

# Collaborations

Update  
July 2006

## Upcoming Calendar Dates

**July 29** — **COSAC** will present the next workshop in their Spanish Autism Series entitled **Advocating for Your Child: What You Need to Know (Como Abogar por Sus Hijos: Lo Que Usted Necesita Saber)**. It will take place Saturday, July 29th in Paterson, NJ from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center. As with all workshops in the series, attendance is free but registration is requested to hold a place. RSVP: (609) 883-8100 Ext 41 [germaine.ibrahim@njcosac.org](mailto:germaine.ibrahim@njcosac.org) or [www.njcosac.org](http://www.njcosac.org)

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**August 4-5** — The 2nd Annual New Jersey Association for Behavior Analysis Conference will be presented at Rutgers Busch Campus Center. To register and for more information go to: <http://www.njaba.org>

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**September 17** — **The National Down Syndrome Society 2006 New York City Buddy Walk** is scheduled for Sunday, September 17 at the Great Hill in Central Park, which is located at 106th St. and Central Park West. Participate as an individual, family, join an existing team or form your own. Register at: [www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org)

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**October 7** — **The National Down Syndrome Society 2006 Bergen Buddy Walk** is scheduled for October 7, 2006. For more information go to [www.bergenbuddywalk.com](http://www.bergenbuddywalk.com)

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We would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all of our sponsors and donors for helping to make the 10th Annual Golf Outing such a tremendous success!

We would also like to send a special **SHOUT OUT** to Peg Briant, Neringa Fonarev, Michele Christopoulos and Theracare for playing and participating!



Plans have already begun for **Casino Night on October 14th at the Wayne Manor...watch this space for more details!!!**

“The Family seems to be the most effective and economical system for fostering and sustaining the child’s development. Without family involvement, intervention is likely to be unsuccessful, and what few effects are achieved are likely to disappear once the intervention is discontinued.”

— Urie Bronfenbrenner

### Spanish Language

#### Children’s Health Resource:

[http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp\\_spanish.html](http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_spanish.html)

## Upcoming Calendar continued...

The South Asian Health Project (SAH Project) has launched a new online initiative. The project provides opportunities to develop and implement new and innovative strategies, thinking "out-of-the box" from traditional approaches to public health and minority health dialogue. Through its work, SAH Project hopes to shift dialogue away from disease and treatment to greater emphasis on healthy lifestyles and prevention as well as to shift focus away from community needs and deficits to community resources and assets:

<http://www.southasianhealth.org/yourhealth/yourhealth.aspx>

Bergen Pediatric Dentistry in Fair Lawn is proud to announce that Purnima Hernandez, DDS, MA has joined the practice. Specializing in dentistry for Special Needs Children, Sensory and Behavioral approaches are utilized as needed.  
Phone: 201-796-4111

The Statewide Parent Advocacy Network of NJ (SPAN) is implementing a Parent Leadership Development Institute for families of young children participating in the early intervention system for infants and toddlers with or at risk of developmental delays. SPAN will target three groups of 10 racially, culturally, and socio-economically diverse parents (North, Central, and South) to participate in leadership training and support designed to prepare them to be effective leaders in early childhood. This pilot program will work with potential parent leaders to support their ability to impact New Jersey's early childhood systems to make them more family centered, inclusive, and culturally sensitive.

Another important goal of the project is to assist state agencies (including the NJ Departments of Health and Senior Services; Human Services; Education; and the new Department of Children and Families) as well as professional groups in developing strategies for increasing parent representation and leadership throughout New Jersey's early childhood system. Please contact Malia Corde, Coordinator of SPAN's Parent to Parent program at -- 800-654-7726 or visit [www.spannj.org](http://www.spannj.org)

The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program has a newly published Pediatric Hearing Health Care Directory. The information obtained in this resource manual is to assist parents and professionals in locating a variety of pediatric audiologic and hearing aid dispensing facilities throughout the State. The NJ EHDI Program is dedicated to ensuring early detection of childhood hearing loss and aims to improve access to newborn hearing health care services for all children in New Jersey. The directory is posted as a PDF file on the EDHI web site at [www.nj.gov/health/fhs/ehdi](http://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/ehdi)



The Social Skills Training Project will be offering Summer Sibling Support Groups in their Maplewood office for siblings of children with autism spectrum disorders. The purpose of the group is to give brothers and sisters of children with autism spectrum disorders a chance to meet and talk with other kids who know what it's like to have a sibling with special needs. They will have an opportunity to talk about the good and not-so-good parts of having a sibling with autism. Most importantly, they will have the opportunity to make new friends and have fun! The sibling groups will run for 6 weeks, beginning the week of 7/17 through the week of 8/21. Groups will be available for siblings entering grades two and up. The exact days and times will be determined based on the ages and number of participating siblings. Call Dr. Erica Minde at 973-220-0075 for more information and if you have any questions.