

A.S.K. Answers for Special Kids Email Bulletin- September 7, 2006

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Marian Casey, Director and Founder.

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September Events:

1. September 8 ...From Screening to Referral: Using the Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) and ASQ: Social-Emotional with Young Children and Their Families
Presenter: Pat Kluzik Stauch

Focus of workshop: Introductory/Skill-Building Early Intervention Approval Pending

Description: This workshop will provide participants with an introduction to the Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) and the Ages and Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE). Through the use of presentation, small group activities, and video, participants will walk through the ASQ and ASQ:SE from administration to scoring and interpreting scores. An emphasis will be placed on why, how and when to use this screening tool with young children and families. Using the screening results to make decisions with families regarding next steps, referral for evaluation, follow-up activities will be highlighted throughout the day. Participants will use a sample family case study to practice scoring, interpreting and suggesting next steps based on screening results. Tips and strategies on the effective use of screening with the ASQ and ASQ:SE will be shared.

Intended Audience: Birth through Early Childhood Educators, EI Service Coordinators, Social Workers, Nurses, Family Members and Administrators

Registration: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Workshop: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Note: Registration is limited to 50 participants

Location: Roosevelt University, 1400 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Schaumburg

(not a function of Roosevelt University)

<<http://www.thecenterweb.org/starnet/workshops.html>><http://www.thecenterweb.org/starnet/workshops.html>

2.Sibshops scheduled for September 9th

Hello all Sibshop families and friends: Our Sept 9th Sibshop is quickly approaching and we have some new and fun activities planned. For our older group we are separating the boys and girls and having a SPA and HULK day. SPA stand for Sisters are Pretty Awesome and HULK stands for Healthy Unselfish Lovable Kids. The girls will have a day of pampering with nail painting and massages while the guys will get to play touch football and will come up with strategies for expressing anger appropriately. This is just a few of the things they will be doing. The 6-9 year olds will be a similar experience but we will not have a massage therapist in this group.

Upcoming sessions for different ages are coming up on Sept. 9, Oct. 14 and Nov. 18. Please contact Tara Kosieniak for specific details at:

Tara Kosieniak

Service/Sibshop Coordinator

Community Support Services, Inc.

9021 Ogden Ave

Brookfield, IL 60513

708-354-4547 x128

3.All-Star Co-Ed Cheerleading for Special Needs Athlete ages 6 - 18 Registration Deadline- September 9

Practices held once a week from 12-1:30pm on Saturdays.

- Beginning September 9th/Ending Early March

- Registration Deadline: September 9

The team will compete at 2 Regional Competitions!

- Extreme Spirit - February 4th in Palatine, IL

- UCA- February 26th in Des Plaines, IL

The Team will also compete at 2 National Competitions!

- Jamfest Super Nationals - January 19th - 21st in

Indianapolis, IN

- Jamfest Chicago-March 3rd and 4th in Chicago, IL

Fees: \$40/month plus travel expenses. We will provide uniforms.USASF Certified Staff and volunteers knowledgeable in special needs will be Present at all practices to ensure a safe and fun environment!

For Additional Information or to Volunteer:

1018 Tri-State Parkway

Gurnee, IL 60031

(847)856-8573-Kelly or Craig

www.ultimateathletics.net

Caribou Moms of Libertyville Support Group -September 10

An informal mom's of special needs children support group which meets one Sunday evening per month. The special needs range from ADHD to Asperger's Syndrome/Autism and include auditory processing deficits, hearing loss, vision problems, speech/language delays and many sensory issues. We discuss problems, share resources and provide general support to each other. Right now, the children range in age from preschool to middle school. Most live in the Libertyville, Mundelein, Vernon Hills area. The group communicates via email. Our meetings are usually the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7 PM at the Caribou Coffee in Libertyville. Please contact Tory at

<[mail to: cariboumoms@yahoo.com](mailto:cariboumoms@yahoo.com)>cariboumoms@yahoo.com.

4.Executive Function Deficits: Helping Your Child Get Organized -September 12

Support Group, Special Kids, Special Families September meeting will feature Barbara Resnick, an Educational Consultant at Rush Neurobehavioral Center in Skokie, who will discuss "Executive Function Deficits: Helping Your Child Get Organized." Executive functions are the cognitive processes that enable one to plan, set goals, organize, initiate and inhibit actions, and regulate behavior. Ms. Resnick will offer strategies to help your child manage his or her materials, set goals, and break down, analyze, and prioritize tasks.

Ms. Resnick mentors teachers in executive functioning strategies. A guest lecturer at National-Louis and Northwestern Universities, Ms. Resnick has a B.S. in Special Education and an M.S. in Learning Disabilities. Previously, she worked as a learning disability resource teacher in the Evanston school system for over 25 years.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2006 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the JCYS Northwest Family Center, 1700 Weiland Road, Buffalo Grove. To register for the meeting or to get the school supply list recommended by Ms. Resnick, call Marilyn Green-Rebnord at 847-821-7740, Rachel Langtry at 847-9545, or Chris Eng at 847-913-1812.

5. It Takes Two to Talk - The Hanen Program® for Parents Begins September 12

The Belle Center of Chicago is currently accepting registration for: It Takes Two to Talk - The Hanen Program® for Parents

It Takes Two to Talk is a group training program for parents of young children, ages 2-6, who have language delays

- Parents will learn practical strategies to foster their child's communication skills and encourage language learning
- Three individual videotaping and feedback consultation sessions
- Appropriate for parents of children communicating non-verbally to beginning to use two words together
- Run by a specially trained Hanen-Certified speech-language pathologist
- Offered for a nominal fee of \$250! Scholarship assistance available.
- Group sessions held Tuesday evenings over an eleven week period from 7 to 9:30, at Menomonee Club's Drucker Center, 1535 N. Dayton, Chicago.

Fall 2006

Spaces may still be available!

Program dates

Sept 12th- Nov 21st

Winter/Spring 2007

Orientation January 9th

Program dates

Feb 6th- April 17th

Please contact Tricia Sabathne at (773) 878-7868 or email <mailto:tricia@bellecenter-chicago.org>tricia@bellecenter-chicago.org for more information and to register.

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6. Parent to Parent Training Workshop Series: Dates: Wednesdays, September 13th & 20th, 2006

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Place: Family Resource Center on Disabilities

20 E. Jackson Blvd., Room 300, Chicago, IL 60604

312-939-3513 (voice) · 312-939-3519 (TDD)

Fee: \$10.00 - includes lunch on both days

Do you want to inform parents about their rights under Special Education Laws?

Do you want to help parents participate effectively in their child's IEP meeting and other Special Education meetings?

Do you want to teach parents how to become effective advocates?

Do you want to provide Special Education Rights Training to your own parent/community group as a volunteer trainer?

The FRCD Parent to Parent Training Program will provide advanced-level training in...

Advocacy and Negotiation (9/13/2006) One to One assistance (9/13/2006)

Outreach and Publicity (9/20/2006) Training and Communication (9/20/2006)

Participants who complete the training will receive free:

Materials on the new IDEA Rules

How to Organize an Effective Parent Group and Move Bureaucracies (published by FRCD)

How to Get Services by Being Assertive (published by FRCD)

The Road to Work (published by PACER Center)

Other valuable materials

To participate in this workshop series, you should have a basic knowledge of special education and be willing to be a volunteer trainer for at least one Special Education Rights Training Seminar for other parents in your community or at FRCD.

Space is limited. Advance registration is requested for this workshop series on Wednesdays, September 13th & 20th, 2006. To register, please contact the Family Resource Center on Disabilities 20 E. Jackson Blvd. Room 300 Chicago, IL 60604. Please call 312-939-3513 for more information.

7. Glick Family Camp -Sept. 15-17, 2006

This program is designed for children diagnosed with Autism/PDD, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Spina Bifida, Motor and Cognitive Delays and Medical Conditions and their families. Relax with your family and mingle with other families at Camp Red Leaf. Camp staff will lead children and adults in a variety of creative, stimulating and fun activities. JCFS clinical staff will facilitate sibling and parent groups. Every family is assigned a JCFS worker for the weekend. The cost is \$100 per person. Children under 3 are free. The fee includes 6 meals, snacks, lodging and program activities. Financial assistance may be available.

For an application or more information please contact Tamara Besser, LCSW at (847) 412-4357.

8. September 20 is National Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Awareness Day

<http://www.aboutourkids.org/aboutour/articles/adhd_backtoschool.html>Kids with ADHD Go Back to School. A great article with Tips for kids with ADHD as they start the new school year.

Read the full article at:

<http://www.aboutourkids.org/aboutour/articles/adhd_backtoschool.html>http://www.aboutourkids.org/aboutour/articles/adhd_backtoschool.html

9. September 21 & 22...Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessment

Presenter: Toni Linder

Focus of workshop: Skill Building/Challenge Early Intervention Approval Pending

Description: Play-based assessment is a functional, observational approach to assessment of infants and preschoolers. In this two day workshop, you will learn about the new guidelines developed for the implementation of Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessment, based on the latest research across cognitive, language, sensorimotor and emotional and social development. New parent information developed from that research will also be introduced. Upon completion, participants will be able to demonstrate knowledge of typical and atypical development across developmental domains through documentation of observation of play. Participants will also be able to demonstrate an understanding of how to facilitate children's play, and elicit optimal levels of performance during a Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessment. In addition, participants will understand how they can work as a team and document their observations in a transdisciplinary summary. Participants must attend both days in order to receive a Certificate of Attendance and/or CPDU credits.

Intended Audience: Birth through Early Childhood Educators, Related Service Personnel, Family Members and Administrators

Registration: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Workshop: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Note: Registration is limited to 100 participants

Location: Holiday Inn, 1250 Roosevelt Rd., Glen Ellyn

Workshop Registration and Information:

STAR NET REGION II/The Center

1855 Mt. Prospect Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018 - 1805

PHONE (847) 803-3565 FAX (847) 803-3556

Family Fellowship Stipends Available to attend workshops- Contact the Star Net Office by phone or visit their website at:

<http://www.thecenterweb.org/starnet/contact.html>

10. Transitioning to Adulthood Workshop -September 21 and Asperger Syndrome Workshop- Sept. 22

Peter Gerhardt: Increasing attention is being paid to needs of learners with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as they enter adolescence and grow into adulthood. Where job placement was once considered desirable, now the goal is career development. Instead of residential placement, now there is talk of residential choices in support of quality of life. This workshop will provide an overview of this movement toward transition planning for competent adulthood. Social skills and sexuality will also be addressed in young adults with ASD. Peter Gerhardt is the President of the Organization for Autism Research (OAR) and the founder of OAR's Scientific Council.

Luke Tsai, MD: This presentation is a "dialogue" between a noted child psychiatrist and the educators and parents who interact daily with adolescents affected by Asperger Syndrome (AS). Attendees will learn the distinct clinical features of AS, along with the similarities and differences between AS and Autism. They will find marked differences in education and intervention measures used for these two disorders. Dr. Tsai also discusses: Effective medical/non-medical treatments and interventions for AS, and how new research and co-existing disorders are influencing the success of treatment and education of AS. Luke Tsai is a professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, and is the Director of the Developmental Disorders Clinic at the University of Michigan. He is also the author of "Taking the Mystery Out of Medications for Autism/Asperger Syndromes."

Early Bird Rates until August 21:

Professionals 1 day: \$130, 2 days: \$195

Parents 1 day: \$95, 2 days: \$160

Rates after August 21:

Professionals 1 day: \$140, 2 days: \$205

Parents Early bird rates still apply

Groups of 4 or more receive 10% off!

For information and registration, see our Milwaukee page at:

<<http://www.spectrumtrainingsystemsinc.com/milwaukee.html>>www.spectrumtrainingsystemsinc.com/milwaukee.html.

11. PIFFA: Advocating for Your Child

September 25, 2006

Plum Grove Junior High School

2600 Plum Grove Road, Rolling Meadows

7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Learning Resource Center

PIFFA is a non-profit group whose mission is to educate families, schools, public servants, and community members in partnership with local professionals and educators. PIFFA's goal is to empower parents to facilitate positive school and community experiences. PIFFA will show you how to advocate effectively for your child, and teach typical students about children with special needs. This training is based on presentations by the Family Resource Center of Chicago.

SPARK (Special Education Parents Accessing Resources and Knowledge) is A Northwest Suburban Council of PTSA committee serving families of children with special needs in Community Consolidated School District 15. SPARK programs will usually be held the last Monday of each month at:

Plum Grove Junior High School

2600 Plum Grove Road, Rolling Meadows

7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Learning Resource Center

The programs can also be found on the District 15 website: <<http://www.ccsd15.net>>www.ccsd15.net. For information about SPARK, contact SPARK Co-Chair Dawn Wiebe (847) 221-2313.

12. A Forum with Legislative Candidates on Mental Health Issues - September 27

Talk with candidates for the State Legislature from the Evanston and Skokie areas about:

The Illinois mental health system and plans for change

Local service needs and concern

Your questions and positions on mental health issues

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 6:45 - 9 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Evanston Civic Center

2100 Ridge Avenue

Evanston, IL

For information contact 847.866.2919

13. September 28...Working with Children with Special Needs and Their Families: An Intercultural Perspective

Presenters: Tatyana Fertelmeyster and Joanne Kestnbaum

Focus of workshop: Introductory/Skill-Building Early Intervention Approval Pending

Description: Every culture has certain ways in which they parent and educate their young. In today's reality of multicultural communities, Early Childhood Professionals are repeatedly facing the challenge of working not only with a multiplicity of languages, but also with a variety of cultural values, beliefs and attitudes of parents. The effectiveness of Early Childhood Professionals increasingly depends on their ability to navigate through cultural differences. In this interactive workshop, you will develop an increased awareness of cultural differences crucial for parenting, education and addressing the issues of children with special needs, gain an understanding of the challenges and unique opportunities of cross-cultural communication and explore the skills necessary for becoming a culturally competent Early Childhood Professional.

Intended Audience: Birth through Primary Educators, Related Service Personnel, Family Members and Administrators

Registration: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Workshop: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Note: Registration is limited to 75 participants

Location: Aramark, 2300 Warrenville Rd., Downers Grove

Workshop Registration and Information:

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14. Classroom Management and Effective Teaching of Children and Adolescents with Emotional and Behavioral Problems

A conference for teachers, administrators, social workers, counselors, and psychologists focused on evidenced-based classroom strategies that really make a difference

Many children have emotional or behavioral problems that present special challenges for teachers and others in school. This workshop will provide you with strategies to enhance learning, build self-esteem and control disruptive and otherwise troublesome behavior of students with emotional and behavioral problems. We will discuss the causes of these problems (conduct disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, ADHD, depression and bipolar disorder, bullying, societal violence, parental mismanagement, among others) and, on this foundation, build practical strategies to maintain behavioral control and teach effectively.

When & Where:

Chicago (Rosemont), IL Monday, Sept 25, 2006 Holiday Inn 6600 N. Mannheim Rd

Joliet, IL Tuesday, Sept 26, 2006 Holiday Inn Express 3231 Norman Avenue

Urbana, IL Wednesday, Sept 27, 2006 Holiday Inn 1001 Killarney Street

Edwardsville, IL Thursday, Sept 28, 2006 Comfort Inn 3080 S. St. Road 157

Time: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM (lunch noon- 1:00) Registration: 7:30 - 8:00

Cost: \$139.00 includes morning coffee and rolls as well as all training materials.

SPECIAL NOTE: Payment of 2 registration fees entitles a 3rd person to attend free. HSC Workshops is an approved provider of continuing education by the Illinois Department of Education

Ronald Friedman & Penny Altman/course instructors

THE INSTRUCTORS:

Dr. Ronald Friedman is a child psychologist. He has worked in public schools for many years and has experience working with over 1500 troubled children, adolescents and their families. He has also been Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Iowa College of Medicine and Associate Professor in the Department of Applied Psychology at the University of Toronto and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and is a consultant to special education departments in numerous school districts. He is the author of over 50 articles published in education, psychology and medical journals. He is also co-author of the books, Attention Deficit Disorder and Hyperactivity and Management of Children and Adolescents with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Penny Altman, M.A. is an experienced teacher and training specialist who conducts workshops with more than 1000 educators and mental health professionals each year in the area of psychological problems in children. In addition to having taught university level classes and conducted workshops since 1979, she has provided consulting services to numerous schools and school districts. Her areas of expertise include behavior management, home/school communication, teaching children responsibility, and adult education. She is also co-author of the book, How to Design, Develop, and Market Health Care Seminars.

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15. Employment Information Day helps disabled -September 29

Job seekers with disabilities are invited to attend the next Employment Information Day set from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, Sept. 29 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave. Attendees will gain useful information on how to look for a job, obtain a job and keep a job; legal rights and responsibilities of disabled job seekers and employers; how to use Social Security to get a job; and key support services disabled employees may need in order to perform well on the job.

The program, sponsored by the Evanston Department of Health and Human Services, includes five sessions, a box lunch and a chance to meet one-on-one with various agencies and individuals who provide employment counseling services. Registration is limited and covers the cost of lunch: \$5 before September 15; \$7 for registrations after that date and walk-ins. Registration forms are available on <<http://www.cityofevanston.org/ada>>www.cityofevanston.org/ada.

A free Job Screening and Workshop will follow the informational session-from 1 to 4 p.m. for individuals ready to look for a job. This event is sponsored by Partners for Inclusive Employment (P.I.E.), the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce/disabilityworks and the Disability Consortium. Call for additional information, (847) 448-8054.

October Events

16. Oct. 10- The Ten Most Common Mistakes Parents Make: Becoming a More Effective Advocate for Your Child

Support Group, Special Kids, Special Families October meeting will feature:

Julie Schmidt, Director for Student Services, Kildeer Countryside School District 96 and Jay Miller, Co-Director of Special Education, Stevenson High School who will discuss The Ten Most Common Mistakes Parents Make: Becoming a More Effective Advocate for Your Child.

The meeting will be held October 10, 2006 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the JCYS Northwest Family Center, 1700 Weiland Road, Buffalo Grove. To register for the meeting, call Marilyn Green-Rebnord at 847-821-7740, Rachel Langtry at 847-9545, or Chris Eng at 847-913-1812.

17. Social Skills and Adolescent Issues on the Autism Spectrum" - Crystal Lake, IL - October 11-12, 2006

Location: Crystal Lake Holiday Inn

Chicago-Crystal Lake

Hwy 31 & Three Oaks Road

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

(815) 477-7000

Oct. 11- Social Skills & Frustration Management

Dr. Jed Baker: Specific, user-friendly strategies and techniques for providing relevant social skills instruction to children and teens with ASD will be shared at this workshop. Enjoyable socialization methods are emphasized so individuals may experience success and desire to build skills. Social deficits affect life at home, school and eventually in the workplace. Conference participants will learn both highly beneficial strategies that can be used across a variety of settings and routines; and practical and effective solutions to assist 'typical' peers, family members and professionals to become more understanding, accepting and engaging of those with social difficulties. Jed Baker is the author of "The Social Skills Picture Book," "Social Skills Training," and "Preparing for Life."

Oct. 12- Adolescent Issues on the Autism Spectrum

Chantal Sicile-Kira: Adolescence is a time of positive growth as well as challenges. This session will provide practical strategies for teaching teenagers of all ability levels the necessary life skills of self-care, self-regulation, self-advocacy, and self-esteem. What and how to explain about puberty, relationship boundaries and sexuality will be discussed, as will common adolescent concerns such as bullying and masturbation. Individualized transition plans will be covered. Areas to be emphasized include: focusing on the student's strengths, developing work/career skills, preparing for college, different types of employment structures, employer needs and the use of mentors. Chantal Sicile-Kira is the author of "Autism Spectrum Disorders: The Complete Guide to Understanding Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, and other ASD's," and "Adolescents on the Autism Spectrum : A Parent's Guide to the Cognitive, Social, Physical, and Transition Needs of Teenagers with Autism Spectrum Disorders."

Early Bird Rates: (Until September 8)

Professionals: \$130 for one day, \$195 for two days

Parents: \$95 for one day, \$160 for two days

Regular Rates: (September 9 - October 12)

Professionals: \$140 for one day, \$205 for two days

Parents: Early Bird rates still apply

Continuing Education: 12 CPDUs will be available through the Illinois State Board of Education for the conference (6 for each day).

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18. October 11...Statewide Training for Transitioning Children from Early Intervention to Early Childhood Special Education

Presenters: Lisa Fisher, Pat Kluzik Stauch and EI Training Staff

Focus of workshop: Introductory/Skill-Building Early Intervention Approval Pending

Description: This collaborative training has been developed to train staff and parents on the state and federal requirements of Early Intervention (EI) to Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) transition. This training will assist EI and school districts in meeting the obligations of IDEA through providing a smooth and effective transition for children and their families from EI to school district services. Topics such as evaluation and eligibility, transition meetings and responsibilities, interagency transition agreements, timelines, best practice recommendations, and new state forms are among the topics to be discussed. \Intended Audience: School District/Special Education cooperative administrators, Special Educators, Related Service Providers, Early Intervention Service Coordinators, Parent Liaisons and providers, Family members of children receiving services through CFC Early Intervention, Community and Head Start Providers.

Registration: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Workshop: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Note: Registration is limited to 50 participants

Location: Randall Oaks Golf Club, 37W361 Binnie Road, Dundee

Workshop Registration and Information:

STAR NET REGION II/The Center

1855 Mt. Prospect Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018 - 1805

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19. October 16 ... Promoting Children's Communication Skills at Home

Presenter: Renee M. Reilly

Focus of workshop: Introductory Early Intervention Approval Pending

Description: Developing language for effective communication is one of the major tasks of childhood. Our children cannot perform this task alone - they need good language models and supportive interactions. This workshop will present strategies for making the most of opportunities for communication during play, mealtimes, and other activities of daily life. Participants will gain an understanding of how language develops, how to model language that children can easily absorb, how to promote word and sentence production, and how to foster reading readiness in young children. Priority will be given to family members of children with IEPs or IFSPs. This workshop is in collaboration with the Hawthorne Early Childhood Center, Wheeling School District 21.

Intended Audience: Birth through Early Childhood Educators, Family Members and Related Service Personnel

Registration: 6:30PM - 7:00 PM

Workshop: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Note: Registration is limited to 100 participants

Location: Hawthorne Early Childhood Center, 200 Glendale Ave., Wheeling

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20. October 19... Looking Through the Eyes of Boys and Girls: Understanding their Behavior, Learning Styles and Classroom Needs

Presenter: Dan Hodgins

Focus of workshop: Skill-Building Early Intervention Approval Pending

Description: "What about those boys?" is the question that rings out from teachers and parents in both classrooms and homes. If you find yourself asking these questions, this workshop is for you! Throughout the day, we will learn how and why boys learn differently than girls, gain strategies to support the different learning styles of boys and girls, practice techniques that nurture bonding and attachment with boys, and develop skills to deal effectively with boys' aggressive behavior. You will leave with tips and strategies to create appropriate, supportive learning environments for boys and girls.

Intended Audience: Birth through Primary Educators, Related Service Personnel, Family Members and Administrators

Registration: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Workshop: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Note: Registration is limited to 100 participants

Location: The Cotillion, 360 South Creekside, Palatine

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21. The Impact of Childhood Disability: The Parents' Struggle Presented by Ken Moses, Ph.D.

NSSSED and its Association of Parents & Staff through the Parent Mentor Program presents The Impact of Childhood Disability: The Parents' Struggle Presented by Ken Moses, Ph.D.

Saturday, October 21, 2006 or Saturday, January 13, 2007

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Box lunch will be provided.

New Trier Northfield Campus

Building C, Board Room C234, Second Floor, North Entrance

7 Happ Road, Northfield, Illinois.

Dr. Moses is a psychologist who helps people deal with crisis, trauma and loss. He is a nationally renowned speaker, author and clinician who has devoted much of his work to parents of children and adults with disabilities. He works to help people sort out their lives after experiencing loss similar to those he has experienced himself. Currently, he maintains a private practice in Evanston and conducts workshops, group retreats and seminars and materials dealing with the issue of human growth in the shadow of loss. Please come and experience what is sure to be a profoundly moving and educational session with Dr. Moses.

Advance Registration is Required.

Registration fee for the program is \$30. Please register for either October 21 or January 13. The program is the same on both days. To register please complete the attached form and mail it to: NSSSED Professional Development, 760 Red Oak Lane, Highland Park, IL 60035. Make checks payable to NSSSED. For additional information, please contact Susan Hans, NSSSED/APS Parent Mentor (847) 831-5100 x 228.

Directions to New Trier Campus:

From North: I-94 (IL 41) to Tower Rd. exit; go south on Frontage Rd., which turns into Happ Rd. until you reach Northfield Campus (just south of Winnetka Ave.).

From West: I-294 (Tri-State Tollway); exit east on Willow Rd. to Happ Rd. South on Happ to Northfield Campus.

22. October 23 and 24...When Children Won't Eat: The SOS Approach to Feeding

Presenters: Kay Toomey and Erin Ross

Focus of workshop: Skill-Building Early Intervention Approval Pending

Description: Feeding is the most difficult of all human physical tasks; therefore it is critical for persons working with children who won't eat to be able to recognize all the possible problem areas and to use solid theory and transdisciplinary techniques to resolve feeding issues. This two-day workshop is designed to help professionals assess and treat children with feeding disorders and other feeding difficulties using the Sequential Oral Sensory Approach to Feeding. The SOS Approach to Feeding is a transdisciplinary program designed over 10 years ago by Dr. Kay Toomey and her Team to help professionals to understand the multi-factorial complexity of feeding problems, as well as how to identify areas needing intervention and how to treat the "whole" child. Participants must attend both days in order to receive a Certificate of Attendance and/or CPDU credits. This workshop is presented in collaboration with Schaumburg School District 54 and Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital - Pediatrics Therapies, Advocate Hope Children's Hospital - Pediatric Rehabilitation, and Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital - Pediatric Therapies.

Intended Audience: Birth through Early Childhood Educators, Related Service Personnel, and Family Members

Registration: 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM Please note the extended hours for this workshop!

Workshop: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Note: Registration is limited to 150 participants

Location: Lutheran General Hospital, Olson Auditorium, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge

Workshop Registration and Information:

STAR NET REGION II/The Center

1855 Mt. Prospect Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018 - 1805

PHONE (847) 803-3565 FAX (847) 803-3556

Family Fellowship Stipends Available to attend workshops- Contact the Star Net Office by phone or visit their website at: <http://www.thecenterweb.org/starnet/contact.html>

23. Family Support Network Training's Begin in October

This is just a quick note to let all of you know that we still have a few openings for our "Illinois STARS for the Future" trainings starting in October. You can read more about it on our website at

<http://www.familysupportnetwork.org/>. The brochure is on the upper right hand side. This powerful training was a huge success last year when we ran it in Springfield. This year we're bringing it to CHICAGO. Two trainings will still be happening in Springfield, so we can expose participants to the legislative process. If you have always wanted to "Stand Up and Be Counted" but were intimidated by the process, this is your opportunity.

There is no fee for the training and each participant is provided with a \$50 stipend for each session to help defray the expenses of travel, childcare, and/or respite. Please consider applying.

November Events:

24. Behavior 101 - Please join us in a free course introducing the essential components of Applied Behavior Analysis and Behavior Consultation

Learn how behavior analysts ...

Teach functional skills

Support the therapy team

Teach Potty Training

Improve behavior/compliance

Enhance the school experience

Help families have a successful outing together

Increase Social Skills

Improve quality of life

North Shore Pediatric Therapy presents this FREE course for parents and professionals

Saturday, November 4, 2006

9:00-12:00

North Shore Pediatric Therapy - Glenview location

1308 Waukegan Rd. #103

Glenview, IL 60025

RSVP and inquiries to <mailto:kristenP@NSPT4kids.com> or Kristen Petrillo at 847-486-4140

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OT-PT-Speech-ABA-Nutrition-Social Work-Social Groups-RDI-Art Therapy-Behavior Consultation
Chicago-Glenview-Highland Park
<<http://www.nspt4kids.com/>>www.NSPT4kids.com

25. Parents As Advocates Fall Retreat for Moms of Special Needs Kids

Parents As Advocates, a support group for parents of children with special needs in the Elburn, IL area. "PAA Fall Retreat for Moms of Special Needs Kids". It will be Saturday, November 11th - Sunday November 12th at the Great Lakes Retreat Center in Elburn, IL. Our theme is "Focus on Yourself". There will be complimentary massages, manicures, pedicures, facials, etc. The registration fee is \$75 and includes all pampering and 3 meals. We have a limit of 40 moms and are half-way there at this time. Five partial scholarships are available to moms who feel they need them...just let us know. We are also approved by the Arc of Illinois, which means parents can apply for a stipend to cover 50% of the registration fee, travel expenses, and childcare costs.

Carrie Capes

<<mailto:capesfamily@verizon.net>>capesfamily@verizon.net

26. November 14th March of Dimes celebrates Prematurity Awareness Day

Help us create awareness by signing a petition for a "Doodle" on Google's website...

The idea is simple. Each year half a million babies are born too soon. Each day millions of pages on Google are seen the world over. Join the petition to convince Google that the crisis of premature birth is worthy of the top spot on November 14th! Please help us spread the word, and sign the petition for the top spot on Google! Visit

<<http://www.marchofdimes.com/>>www.marchofdimes.com and click on "Are We Doodle Worthy?"

Thanks for your support!

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Help us reach the day when every baby is born healthy... visit

<<http://www.marchofdimes.com/>>www.marchofdimes.com to learn more.

Other Resources and Information:

27, Special Ed Law Blog

Special Education Attorney's Special Education Blog provides current and useful information about Special Education at
<<http://specialedlaw.blogs.com>><http://specialedlaw.blogs.com/>.

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28. New Book: From Disability to Possibility: The Power of Inclusive Classrooms

Patrick Schwarz, National Louis University

From Disability to Possibility will change the way you look at your students with disabilities. And when you make that shift, the way those students look to you will change. You will see the possibilities, and in that vision, you will see the power of the inclusive classroom. -Kylene Beers

From Disability to Possibility leads the way presenting the specific kinds of teaching, classroom practices, and support approaches that will make this new model of possibility a reality. Drawing on the stories of learners, both with and without disabilities, as well as families and teachers, Patrick Schwarz shows you not only why many current special education frameworks don't work, but also how they damage children, often for life. Then he demonstrates how possibility studies offers a meaningful, practical, and doable alternative to traditional special education practices both during the school years and after.

Ideal for general educators, special educators, administrators, educational leaders, related service professionals, paraeducators and self-advocates, From Disability to Possibility illustrates, through stories of struggle and success, how creative, conscientious teachers can work with everyone involved in a student's learning to make special education work. In addition Patrick Schwarz will show you that special education is a service, not a sentence, and that labels hurt. His

ideas and passion will inspire you to look at diverse learners, their instruction, and their support in the classroom, the curriculum, and the social world of school from a new perspective: the possibility of disability.

29. Routing Solutions Inc. - Courier and Transportation Services for all Disability Agencies
Alex Balogun - <mailto:abalogun10@hotmail.com>abalogun10@hotmail.com or call 847-44-5903

A.S.K. Answers for Special Kids Email Bulletin- September 7, 2006

The A.S.K email bulletin is provided by A.S.K. Answers for Special Kids, a nonprofit organization in Evanston, Illinois that provides resources and support to Families of children with special needs. You can learn more about A.S.K. at their website at <<http://www.answersforspecialkids.org/>>www.answersforspecialkids.org.

If you would like to subscribe to the A.S.K. email or mailing list, send your name and mailing information to <mailto:answersforspecialkids@comcast.net>answersforspecialkids@comcast.net. Submissions of information are also welcome. The A.S.K. mailing address is: 1111 Forest Ave. Evanston, IL. 60202. Messages can be left at 847-733-0739 or 847-733-1739.

Marian Casey, Director and Founder.

The A.S.K. Email Bulletin is also available in PDF format for download at the ASK website at:
<<http://www.answersforspecialkids.org>>www.answersforspecialkids.org.

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