

Collaborations

Update
June 2006

Upcoming Calendar Dates

JUNE 2006

June 5 — The Family Support Organization of Bergen County (FSOBC) As part of the monthly lecture series, Richard Desir, Public Affairs Specialist, the Social Security Administration, will present information on SSI (Supplemental Security Income) Program under Title XVI for the Disabled. Information provided will include: How to file for SSI, the requirements: the Income and Resource limits, the Parent to Child Deeming of Income and Resources when Deeming no longer applies, the SSD (Social Security Disability) Program for the Disabled or DAC Benefits under Title II (from a parent receiving either Social Security or Disability Benefits and how a young person can qualify for their own Social Security Disability based on their age. They have adult supervision available for youth while parents/caregivers participate in meeting. Call to register, (201) 796-6209, ext. 102 or email, lbsobc@covad.net. They also provide an evening support group for family members of children with emotional and behavioral challenges each Monday and Wednesday from 7pm to 8:30pm at 0-108 29th Street, Fair Lawn.

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: joni.truch@edenservices.org or go to the website: www.edenservices.org

June 12 — The New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education presents its annual meeting for members and friends on Monday, June 12th from 7:30pm to 9:30pm at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, NJ. Roberta Wohle, Director of Office of Special Education Programs, NJ Department of Education will present an update on Inclusive Education in NJ followed by a Q & A session. RSVP: 732-613-0400 or njcie@comcast.net.

June 16 — "Positive Behavior Supports: State of the Art and Evidence Base" Conference presented by The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center/ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School UMDNJ and co-sponsored by NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, and COSAC, 6/16 from 8am to 4:15pm at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, New Jersey. Presenters include Glen Dunlap, Jed Baker and Linda Bambara. Contact Gail DiPane at 732-235-9326 to register and for more information.

June 28 & 29 — The Keys to Inclusion: Unlocking the Doors for Children with Mild to Significant Disabilities — Summer Inclusion Conference being presented at Montgomery High School. Skillman, New Jersey on June 28 and 29. Full brochure and registration form available at www.njcie.org or New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education at 732-613-0400 or njcie@comcast.org. Parent scholarships are still available.



Upcoming NREIC Event:

Helpful Hands, the Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative



presents our

10th Annual Golf Outing

at

Wild Turkey Golf Club

Hamburg, New York

Monday, June 26, 2006

Proceeds will go to support
the Special Needs Fund and
other family-centered activities
of the NREIC.

Contact us at 973-256-8484 to
register or make a donation
and don't forget to ask your
employer about a corporate
matching donation for this
charitable event!

Upcoming Calendar continued...

June 7 — COSAC Autism Advocacy Workshop on Wednesday, June 7 from 7pm to 8:30pm in Totowa, June 21 in Old Bridge and June 29 in Cherry Hill. Herb Hinkle, Esq. And Valerie Powers-Smith Esq. will provide advocacy advice relating to these topics: early intervention services, health insurance and its role, full day preschool programs, discrete trial instruction and related methodologies, private school placements, extended school days, after-school services and residential services. For online registration and forms go to www.njcosac.org or call Carol Cox at 609-883-5509 for more information.



JULY

July 7-8 — The Relationship Development Intervention Program — Connections Center “Going to the Heart of Autism” 2-day introductory workshop by Dr. Steve Gutstein will be held at The National Conference Center at the Ramada Inn, 399 Monmouth Street, East Windsor, NJ, July 7 - 8. For information regarding the RDI Program go to <http://www.rdiconnect.com> Click on the www.rdiconnect.com/workshops/NJ for more workshop and hotel information. Continuing Education (CE) credits are offered for Psychologists, Counselors, Case Managers, and SLP's. Call the Connections Center at 1-866-378-6405 x119 to register.

July 21-23 — National Down Syndrome Congress 34th Annual Convention “Open Possibilities”, to be held July 21-23 in Atlanta, Georgia. There will be opportunities throughout the convention for Spanish speaking families to hear workshops in their own language as well as the general sessions which will be translated. Go to www.ndsccenter.com or call 800-232-6372 for information.

The **Office for Children** provides quality child care resources and referrals in Bergen County. They maintain a database of all NJ-licensed pre-schools in Bergen County. For *free* confidential Early Intervention referrals to typical community pre-schools (not Special Education or Board of Education) call 201-336-7150 or visit www.co.bergen.nj.us. They can do a search for you by the age of your child, location, and hours needed. They also have profiles on each center, some including the cost. They can:

- Assess your child care needs
- Describe child care options
- Provide information on the importance of quality early childhood programs and how to choose a provider
- Offer free referrals for child care in Bergen County
- Explain financial assistance programs



SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, September 17th, from 12:30pm to 2:30pm, The Chuck Guttenberg Center for the Physically Challenged will hold **SPECIAL GAMES for SPECIAL PEOPLE** a field day for individuals with Disabilities and their families or staff people, at the JCC on the Palisades, 411 East Clinton Avenue, Tenafly. Call the JCC's Special Services office at 201-569-7900, ext. 232 to register and for more information.