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The Aubrey Rose Foundation Offers Help with Unreimbursed Medical Expenses for Children

Their mission is to help families caring for children with life threatening illnesses with their focus being on the family unit. They strive to lift families from life's complexities during this difficult time by providing emotional and financial support. To visit their website go to <http://www.aubreyrose.org>. To go directly to information about their grants, go to <http://www.aubreyrose.org/grants.htm> or write to:

Aubrey Rose
Hollenkamp Children's Trust
c/o 4480 Oakville Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45211

NJ Family Care Application information for Families

See if your family can qualify for this low cost or no cost health insurance program. NJ Family-Care is not a welfare program, but rather the State of New Jersey's way of providing affordable health coverage for kids and certain low-income parents. The one page application will assist families in getting registered more easily. The website will allow you to download the one page application for NJ Family Care in English and Spanish and get support in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish Gujarati, Vietnamese, Hindi, and Tagalog.

<http://www.njfamilycare.org>

Emergency Treatment Plans for Kids with Special or Chronic Health Issues:

Be Better Prepared for Medical
Emergencies

<http://knol.google.com/k/eric-jaeger/emergency-treatment-plans-for-kids-with/1z72kzsex5rnp/2#>

Technology Training for People With Hearing Loss
Hearing Impaired Children in Parsippany (HICUP) will host a presentation on assistive technology for the Deaf/hard of hearing at the Parsippany Board of Education, 292 Parsippany Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054 on Thursday, February 26th at 7:00 pm. Jason Weiland will present on behalf of the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH). Please join HICUP for an informative evening. Contact Mrs. Jennifer C. Shollenberger at: jshollenberger@pthsd.k12.nj.us with any questions.

April is National Autism Awareness Month!

Last year, more than 600 ambassadors joined Autism New Jersey to promote autism awareness during April, National Autism Awareness Month. Join us. Register today to be an ambassador or a junior ambassador and receive your free, newly designed kit of information with ideas and outreach activities.

<http://www.njcosac.org/cosac2/ambassador#Sign%20Up>

The Spring Issue of *Autism Spectrum News*, "Helping Parents and Family Members Cope with ASDs" will soon be on its way to those on their mailing list. They have just posted the entire issue on their website. For an advanced look go to

<http://www.mhnews-autism.org>



Do you have a child with emotional/behavioral challenges?

NAMI Basics is a free class for parents or primary caregivers of children or adolescents (ages 2-18) with challenging behaviors. This can include mental health issues, ADHD, autism, Tourette's etc. Come learn about helping your child, coping, working with schools and health providers, and more. Classes are taught by trained volunteer parents who've been there and would like to share their knowledge and support other families.

When: Fridays, February 13-March 20, 2009 from 7-9:30 p.m.

Where: NAMI Mercer office— 3371 Brunswick, Lawrenceville, NJ
(conveniently located next to the Mercer Mall)

To register or for more information, call (609) 799-8994.

The program is FREE but registration is required.



NEW!!! Hamilton Parents Special Education group presents...

NOTE: Open to ALL parents/professionals regardless of school district (also out of district)

**Essential Components of the Individualized Education Program
Training by the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network**

*******Guest Speaker-Carolyn Hayer*******

What should be in my child's IEP?

Bring your child's IEP and find out what are the essential pieces needed so your child gets the services he needs. This is a NEW workshop which covers what should be included in IEPs for all children. When & Where: Monday Mar. 23, 2009 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Crockett Middle School - Cafeteria 2631 Kuser Road, Hamilton, NJ

Event is free Light refreshments will be served. Extra time after will be allowed for questions.

Contact email: HTPAC@aol.com or call Beverly 341-8690 or Lauren 584-5779.

The Kennedy Krieger Institute Announces Research Studies

The following studies cover various ages, so there is something here for almost all children.

The first is a multi-center, double-blind placebo study testing the usefulness of an FDA approved drug. Rivastigmine, on memory and language function in children with Down syndrome ages 10-17 years. It is led by Dr. George Capone of the Kennedy Krieger Institute. NOTE: If your child is between 8-10 years, and you wish to be included in the study at a later date, please call to be placed on our waiting list.

Nick Hernandez, Research Coordinator, 443-923-7716

The second is a multi-center pilot study, led by Dr. Roger Reeves of Johns Hopkins University and Dr. Capone for children with Down syndrome ages 8-17 years, to determine the usefulness of computer-based testing to measure visual memory and movement. Some standardized (pencil & paper) testing will also be performed, and your child's test results will be made available to you. NOTE: If your child is between 6-8 years, and you wish to be included in the study at a later date, please call to be placed on our waiting list.

Nick Hernandez, Research Coordinator, 443-923-7716

A third multi-center study, led by Dr. Rebecca Landa of the Kennedy Krieger Institute, looking at the development of memory and learning skills in children with Down syndrome between 36-54 months. NOTE: if your child is between 24-36 months and you wish to be included in the study at a later date, please call to be placed on our waiting list.

Dana Herman, Research Coordinator, 877-850-3372

**George Capone, MD
Director, Down Syndrome Clinic
Kennedy Krieger Institute
Baltimore, Maryland**

Inclusion/LRE Workshop

The Association for Special Children and Families (ASCF) is presenting a workshop on the value of inclusion of children with disabilities for all children, their families and communities.

Tuesday, February 17 from 7—9pm

1810 Macopin Road, West Milford, NJ 07480 RSVP to: 973-728-8744

FOCUS ON LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT (LRE)

This session presents an IEP decision-making process to effectively match the provision of supports, accommodations and modifications with students needs within the least restrictive environment. Strategies and resources that enable families and educators to work collaboratively throughout the IEP decision-making process are incorporated in the presentation.

***** Learning Resource Center North**

7 Glenwood Avenue, East Orange March 9, 2009 9:30-12:00 p.m.

***** Learning Resource Center North Satellite**

322 American Road, Morris Plains March 24, 2009 5:30-8:00 p.m.

For more information: 973-642-8100 ext. 123 or e-mail start@spannj.org



Helpful Hands, Inc. the Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative

Cordially invites families with young children
receiving Early Intervention services
& their siblings to a fun event:

Free Admission!



with Music Educator Lauren Hooker

Tuesday, May 19th, 2009
11am to 12 noon
Wyckoff Family YMCA
691 Wyckoff Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481

To Register

Please call Desirée Bonner at 973-256-8484 x204 or email at desiree@nreic.org with the number attending and your phone #.

*Parents/Caregivers must stay with their children attending the event
The NREIC assumes no responsibility for childcare or personal possessions

Special Thanks to the Wyckoff Family YMCA



Helpful Hands Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative

For Families: Transition from Early Intervention to Preschool Workshops



Workshop Highlights

- ⇒ Comparisons of Early Intervention & Preschool Services
- ⇒ Understanding the transition process from Early Intervention to Preschool
- ⇒ Components of IDEA
- ⇒ Transition Materials
- ⇒ Parental Rights
- ⇒ Family Resources

Dates & Locations

Families are welcome to attend any presentation

March 18, 2009 10am-12 noon

*Bergen County Special Child Health
327 E. Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus, NJ*

April 2, 2009 7pm - 9pm

*Helpful Hands- NREIC
65 Willowbrook Boulevard, 2nd Floor
Wayne, NJ*

May 1, 2009 10am - 12 noon

*Helpful Hands NREIC
65 Willowbrook Boulevard, 2nd Floor,
Wayne, NJ*

***RSVP TO Desirée for all workshops (973)256-8484 x204 or email to Desiree@nreic.org with the number of people attending and your telephone number

******Childcare is NOT available for these workshops*

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