

Collaborations

Update
May 2006

Upcoming Calendar Dates

MAY 2006

May 4 — **COSAC** is sponsoring a Free four part series of workshops for Spanish speaking families affected by Autism. The first workshop is being held Thursday, 5/4 from 7pm to 9pm at St. Agustin Church, Union City. Call Germaine Ibrahim at 609-883-8100 x41 to register and for directions to the site.

May 6 — **Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey (LLANJ)** announces an organizing **conference** for Saturday, 5/6 "**Taking Control of Our Children's Education**" to be held at Rutgers University, Labor Education Center, 50 Labor Way, New Brunswick from 8:30am to 4pm. Call 732-249-0400 to register.

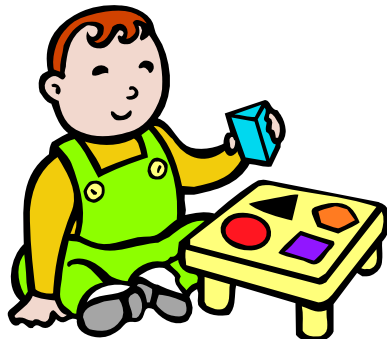
May 9 — **Pediatric Dentistry for Children with Special Needs** will be the topic of presentation by Dr. Sari Zimmer on Tuesday 5/9 from 7pm to 8:30pm at The Children's Therapy Center, 29-01 Berkshire Road, Fair Lawn. RSVP 201-797-7440.

May 10 — **Denials of Health Care Claims: Legal Issues and Appeal Tips** Dr. Barry Liss will discuss what you can do when your health insurance says NO: on Wednesday 5/10 at 8pm at the YMHA, 199 Scoles Ave, Clifton. RSVP to 973-777-7638 to reserve a spot.

May 13 — ASPEN President Lori Shery will appear on an upcoming edition of the Internet radio program "**Life In The Asperger Lane**" with host Dan Coulter. The 30 minute program will air on Saturday, 5/13 at 12:00 noon:

<http://www.autismone.org/radio> The program is aired on the second Saturday of each month and archived on the website so listeners can access them whenever they choose.

May 13 — **The Benefit Boutique for Autism** will be hosted by the Mahwah Chapter of the National Honor Society from 11am to 3pm at Mahwah High School located at 50 Ridge Road in Mahwah, NJ. The organization uses 100% of all donations towards research. Contact Patricia Mennella for directions and more information at 201-882-2301.



Upcoming NREIC Events:

"Life-Line for the Journey"

Have you been wondering what the future holds for you and your family member with a disability? Join other families as you begin the journey. This exciting learning opportunity will help get you on the road to learning what you need to know throughout life to help your child and your family. Date: Monday, May 22, 2006

Time: 10:00am—12:00pm;

Location: NE Regional Early Intervention Collaborative, 65 Willowbrook Blvd., 2nd Floor, Wayne, NJ 07470.

For more information and to Register call, fax, or e-mail: Penny Dragonetti, Director of Education and Training, Family Support Center of NJ.

Phone: (732) 528-8080;

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Helpful Hands NREIC

Transition to

Preschool

Workshop

Friday, June 2, 2006

10-12:30pm

To register call Lily at

(973) 256-8484

Upcoming Calendar continued...

May 13 — INCLUSION: BENEFITING ALL CHILDREN: Parents, grandparents, caregivers and educators are invited to the *Statewide Parent Advocacy Network's* START Project mini-conference on inclusion in the Northern Region on Saturday, 5/13 from 9:15am to 12:30pm. Location is Passaic County Technical Institute, 45 Reinhardt Road, Wayne. Keynote speakers: Roberta Wohle, Acting Director, NJ Department of Education, Office of Special Programs and Debra Jennings, Executive Co-Director of SPAN. Principals, Administrators and Teachers share their strategies of successful inclusion of students with disabilities in their schools and districts. Parents talk about the benefit of inclusion and students reveal how being educated with their peers has affected their learning and their lives. This conference is free of charge and will be provided in both Spanish and English, but registration is required. Register at: www.spanj.org/START/registration.htm



May 13 — Making Inclusion Work in Early Childhood Education: Early Learning Institute is providing an opportunity for **educators** to learn more about special needs classifications and the application of inclusion in early childhood classes in four upcoming workshops at Montclair Community Pre-K, 49 Orange Road in Montclair. The cost is \$75 per person and participants will receive 3 continuing education credits. Call 973-509-4500 for further information.

May 15 — ASK the ADVOCATE DAY at the ARC of Bergen and Passaic Counties will take place on Monday 5/15 from 12 to 8 pm. If you have questions about your child's IEP or your rights in the special education system, it is your chance to get answers. Come meet Stephanie Kramer, Educational Advocacy Coordinator of the ARC of New Jersey, and Natasha Schneider, Educational Advocate with the Family Partners Program of the ARC of Bergen and Passaic Counties in Hackensack. They offer you a FREE consultation where they would go over your IEP with you and discuss changes you might want to make. Individual appointments will be scheduled at 30 minute intervals by Joyce Stueben who can be reached at (201)343-0322 ext. 270. Call now to reserve a spot. They are located at 223 Moore Street, Hackensack.

May 17 — Special Parents of Teaneck (SPOT) will be hosting a presentation by Renee Zamloot entitled **“Advanced Advocacy Strategies”** on 5/17 at Teaneck High School, 100 Elizabeth Street, Teaneck. Learn how to negotiate through the IEP process without arguing, understand the art of applying the law to secure needed services, how to redirect counterproductive dialogue, how to organize your documents and how to write letters that get results. Email SPOT: specialparents@verizon.net

May 23 — Support and Resources for SIBLINGS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Christina Dellibovi, CCLS will be speaking at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave, Scotch Plains on Tuesday, 5/23 from 7pm to 9pm. Ms. Dellibovi is a certified child life specialist who initiated a collaborative effort with the psychology department of Children's Specialized Hospital to develop a program to specifically meet the needs of siblings of children with special needs. RSVP 908-322-5007 x202

JUNE 2006

June 9 — Princeton Lecture Series on Autism by Eden Institute Foundation will be held at Princeton University's Friend Center Auditorium on 6/9 from 9am to 4:30pm. Guest lecturers include Eric Hollander, Brenda Smith Myles and Diane Williams. For more information email: jeni.truch@edenservices.org or the website at www.edenservices.org

SAVE THE DATE:

On Sunday, September 17th the JCC on the Palisades will hold its Special Games, a field day for individuals with disabilities and their families from 12:30-2:30pm.
201-569-7900 x232 for more information

Dr. Steve Gutstein will present his 2-day **“Going to the Heart of Autism”** workshop at the National Conference Center in East Windsor as an introduction to the RDI Program for professional and parents July 7-8, 2006. For workshop information: www.rdiconnect.com/workshops/NJ