is **\$50 per person**. For more information contact Trish Meade @ F.E.G.S Health and Human Services System @ 212-366-8059 or visit: www.fegs.org

<http://www.fegs.org/FEGSENEWS/ENEWS2008/1016/REGISTRATION.pdf>

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 8:30am - 4:30pm

DOWNSTATE CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DUAL-DIAGNOSIS/FEGS HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS/NYC DEPT. OF HEALTH & MENTAL HYGIENE/NYSOMH/NYSOMRDD/COALITION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The McGraw Hill Building, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, NYC

"LEADING A FULL PRODUCTIVE LIFE" One-day Conference featuring services and strategies for Individuals with Dual Diagnosis. This conference will explore services and options for individuals with a Dual Diagnosis of Mental Illness and a Developmental Disability. Featured speakers include Diana Jones Ritter, Commissioner, NYS OMRDD and Michael F. Hogan, Commissioner, NYSOMH

For more information call 212-366-8059 or email tmeade@fegs.org

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 12:00 PM

ORANGE COUNTY NETWORK

O.C. Department of Mental Health, 141 Broadway, Newburgh, NY 12550

VIDEOS & VIEWS Information & Discussion for Parents, Professionals & Youth

"Dual Diagnosed Adolescents: Bipolar & Substance Abuse"

- Growing number of children diagnosed with Early Onset Bipolar
- Co-occurrence of substance use extremely concerning
- What can be done to identify, treat & teach these children & their families?

Presenter: Pierrette Farber, LMHC, MPS (Liberty Management/Arms Acres)

For information and registration call: (845) 343-8100 x 309 Or toll free: 1-888-343-8181 x 309

FREE! www.Orangecountygov.com/youthbureau 2 CASAC Hours Available

Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

PARC TRANSITION COMMITTEE

PARC Center, 1938 Route 6, Carmel, NY

Guardianship and Special Needs Trusts

Presenter: Sheryl Frishman, Esq.

This workshop on legal guardianship and special needs trusts will be led by attorney Sheryl Frishman. Parents and families of children with developmental or intellectual disabilities can bring their concerns and Ms. Frishman will answer all their questions.

Target Audience: Parents and families of children with developmental and intellectual disabilities

FREE! RSVP before November 28th if you need childcare to Teddi Barry, teddi_barry@putnamarc.org

845-225-5650 ext.127 www.putnamarc.org

Thursday, December 4, 2008 8:00am - 8:00pm

MAGASCHONI

525 Seventh Avenue, 21st Fl., NYC

SAVE THE DATE! MAGASCHONI ONE-DAY HOLIDAY EVENT

A percentage of all sales will be donated to the Center For Discovery and The Southampton Fresh Air Home!

A \$30 entrance fee includes 4 raffle tickets toward fabulous prizes! Special pricing is applied to all items.

R.S.V.P. Angela.Trentanelli@magaschoni.com

Thursday, December 4, 2008, 10:00am -3:00pm (Registration begins at 9:30am)

WIHD REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER & CLEARINGHOUSE ON SELF-DIRECTED & INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORTS/WIHD LINKS NETWORK/NYS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL SELF-ADVOCACY ASSOC. OF NYS/OMRDD

Westchester Institute for Human Development, Valhalla, NY

New Directions in Self-Determination and Individualized Supports

This conference will focus on sharing strategies and information to help individuals access a variety of opportunities and funding resources for services such as Consolidated Support Services, Agency-With-Choice, Individualized Support Services, NYS OPTS, and more. In addition to learning about new directions from

Albany, we will hear from individuals who have realized their dreams and the steps they took to make them happen.

Target Audience: Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, youth in transition, community agencies, Medicaid service coordinators, teachers, job coaches, social workers, guidance counselors, and special education personnel

Presenter: Steve Smits, Associate Commissioner OMRDD Region 1

FREE! Contact: Diane Greble, Student/Family Transition Specialist, 914-493-1027, dgreble@wihd.org

Friday, December 5, 2008, 9:30am - 11:00am

FOUR WINDS FOUNDATION

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

Mozart The Mind and Music of a Genius

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) is universally acknowledged as the greatest child prodigy and greatest genius in music history. What was the impact of his complex personality on his creative output? Did Mozart suffer from Tourette's Disorder or Asperger's Syndrome? Dr. Richard Kogan, psychiatrist and virtuoso concert pianist, is uniquely qualified to explore these questions. He will illustrate his talk by performing some of Mozart's most glorious music.

This program will enable participants to:

- Recognize the psychological factors that influenced Mozart's artistic development
- Understand some of the fundamental concepts about creativity

Target Audience: Physicians, psychologists, social workers, nurse practitioners, EAP's, education professionals, counselors, RN's and consumers

Presenter: Richard Kogan, M.D. Director of the Human Sexuality Program

Weill-Cornell Medical Center and NY Presbyterian Hospital

Fee: \$20 **Contact:** Adrienne Kamalsky, 800-546-1754 ext. 2413 www.fourwindshospital.org

Saturday, December 6, 2008 10:00am - 11:30am

WESTCHESTER ARC

Workshops will be held at: [» Click here for directions](#)

Westchester Arc's (Newly Opened), Gleeson-Israel Gateway Center, 265 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY

MID-YEAR PROGRAM REVIEW: [Navigating the Special Education Voyage](#)

"Reassessing the programs, supportservices and accommodations for your child"

This series of workshops is not age specific. The material presented would benefit any parent/caregiver who has a child in special education either in pre-school or general education program (K-12+)

Registration for workshop sessions are now open! Workshops are \$15 each or \$50 for the series. Check or cash only will be accepted at the door. Limited scholarships are available. We encourage you to register early online at www.westchesterarc.org. However, walk-ins always welcome. For more information all Ralph Szur, 914.495.4620, rszur@westchesterarc.org or Tara Klein, 914.495.4549, tklein@westchesterarc.org

Saturday, December 6, 2008

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW YORK

Rye Playland, Rye, NY

Polar Plunge at Rye Playland

What is a Polar Plunge? A wild, crazy and FUN event to raise awareness and funds for the dedicated athletes of Special Olympics New York! Each year, Special Olympics Polar Plunge's are held throughout the country to attract thousands of chilled souls to engage in a commendable and thrilling fundraising event. Earlier this year, thanks to over 2,000 committed plungers, seven separate Special Olympics New York plunges raised more than \$600,000. All funds support their programs and promote awareness of people living with intellectual disabilities in New York State. The Rye Playland Polar Plunge will be an exciting opportunity for hundreds of heroic plungers to join together and be "freezin' for a reason" to show their support and raise funds for

Special Olympics New York programs.

It's easy to get involved! Simply log on to their web site at www.nyso.org and click on the right-hand box featuring the Polar Plunge events. From there you will be able to form a team, invite your contacts to join your team, create your own Personal Plunge Page and send it out to your contacts - all with a few clicks of the mouse! The Polar Plunge will help raise funds to provide year-round sports training and athletic competitions for children and adults living with intellectual disabilities. Currently, New York State has the largest Special Olympics program in the country, serving more than 46,000 athletes.

This is great way to get involved in the community while encouraging camaraderie and friendly competition. We hope to have your presence and support among the hundreds of heroic Polar plungers, courageous athletes, volunteers and entire community.

For more information call Ayde Ayala at 845-765-2497, or aayala@nyso.org

Saturday, December 6, 2008 12:00pm - 6:00pm

PUTNAM COUNTY ARC

Cold Spring, NY.

Cold Spring by Candlelight - A benefit for children with developmental disabilities

Holiday House Tours & Shopping on Main Street America

Come to Where the Country Begins - Come to Cold Spring. Historic homes and sites will be open to the public during this 5th annual tour to benefit PARC. Expect homes and sites featured on the National Historic Register, holiday caroling, discounts at local stores and restaurants, trolley rides throughout the village, holiday music, visits with Old St. Nick and Much More! Kick off the holiday season in beautiful and historic Cold Spring. "It's Currier & Ives" meets "It's a Wonderful Life."

Advance tickets: \$20 adults, \$18 seniors; \$12 for children under 12. Day of event tickets: \$25 adults, \$20 seniors; \$15 for children under 12. 2007 event sold out, so please order tickets early.

For information and to donate, call 845-278-PARC, ext. 287 or log onto www.PutnamARC.org

Monday, December 8, 2008

THE AUTISM CENTER NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL

New Jersey Medical School, Medical Sciences Building Gallene Room, Newark, N.J.

The Autism Center New Jersey Medical School Seminar Series -

"Autism Diagnostics: Defining Tests and Definitions"

For more information contact B. Madeleine Goldfarb, Director of Outreach and Education TAC

www.goldfabm@umdnj.edu

Monday, December 8, 2008 7:00pm

KATONAH-LEWISBORO SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA

John Jay Middle School Library

Behavior Therapies for Special Needs Children: Social Groups, Play Therapy and Yoga

Presented by Jaime Roche, LCSW and Laurie Jordan, MSW, RYT who are licensed social workers and who facilitate Socially Savvy and Kid Connect groups in Greenwich, CT and Chappaqua, NY. Jaime and Laurie have been working with special needs children, adolescents and their families in both public and private settings and have extensive experience treating children with emotional/behavioral problems and social-communication difficulties. The combination of yoga training and social work gives their classes a unique playful twist that everyone can enjoy. They will discuss different behavior therapies, including social skills groups, play therapy sessions and yoga training. A sample-based yoga activity may conclude the evening.

For more information visit: <http://www.klsepta.org/103627.html>

Monday, December 8, 2008, 9:30am - 11:30am

LOWER HUDSON REGIONAL SETRC

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. Some of the things you will learn about:

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

Target Audience: Parents of students with disabilities

Presenter: Laurie Levine, Lower Hudson Regional SETRC Trainer

FREE! Contact: Laurie Levine, llevine@pnwboces.org, 914-248-2291

Registration: Please go to www.pnwboces.org/catalog to register online. Under "Programs", click on SETRC and then click "View Now". Scroll down the webpage until you see the workshop you are interested in and then click on its name to see details and enroll.

If you do not have access to the Internet, please call Lois Schmidt at 914-248-2289 to register.

Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 8:30am - 3:00pm

PUTNAM/NORTHERN WESTCHESTER BOCES

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, Tech South Amphitheater, 200 BOCES Drive, Yorktown Heights, NY

From Icon to I Can: Visual Teaching Strategies and Supports for Individuals with Autism Spectrum and Other Communication Disorders

This seminar provides educators and caregivers with effective, easy-to-implement instructional supports for meeting the challenges presented by Autism Spectrum Disorders. Current best practice guidelines and links to educational research will form the foundation for a day filled with "on-the-go" teaching strategies and low-maintenance materials. There will be an emphasis on social communication, academic and vocational skills, daily living abilities and behavior management for students in self-contained and included settings. The information presented will cover a range of functioning levels and chronological age groups. Strategies presented will be appropriate for many students.

Target Audience: Regular and special education teachers, administrators, speech language pathologists, parents, occupational therapists, teacher assistants/aides, and school-based teams

Presenter: Barbara C. Bloomfield, Speech-Language Pathologist, Orange Ulster-BOCES

Fee: \$150—Registration with \$100 deposit is required by November 25, 2008.

Contact: Joan Passaretti, 914-248-2345

Registration: Please go to My Learning Plan at: www.pnwboces.org/catalog. Select "The Hudson River Teacher Center" and click on Search Catalog. Scroll down to view workshop offerings. Select the workshop name. Select the "Click to Enroll" button to register.

For additional information, contact Joan Passaretti 914-248-2345.

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 9:30am - 11:30am (suggested for school personnel)

Or 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (suggested for parents)

HUDSON VALLEY TRANSITION COOR. SITE/IONA COLLEGE/LOWER HUDSON REGIONAL SETRC

Iona College, 715 North Ave, New Rochelle, NY

Strategies to Help Your Child Be Successful in College

This workshop will assist parents in determining the academic and social skills their high school child with disabilities needs to be successful in college. Participants will be introduced to the College Readiness Rubric, designed to assist professionals and families in assessing and guiding students with disabilities towards college when appropriate.

Target Audience: Guidance counselors, clinicians and school staff who work with college-bound students with disabilities, and parents of college-bound high school students with disabilities.

Presenters: Linda Refsland, William Paterson University & Laurie Levine, Lower Hudson Valley Regional SETRC

Contact: Laurie Levine, llevine@pnwboces.org, 914-248-2291 **FREE!**

Registration: Please go to www.pnwboces.org/catalog to register online. Under "Programs", click on SETRC and then click "View Now". Scroll down the webpage until you see the workshop you are interested in and then click

on its name to see details and enroll. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call Lois Schmidt at 914-248-2289 to register.

Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14 2008 9:00am - 4:00pm

EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS, INC.

The Elija House, 665 N. Newbridge Rd., Levittown NY

Comprehensive 2 day Workshop on Autism & Applied Behavior Analysis

Presenter: Debora Harris BcABA

Attendees will get an in depth and comprehensive 2 day workshop to learn about Autism and its core deficits , Applied Behavior Analysis and how it applies to teaching learners with autism, how to utilize the principals of behavior analysis to remediate the deficits of learners with autism, be introduced to the analysis of Verbal behavior and effective teaching strategies that help facilitate communication, reduce learner errors and problem behavior while increasing on task behaviors.

Cost: \$175 Online registration: NOT AVAILABLE YET, Call if you wish to use credit card 516 433 4202

Click here for Mail in registration: <http://www.effectiveinterventions.com/mailin2day.html>

Sunday, Dec 14, 2008 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

THE JCC IN MANHATTAN

The Jewish Community Center In Manhattan ([map](#)), The Samuel Priest Rose Building ([floor layout](#))

334 Amsterdam Avenue at West 76th Street, NYC

Chanukah Celebration for Children with Special Needs and their Families

Join us to participate in programs that are educational and fun, to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Chanukah in a special needs friendly environment. Arts and crafts and music activities will explore the excitement of the holiday with the entire family. **FREE!**

646.505.4444 www.Jccmanhattan.org/specialneeds www.jccmanhattan.org info@jccmanhattan.org

Monday, January 5-Sunday, January 9, 2009 9:00 AM -2:30 PM

BANK STREET GRADUATE SCHOOL

Bank Street Graduate School, 610 W. 112TH Street, NYC

COLLEGE COACHING: HELPING INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM TRANSITION TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Presenter: Lynda Geller, Ph.D., Clinical Director Asperger Institute, NYU Child Study Center

Adolescents with Asperger Syndrome (AS) and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) often have superior intellectual ability, but struggle with the social and organizational aspects in college. This unique training program will prepare individuals to support students with AS and ASD in making the transition to higher education.

This intensive week-long workshop includes:

An introduction to Asperger Syndrome and other high functioning autism spectrum conditions;
An examination of the cognitive and learning differences that may impact academic achievement at college;
Discussion of social skills deficits how to support students with these difficulties in college; Ways to recognize mental health problems that need referral; Strategies for supporting personal independence; Understanding issues of time management, sensory overwhelm, day to day self-management; Methods of supporting friendships, faculty relationships, and romance; Approaches to collaborating with on-campus student resources; and, Development of a plan for a college coaching relationship.

This workshop is designed for:

Graduate students in education, social work and other human service fields; College advisors and higher education administrators, particularly those who work in student disability service offices; and, Individuals in the mental health field such as case managers, aides, and vocational counselors.

Cost of the full workshop: \$500. Students who successfully complete all requirements of the course will receive a certificate and are eligible to be listed on the website sponsored by the Asperger Institute at NYU of qualified college coaches for students on the autism spectrum. College coaching supervision is available for

course participants on an ongoing basis. For questions, contact aspencer@bankstreet.edu.
Or call 212-875-4461

Monday, January. 12. 2009 6:30pm - 9:30pm

PARENTS RUN AMOC/MENTAL HEALTH ASSOC. IN ORANGE COUNTY, INC

BOCES- Goshen, NY

Teaching Adaptive Life Skills

Daily life skills such as hygiene, dressing, and household chores can be challenging for families of children with autism. This workshop will help participants utilize the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA) to teach adaptive life skills in the home, with the primary goal being to foster independence. Mealtime is also a common concern of parents of children with autism. This workshop will provide guidelines for using antecedent manipulations and reinforcement-based strategies to decrease the food refusal in selective eaters. In addition, a toilet training protocol created by Foxx and Azrin will be reviewed, as well as various modifications that can be made based upon individual cognitive or physical issues.

Specifically, this workshop will provide parents & caregivers with the following:

- Criteria for selecting developmentally appropriate skills
- Steps to creating a task analysis for a targeted skill
- Definitions of teaching procedures such as forward & backward chaining
- Suggested prompting techniques such as graduated guidance & fading as opposed to vocal prompting
- Strategies for data collection
- Guidelines for utilizing escape extinction for off-task behaviors

For more information visit www.mhaorangeney.com Call (845) 294-7411 Ext. 253

January 16, 2009 9:00am -12:00pm

FECA FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

Locations in Westchester County TBA

Growing Up on the Spectrum:

A series aimed at providing parents, educators, advocates and health care professionals with vital, state-of-the-art information and support.

\$50 for 1 session, \$90 for 2 sessions, \$125 for 3 sessions. Additional \$10 per session to walk in.

Call 914-761-1111 for information or www.FECAinc.org

Tuesday, January 27, 2009 10:00am -12:00pm

SPED*NET WILTON

The Greens at Connondale, 435 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT

Train the Trainer: Learn how to Become your Child's Social Skills Coach

Jannetta Bolander, LMFT

Please RSVP to Pam at 203-563-9994.

Monday, February 9, 2009

THE AUTISM CENTER NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL

New Jersey Medical School, Medical Sciences Building Gallene Room, Newark, N.J.

The Autism Center New Jersey Medical School Seminar Series -

"When autism is not alone: an examination of co-occurring conditions"

For more information contact B. Madeleine Goldfarb, Director of Outreach and Education TAC

www.goldfabm@umdnj.edu

Monday, February 16, - Friday, 20, 2009

BLYTHDALE

Blythedale Children's Hospital, Bradhurst Avenue, Valhalla, NY

Rehabilitation Medicine Conference: Components of Movement & The Principles of Neurodevelopmental Treatment (NDT) Speaker Lois Bly, M.A., P.T., a nationally respected NDTA Coordinator/Instructor and

Clinician. This one-week workshop is open to registered physical, occupational, and speech therapists working primarily with children who have developmental disorders. NDT certification is not required, and this program has been awarded 3.33 CEU's.

For more information contact Rae Krauss at (914) 592-7138, ext. 575 or email at raek@blythedale.org

Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:00am - 11:30am

WESTCHESTER ARC

Workshops will be held at: [» Click here for directions](#)

Westchester Arc's (Newly Opened), Gleeson-Israel Gateway Center, 265 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY

Navigating the Special Education Voyage

LET'S LOOK AT THE NUMBERS: Understanding ways students can receive academic support and related services. [» Click here for workshop details](#) This series of workshops is not age specific. The material

presented would benefit any parent/caregiver who has a child in special education either in pre-school or general education program (K-12+) **Registration for workshop sessions are now open!** Workshops are \$15 each or \$50 for the series. Check or cash only will be accepted at the door. Limited scholarships are available. We encourage you to register early online at www.westchesterarc.org. However, walk-ins always welcome.

For more information all Ralph Szur, 914.495.4620, rszur@westchesterarc.org

or Tara Klein, 914.495.4549, tklein@westchesterarc.org

Monday, March 2, 2009 6:30pm - 9:30pm

PARENTS RUN AMOC/MENTAL HEALTH ASSOC. IN ORANGE COUNTY, INC

BOCES- Goshen, NY

Increasing Social Opportunities for Children with Autism

Many children with autism have a difficult time generalizing social skills outside of the classroom/therapy room. This workshop will provide parents with an overview of strategies to effectively teach and generalize social skills in the home and community.

More specifically, participants will learn...

- How to use social stories and Power Cards
- How to role-play, use behavioral rehearsal, and/or video feedback
- How to structure a play date for success
- How to create and structure opportunities with same age peers or "buddies"
- How to make community outings (park, birthday parties, movies, etc.) more successful

For more information visit www.mhaorangeney.com Call (845) 294-7411 Ext. 253

Friday, March 20, 2009 8:30am - 4:00pm

ELIJA FOUNDATION

Marriott Residence Inn, 9 Gerhard Road, Plainview, NY

Inclusion throughout the life span: Strategies for effectively supporting individuals with autism in school and community activities - Learn of the "Who What When Where & Hows"

Presented By: Randy Horowitz, M.S.Ed., S.A.S

Students with autism demonstrate significant deficits in the area of socialization and interaction. They may not know how to share, make friends, or interpret the facial expressions and emotions of others.

Conversational skills may be weak or lacking. Many students with autism have difficulty generalizing skills from one setting to another and are not able to grasp information through subtle environmental cues. When students first enter intensive behavioral intervention, they are systematically taught these and other skills in various curriculum areas, including academics, self-care, social, and language and communication. Because of these unique learning characteristics, students with autism who are identified as candidates for inclusion in academic, recreational and other community activities with their typically developing age matched peers need a systematic and data based transition plan. A planful transition will lead not only to generalization and maintenance of appropriate skills and behavior but also serve as the basis for further skill acquisition. This structure typically includes not only preparing students, but providing support and fading support contingent upon student performance.

This workshop is geared towards teachers, school administrators and paraprofessionals as well as parents and other professionals working with children on the autism spectrum. Topics will include preparing and supporting students with autism in a variety of educational, recreational, vocational and community activities. Managing challenging behavior in the classroom, effective shadowing skills, and facilitating social interaction will also be described. The strategies outlined in this workshop may be applicable to students with disabilities, other than autism, attending regular education classes and participating in various community activities. .

Workshop participants will be able to:

1. Describe an effective model for supporting individuals with autism in school and community activities
2. Design strategies for preventing the occurrence of (and reducing) problem behavior
3. Identify ways to facilitate appropriate peer interaction in a variety of contexts

\$50 Members, \$75 Non-Members, \$100 Late/Walk-in (after March 13, 2009)* Lunch included

To register by mail [CLICK HERE](#) or call 516-433-4321 or visit www.elija.org

Saturday, March 28, 2009

NORTH EAST SPECIAL RECREATION

The Fountainhead, 55 Quaker Ridge Rd., New Rochelle, New York

North East Special Recreation Gala "A Crystal Ball"

A silent auction will be held; the donation form, Letter of Donation and Sponsorship/Advertisement forms are available below.

<http://www.northeastspecialrec.org/Telephone> (914) 347-4409

Saturday, April 4, 2009 10:00am - 11:30am

WESTCHESTER ARC

Workshops will be held at: [» Click here for directions](#)

Westchester Arc's (Newly Opened), Gleeson-Israel Gateway Center, 265 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY

Navigating the Special Education Voyage

MAKING SUMMER COUNT: How to keep moving forward while still having fun.

[» Click here for workshop details](#) This series of workshops is not age specific. The material presented would benefit any parent/caregiver who has a child in special education either in pre-school or general education program (K-12+) **Registration for workshop sessions are now open!** Workshops are \$15 each or \$50 for the series. Check or cash only will be accepted at the door. Limited scholarships are available. We encourage you to register early online at www.westchesterarc.org. However, walk-ins always welcome.

For more information all Ralph Szur, 914.495.4620, rszur@westchesterarc.org or Tara Klein, 914.495.4549, tklein@westchesterarc.org

Monday, April 13, 2009

THE AUTISM CENTER NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL

New Jersey Medical School, Medical Sciences Building Gallene Room, Newark, N.J.

The Autism Center New Jersey Medical School Seminar Series -

"The Brain and Gut Relationship in Autism"

For more information contact B. Madeleine Goldfarb, Director of Outreach and Education TAC

www.goldfabm@umdnj.edu

Friday, April 24, 2008

ELIJA FOUNDATION

SAVE THE DATE ! - CAROL GREY

Friday, April 24 & Saturday, April 25 2009

EAGLE HILL SCHOOL

45 Glenville Rd., Greenwich, CT

EAGLE HILL SCHOOL 2009 SYMPOSIUM

"Best Practices and New Perspectives in the Field of Learning Disabilities"

For more information call 203-622-9240 or visit www.eaglehillsschool.org

Monday, April 27, 2009 10:00am - 12:00pm

SPED*NET WILTON

The Greens at Connondale, 435 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT

"Food for the Soul" - Creating Sensory Diets for Children with Sensory Processing Disorders

Rae Suba, OTR/L, a seasoned occupational therapist and consultant specializing in treating children with disabilities. Please RSVP to Pam at 203-563-9994.

Wednesday, April 29, 2009 10:00am - 12:00pm

SPED*NET NEW CANAAN

Waveny House, Waveny Park, New Canaan. For directions to the Waveny House, check

<http://www.newcanaan.info/content/293/323/675/1531.aspx>

How Your Marriage Can Survive - presentation regarding how to make your marriage survive, even thrive, when you have children with disabilities. Discussion includes ways to support each other through the parenting process and to find time for each other.

Speaker: Paula Levy, MA, LMFT, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, Mediator & Life Coach, has a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Fairfield University and is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She is a mother of special needs children and has worked in her private practice with families of children with special needs for over 10 years. She has lectured and led groups on issues relevant to families.

Paula Levy, 40 Cross St, Norwalk, CT. www.centerforchangellc.com. 203-761-9587.

Coffee and bagels served. For more info on SPED*NET, check www.spednet.org/new_canaan.

RSVP to Judi Anders at (203) 801-0794.

Saturday, May 9, 2009

ASPERGER'S SYNDROME & HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM ASSOCIATION

Spring Conference at Adelphi University

Issues in Independence for Adolescents & Adults

Keynote Speaker - Temple Grandin, Ph.D.

Sunday, June 7, 2009

WESTCHESTER/FAIRFIELD AUTISM SPEAKS

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Manhattanville College, Purchase NY

2009 WALK NOW FOR AUTISM

Monday, June 8, 2009

THE AUTISM CENTER NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL

New Jersey Medical School, Medical Sciences Building Gallene Room, Newark, N.J.

The Autism Center New Jersey Medical School Seminar Series - "Autism is in the Genes"

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