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COSAC Changes Name to AUTISM NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC) has officially changed its name to **AUTISM NEW JERSEY**. The new name was chosen to better reflect and reference their focus, making the organization more understandable and distinguishable to the public and families who need their assistance. The website is: www.autismnj.org

The Interactive Autism Network, IAN, was established in January 2006 at Kennedy Krieger Institute and is funded by a grant from Autism Speaks. IAN's goal is to facilitate research that will lead to advancements in understanding and treating autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). To accomplish this goal, they created the IAN Community and IAN Research. The IAN Community is an online environment designed to act as an inviting library and meeting place where everyone concerned with autism spectrum disorders can learn more about autism research. Everyone can participate and benefit from the IAN Community. Their goal is to help you: Understand the research process, keep up with the latest research findings, news, and events, understand the value of participating in autism research, influence the direction of research. They hope that the IAN Community will bring individuals with ASDs, their families, and friends, together with researchers, therapists, educators, and other professionals in the autism field. The goal is to better understand this complex disorder through research and collaboration, and to develop effective strategies that will improve the lives of people on the spectrum. www.iancommunity.org

“Looking Up”, a new 40-page monthly International Autism newsletter, is available now. Each month, they publish the most recent research findings, news and views from the world of autism. For more information, go to: www.lookingupautism.org

Parents as Partners

Partnerships take work and trust. This workshop, sponsored by SPAN (Statewide Parent Advocacy Network) focuses on collaborative learning, communication, and advocacy. Specifically designed for parents and educators or health professionals to learn these skills together. Presenter: Carolyn Hayer

***** January 22, 2009 7:00-9:00PM Teaneck High School, 100 Elizabeth Avenue, Teaneck, NJ. For questions and to register call 201-599-0585 or email mauker@optonline.net

Pfizer Pharmaceuticals has free or low cost prescription assistance for the un- or underinsured of all ages. This includes undocumented immigrants and the Medicare Rx "donut hole". There are several different programs, 95% of which are free, and eligibility ranges from 200% FPL on up to no income limit depending on the program.

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance is a service sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. It offers a single point of access to more than 475 patient assistance programs. That includes more than 180 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies such as Pfizer Helpful Answers. The Partnership for Prescription Assistance can connect patients with Pfizer Helpful Answers programs. More than 90 Pfizer medicines are available through Pfizer Helpful Answers programs.

To find a patient assistance program using the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, call 1-888-477-2669, or visit www.PPARx.org.



Social Security Announces Nationwide Launch of Compassionate Allowances: Process Will Fast-Track Applications For People with Cancers and Rare Diseases

Social Security has an obligation to provide benefits quickly to applicants whose medical conditions are so serious that their conditions obviously meet disability standards. Compassionate allowances are a way of quickly identifying diseases and other medical conditions that invariably qualify under the Listing of Impairments based on minimal objective medical information. Compassionate allowances will allow Social Security to quickly target the most obviously disabled individuals for allowances based on objective medical information that they can obtain quickly.

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances>

**Emergency Treatment Plans for Kids with Special or Chronic Health Issues:
Be Better Prepared for Medical Emergencies — Go to:**

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

New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse

If you are seeking ANY TYPE of community SUPPORT GROUP, call 1-800-367-6274 or 1-800-FOR-M.A.S.H. (Mutual Aid Self-Help). Call them Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5pm to speak with a volunteer or staff member who will provide you with information and contacts on any of over 6,500 NJ support groups, over 1,200 national and online groups, and over 100 people who are seeking others to start new local groups. If you call after hours, leave a message and they will return your call the next business day.

New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse

375 East McFarlan St., Dover, NJ 07801-800-367-6274 (in NJ), or 973-989-1122 (outside NJ)

Fax: 973-989-1159

Email: abroderick@saintclares.org



FREE DAY OF DENTAL CARE!



New Jersey Dental Association Presents Give Kids A Smile! This one day of free dental care for children 12 years old and under is Friday, February 6, 2009.

BERGEN COUNTY

***Bergen Community College- Dental Hygiene Program**

400 Paramus Rd., S-337
Paramus, NJ 07652
201-447-7937

***Dental Comfort Associates**

1210 Daibes Ct.
Edgewater, NJ 07020
917-407-1583

***North Hudson Community Action Corporation Health Center at Garfield**

535 Midland Ave.
Garfield, NJ 07026
201-697-0293

HUDSON COUNTY

***Jersey Dental Arts**

846 Bergen Ave.
Jersey City, NJ 07306
201-946-1000

***Jersey City Medical Center**

115 Christopher Columbus Dr.
Jersey City, NJ 07304
201-222-8200

***North Hudson Community Action Corporation Health Center at Union City**

714-31st St.
Union City, NJ 07087
201-697-0293

***North Hudson Community Action Corporation**

Health Center at Jersey City
324 Palisade Ave.
Jersey City, NJ 07036

PASSAIC COUNTY

***Dr. Richard Blumenfeld**

279 Browertown Rd.
W. Paterson, NJ 07424
973-256-3366

***North Hudson Community Action Corporation At Passaic**

110 Main St.
Passaic, NJ 07503
201-697-0293

***Paterson Public School Dental Clinic**

176 Broadway
Paterson, NJ 07505
973-321-1277

***Resnick Dental Group**

1050 Clifton Ave.
Clifton, NJ 07013
973-777-1772

***Riverside Dental Specialties**

905 Allwood Rd., Ste. 107
Clifton, NJ 07012
973-777-5353

***St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center**

Family Health Clinic-21 Market St.
Paterson, NJ 07501
973-754-4250

****** Please call one of the locations to learn
about which dental
services they are offering and to make an ap-
pointment.*

Helpful Hands Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative



Informational Presentation

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 Services,
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 to 12 noon
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65 Willowbrook Boulevard, 2nd
Floor, Wayne, NJ

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