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## New Jersey Early Intervention Week Contest May 18-24, 2008

Governor Corzine, along with the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey have designated the week to commemorate Early Intervention and to recognize that all children have special and unique gifts that deserve the care and attention of their families and communities. The State recognizes how NJEIS plays an essential role in supporting families to ensure that all infants and toddlers have the opportunity to develop, grow, and ultimately, lead productive lives in the community.

In that spirit, families and caregivers are asked to compose an essay outlining "What Early Intervention Has Meant to My Family" The essay guidelines are detailed at <http://www.nreic.org/newsletters/march2008/index.html>

We have many exciting events scheduled — so be sure to check our website!  
[www.nreic.org](http://www.nreic.org)



The next meeting of the Family Connections Support Group will meet April 10, 2008 at the JCC on the Palisades in Tenafly from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. It is FREE and open to all families with young children with developmental disabilities. RSVP to Joy@nreic.org or call 973-256-8484.

Dennis McNerney, Bergen County Executive, Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, The Department of Human Services Advisory Council and the Office for Children will be running the 7th Annual Multicultural Family Fun Festival  
Sunday, April 13, 2008 from 1:00pm — 4:00pm  
Richard Rodda Community Center, Teaneck, New Jersey  
FREE fun for families and children to age 7  
For more information, please call 201-336-7459

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**NEW YORK RED BULLS AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**  
Sunday, April 27 at 3:00pm vs. San Jose Earthquakes  
Giants Stadium

In conjunction with Athletes Against Autism and the Autism Speaks foundation, the New York Red Bulls are hosting the 1st annual Autism Awareness Day on Sunday, April 27 at 3:00pm against the San Jose Earthquakes. Everyone is guaranteed great lower level seats and tickets cost \$25 or \$35 and a portion of every ticket will be donated to the Athletes Against Autism foundation. We invite you to come out with your friends, family, school, or organization! Groups of 75 or more will receive an additional discount and can purchase tickets for only \$21 per person. Please pass this along to anyone you think would be interested! In addition, there will be a silent auction on the concourse with the opportunity to hang out in the Red Bulls' locker room and receive autographs from the players.

The top 5 donors will have the opportunity to watch the game from a suite at Giants Stadium and hang out in the Bulls' Corner Pub after the game.

**FOR QUESTIONS OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT MALLORY SULLIVAN AT**

**201.583.7019 OR [MALLORY.SULLIVAN@NEWYORKREDBULLS.COM](mailto:MALLORY.SULLIVAN@NEWYORKREDBULLS.COM).**



**APRIL IS**

# **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

Be sure to visit your local libraries during April and also check out COSAC'S website for exciting events planned in New Jersey!

<http://www.njcosac.org/cosac2/aamonth2008>

NJCIE's (New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education) Annual Summer Inclusion Conference entitled "Connecting to the Core Curriculum, Peers, Activities, and Life!" will be held at Montclair State University on July 9 & 10, 2008

Visit their website to download the Conference brochure and registration form at <http://njcie.net> or call 732-613-0400

They also have an upcoming Parent Support Group on April 17th at the East Brunswick Public Library where you can bring your child's IEP!

The Autism Speaks 100 Day Kit is created for newly diagnosed families. The kit contains information and advice from experts on autism as well as from parents of children with autism.



The kit is available on line in pdf format to view and download [http://www.autismspeaks.org/docs/family\\_services\\_docs/100\\_day\\_kit.pdf](http://www.autismspeaks.org/docs/family_services_docs/100_day_kit.pdf)

**In Honor of Early Intervention Week  
Helpful Hands, NREIC  
Invites Early Intervention Families to  
A SPECIAL STORY TIME**



**~MAY 19TH, 2008~**

**10:30 AM TO 11:15 AM**

**Wayne Public Library  
Children's Section  
461 Valley Road  
Wayne, NJ 07470**

A special interactive story will be presented for children ages 2-3 years old. After the 20 minute presentation, there will be an opportunity to network with other families with children with special needs and NREIC staff. Each family will also receive a "Goody Bag" from the NREIC.



To Register, please call Lisa @ 973-256-8484 or send e-mail to [Lisa@nreic.org](mailto:Lisa@nreic.org). Space is limited to 15 children and their caregivers, who must stay for the presentation. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative  
Invites Families to Attend an EI Week Presentation:*

## **Managing Your Child's Challenging Behaviors with a Positive Approach**



**Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**At Helpful Hands-NREIC  
65 Willowbrook Blvd. 2d Floor  
Wayne, New Jersey 07470**

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**presented by Nancy Atorino, MA, TOH**

A certified teacher of the handicapped, Masters Degree in Special Education, and working toward becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst through Caldwell College.

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*This workshop includes an overview of various behavior problems, understanding why problem behaviors occur, ways to effectively manage problem behaviors, tips for success, and a question and answer portion where families can ask questions about their own particular situations.*

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***Registration is required.  
Please contact Lily @ (973) 256-8484 to register.  
Unfortunately, childcare cannot be provided.***



**POAC**  
**The Education Leader for the Autism Community**  
**www.POAC.net**

## **Important Information for Parents of Children with Significantly Challenging Behaviors and/or Medical Needs**

Does your child or a child you know have challenging behaviors or medical needs? If the answer is yes, and that child or young adult is in an out-of-state residential placement, or is at risk of such placement, please read on.

In an effort to encourage the development of in-state program capacity, the [Division of Developmental Disabilities](#) (DDD) has announced a request for qualification (RFQ) for a program called [Children's Placement Enhancement Pilot](#) (C-PEP). This pilot program is intended to bring children and/or young adults ages 6 through 21, who have been placed in out-of-state placements due to significantly challenging behaviors and/or medical needs, back into the state. The program further aims to serve children and young adults who are at risk of placement.

C-PEP is designed to reduce the family fragmentation that occurs when children are placed so far from home. It is intended to develop community-based options for up to 4 individuals per site. The creation of safe and supportive programs, which are close to home, is at the core of this pilot.

As you know, New Jersey has the highest rate of autism in the country with 1 in 94 and 1 in 60 boys. This number has risen from 1 in 10,000 in just ten years. With more and more children reaching adolescence and experiencing severely challenging behaviors, the need for quality, in-state programming is growing more each day. The Children's Placement Enhancement Pilot offers an opportunity for the development of quality programming to meet the behavioral, educational, and residential needs of our children and young adults without putting miles in between these individuals and their families. POAC is taking an advocacy role and is seeking parents and guardians who would like to become involved as stake holders in this potentially life altering project. If you or someone you know is interested in considering such a program for your child or young adult, please contact [POAC](#) at 732-888-1000. To read more about this RFQ and the details of the

[Read Full RFQ](#)

### **For more information contact:**

POAC

[info@poac.net](mailto:info@poac.net)

732-888-1000

# Free Family Fun!

## Kohl's KidsAbilities Carnival

Children's Specialized Hospital and Kohl's are co-hosting this exciting family fun day. Learn how Children's Specialized helps families and kids with special needs and enjoy a **FREE** carnival with games, food, prizes and fun!

### Join us at One of Our Four FREE Events!

**Toms River: Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

94 Stevens Road, Toms River, NJ

732-914-1100, ext. 3801 and 3754

**Mountainside: Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ

908-301-5434

**Hamilton: Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

3575 Quakerbridge Road, Hamilton, NJ

609-631-2802

**New Brunswick: Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Walk N' Roll Fundraiser & Kohl's Kids Abilities Carnival

Johnson Park, Piscataway, NJ

732-258-7129



**Registration is encouraged.**

To register, or for more information,

**Call the phone number(s)**

**listed next to each event.**