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Compassionate Allowances



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. www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances

NJ FAMILY CARE

Affordable health coverage. Quality care.

You can 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/>

Challenging Behaviors

They can happen anywhere: at home, in a store, or on a playground. But when the behavior takes place in a child care center, it can lead to the child's expulsion from the center—which disrupts the child's relationships but won't stop the behavior. "Zero To Three" offers an informative article at
<http://www.zerotothree.org>

There will be a *Father's Lunch Time Teleconference* Thursday, June 18th @ 12 noon sponsored by NJ Statewide Parent to Parent/Family WRAP (Wisdom, Resources, Advocacy, & Parent to Parent Support), a program of the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN). Fathers will share with you their personal experiences and their work in helping others who have children with special needs, as well as facilitate an open discussion about the important issues facing fathers today. To participate in the conference, please register by calling 800-654-SPAN X 116. If you cannot participate on June 18, register and they will send you the information to listen to the recording at your convenience.

The Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati has released the following video on adopting a child with Down Syndrome. Please take a look and pass it on to friends and families you know who may be considering adoption. Also, please circulate to your OB-GYN so they understand that there are MANY families waiting to adopt children with DS and this option presents an alternative to termination. <http://www.doqooder.tv/Orgs/dsagc/default.aspx>

Attention Family Members of Children in Early Intervention:

You are invited to participate in Helpful Hands, the Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative's regional family satisfaction survey on "Family Support and Community Resources". In this survey, families residing in Bergen, Hudson and Passaic counties, with children currently enrolled in early intervention, will be asked questions about their satisfaction with connections to community supports that may assist them with their child and family. It will take approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Please go to our website and follow the link at www.nreic.org

FAMILY EMAIL DIRECTORY

The Family Support Coordinators at Helpful Hands, Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative have developed a Family Email Directory for all families receiving early intervention services for their child and living in Bergen, Passaic, and Hudson Counties. The purpose of this directory is to be able to share information to you about upcoming events, workshops, resources or meetings that may be of interest to you and your family. We are parents of children with special needs and can appreciate the value in finding information or resources that helps us to help our children or ourselves. You can register on our website at www.nreic.org.

Transition from Early Intervention to Preschool Workshops for Families:

These workshops will include Comparisons of Early Intervention and Preschool Services, Understanding the Transition process, components of IDEA, Transition materials, Parental Rights, Family Resources and SPAN information.

ENGLISH ONLY:

- ♣ September 24, 2009...6:00—8:30pm.....Bergen CAPE
- ♣ October 16, 2009...10:30-1pm...The Bergenvue—Jersey City
- ♣ December 4, 2009...10-12:30pm.....Helpful Hands, NREIC—Wayne

EN ESPANOL SOLAMENTE:

- ♣ September 25, 2009...10:30-1pm...Club de Padres—Paterson
- ♣ November 20, 2009...10:30-1pm...Club de Padres, Paterson

For more information or to RSVP call Desirée at 973-256-8484 x204 (for English workshops) or Andrea Gomez at 973-523-8404 x45 (for Spanish workshops)



SENSORY KIDS LLC
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Association of Special Families is offering the following workshops
— *in both English and Spanish* —
Parents' Place/Club de Padres
26 DeGrasse Street, Paterson, NJ

From 1:30pm to 3:30pm

June 20 — Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)
What They Can Do For You

July 18 — Sex Education for People With Disabilities/ Dr. Carlos E. Lugo
Cabrera, MD, Sex & Marital Therapist

August 15 — Immigration Services

September 19— Know Your Department of Education
Learn about Paterson Schools Academies

For more information, please call Andrea Gomez, Parent Training
Coordinator, Parents' Place/Club de Padres
973.523.8404 x45

Autism: Using Picture Cards to Aid in Communication

A common challenge with children and adults with autism is their ability to communicate. Many a parent and therapist will tell you that Picture Cards are one of the best tools to aid in communication with individuals with Autism, whether the individual is verbal or non verbal.

Many people with autism tend to be visual learners. While some people respond to the spoken word and others to the written word, people on the autism spectrum often learn and communicate best with pictures. For some individuals with autism, pictures are the only way they can let you know what they want.



If your child has no spoken language, you can use pictures to figure out what they want and help them let you know that desire. Here are a few examples:

1. You may take pictures of various foods that your child enjoys, attach magnets to them, and put them on the refrigerator. This way, when your child is hungry, they can go to the refrigerator, and point to the appropriate picture, or even take it off the refrigerator and bring it to you.
2. You can use pictures of favorite toys or activities to help your child request what they would like to do. Velcro affixed to the back of the picture and to a board is a good method to carry this out. You can select only the pictures that are an option for your child to put on the board. For example, you may not want to put out the swimming pool picture in the dead of winter!
3. Schedule a list of upcoming activities. Using the Velcro idea above, you could put a picture of socks, shoes, pants, shirt, backpack, and school bus on the board to schedule the morning routine.

You can take the pictures yourself, cut them out of magazines, or buy existing images from a number of publishers. The more opportunities you provide for your child to communicate the happier you both will be!



Registration for Autism Family Services of New Jersey's 5th Annual Beach Bash is underway. We are looking forward to spending the day with the autism community on Sunday, September 13, 2009 from 10 am to 4 pm at 7th Avenue in Belmar, NJ.

Please remember to register with Autism Family Services of NJ to participate in the Beach Bash, which includes activities throughout the day. Beach Bash registrants will have access to *all* organized activities *FREE of charge!*

Please register by calling 1-877-237-4477

For safety reasons all participants must be registered. For up to the minute details regarding the Beach Bash please visit www.autismfamilyservicesnj.org.

For questions or concerns please contact 1-877-237-4477.

IMPORTANT HOTLINE NUMBERS

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT HOTLINE

1-877-NJ ABUSE (652-2873)

1-800-835-5510 (TTY/TDD)

24 hours a day - 7 days a week

Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected has a legal responsibility to report it to the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS). DYFS is mandated to investigate all reports of child abuse and neglect.

FAMILY HELPLINE

1-800-THE-KIDS (843-5437)

24 hours a day - 7 days a week

If you're feeling stressed out, call the Family Helpline and work through your frustrations before a crisis occurs. You'll speak to sensitive, trained volunteers of Parents Anonymous who provide empathic listening about parenting and refer you to resources in your community.

CHILD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

1-877-652-7624

24 hours a day - 7 days a week

Call this number to find out about services for children and teens with emotional and behavioral health care challenges and their families.

2NDFLOOR YOUTH HELPLINE

1-888-222-2228

www.2ndfloor.org

24 hours a day - 7 days a week

This is a youth helpline serving all youth and young adults in New Jersey. Youth who call are assisted with their daily life challenges by professional staff and trained volunteers. Anonymity and confidentiality are assured except in life-threatening situations.

SAFE HAVEN INFANT PROTECTION HOTLINE

1-877-839-2339

24 hours a day - 7 days a week

This is a toll free hotline for distressed parents who wish to give up an unwanted infant anonymously, with no fear of arrest or prosecution. While information will be requested, no names or records are required.

FOSTER HOME RECRUITMENT LINE

1-877-NJ-FOSTER (653-6783)

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

Many children in New Jersey need temporary homes until their parents are able to care for them or until a permanent home is found. Call to learn how you can open your heart and your home by becoming a foster parent.

ADOPTION HOTLINE

1-800-99-ADOPT (992-3678)

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

If you have love to share, consider adopting a child into your family. Call to learn how you can give a child a permanent home by adopting a child with special needs.

DIVISION'S ACTION LINE

1-800-331-DYFS (331-3937)

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

This hotline provides easy access and a timely response to questions, concerns, disputes and recommendations regarding services provided by DYFS or by an agency with a license or contract from DYFS.

OTHER IMPORTANT HOTLINES:

NJ 2-1-1

New Jersey 's Community Resource Phone or Website Guide
Just dial - 2-1-1 or www.nj211.org

ADDICTIONS HOTLINE OF NJ

1-800-238-2333

CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND

1-800-335-FUND
(1-800-335-3863)

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED (CBVI) HOTLINE

1-877-685-8878

CHILD CARE HELP LINE

1-800-332-9227

CHILD SUPPORT HOTLINE

1-877-NJ KIDS1
(1-877-655-4371)

DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH

1-877-294-HELP
(1-877-294-4357)
1-877-294-4356 TTY
(voice callers use 7-1-1 NJ Relay)

DIVISION OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (DDHH)

1-800-792-8339 V/TTY

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DDD)

1-800-832-9173

DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES (DDS)

1-888-285-3036
1-609-292-1210 TTY

DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT (DFD)

1-800-792-9773

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

1-800-356-1561

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (DMHS)

1-800-382-6717

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1-800-572-7233

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)

Federal: 1-800-929-1040

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT HOTLINES:

FOOD STAMPS

1-800-687-9512

GAMBLING ADDICTION

1-800-GAMBLER

(1-800-426-2537)

GOOD NEIGHBORS - COMMUNITY LIVING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1-877-DHS-LINE

(1-877-347-5463)

KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

(raising relatives' children)

1-877-816-3211

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE(LIHEAP)

1-800-510-3102

MEDICAID FRAUD AND ABUSE HOTLINE

1-888-937-2835

NJ FAMILYCARE/MEDICAID CALL CENTER

1-800-356-1561

NJ DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINE

1-877-294-HELP

(1-877-294-4357)

1-877-294-4356 TTY

(voice callers use 7-1-1 NJ Relay)

NJ FAMILYCARE

1-800-701-0710

1-800-701-0720 TTY

NJ HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER (HRC)

(for accessible, affordable housing)

1-877-428-8844

www.njhousing.gov

NJ WORKABILITY

1-888-285-3036

(from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays)

PPMD (Postpartum Mood Disorders) HOTLINE

1-800-328-3838

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF)

(Help with utility bills for low-income families and individuals)

1-866-240-1347



Helpful Hands, Inc., the Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative (NREIC) is a not-for-profit organization whose goal is to promote quality, family-centered early intervention services in Bergen, Hudson and Passaic counties. NREIC offers family education and support, professional training and assistance, & system advocacy. It also serves as a link between the state and the region for coordination of early intervention polices and services.

The NREIC is a collaboration of parents and professionals working on behalf of infants and toddlers with a variety of special needs such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy as well as developmental delays. NREIC seeks to ensure that all families are empowered to help their child grow to their fullest potential. One way NREIC pursues this goal is to provide financial support, through its **Special Needs Fund**, to eligible families facing the myriad health and educational expenses of raising a young child with a disability or delay.

The proceeds of the Golf Outing will go to support the **Special Needs Fund** and other family-centered activities of the NREIC, a 501(c) (3) public charity. Donations are welcome and are tax-deductible. To learn more, please see our website at www.nreic.org

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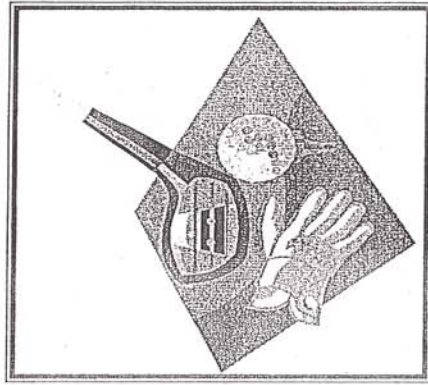
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13th Annual Helpful Hands NREIC Golf Outing



Wild Turkey Golf Club

Crystal Springs Resort
Hamburg, New Jersey

One of NJ's Top Public Courses - NJGCOA



June 22, 2009

Schedule of Events

Registration/Breakfast-7:00 a.m.
 Shot Gun Start-8:00 a.m. sharp
 Banquet Luncheon/Awards-2:00 p.m.

Outing Fee:
\$175.00 per golfer



Includes:

- Breakfast
- Gift Bag
- Golf cart/green fees
- Soft drinks/beer
- Banquet Luncheon
- Awards & Prizes

Prizes

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd-Low Net in Two Flights Hole in One for a New Car
- Closest to Pins
- Longest Drives
- Straightest Drives
- Low Gross-Men & Women

Mail your payment early to ensure your reservation at this sold-out event!
 All payments are due June 5th, 2009



Checks and registration should be returned to
NREIC:

**65 Willowbrook Blvd., Suite 206
 Wayne, New Jersey 07470**

Registration

(please print and complete ALL information)

Name: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 State: _____
 Phone: _____
 Handicap: _____

Name: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 State: _____
 Phone: _____
 Handicap: _____

Name: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 State: _____
 Phone: _____
 Handicap: _____

Register _____ # of Golfers @ \$175.00 each

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make all checks payable to NREIC

Sponsorship Opportunities*

(100% Tax Deductible)

The key to the financial success of the day is the sponsorships provided by the friends of the NREIC.

Corporate Event Sponsor	\$10,000.00
Luncheon Reception	\$5,000.00
Beverage/Snack Cart	\$2,500.00
Golfers Welcome Package	\$1,500.00
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Exclusive Hole Sponsor	\$ 500.00
Shared Hole Sponsor	\$ 250.00

All sponsors will be recognized with signage and gratefully acknowledged at the Awards Luncheon.

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 Total: _____
 Please make all checks payable to NREIC

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Contact: _____
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Sorry, I can't join you. Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution \$ _____.

*Other Sponsorship and Marketing opportunities are available. Please contact our Development Coordinator to discuss how we can best showcase your support for the NREIC.

Lisa@nreic.org
 or (973) 256-8484.

"I highly recommend this book. Brothers and sisters of people with Down syndrome will undoubtedly find it a tremendously educational and rewarding experience."

—Jon Coleman, President, National Down Syndrome Society

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Fasten Your Seatbelt

A Crash Course on Down Syndrome for Brothers and Sisters

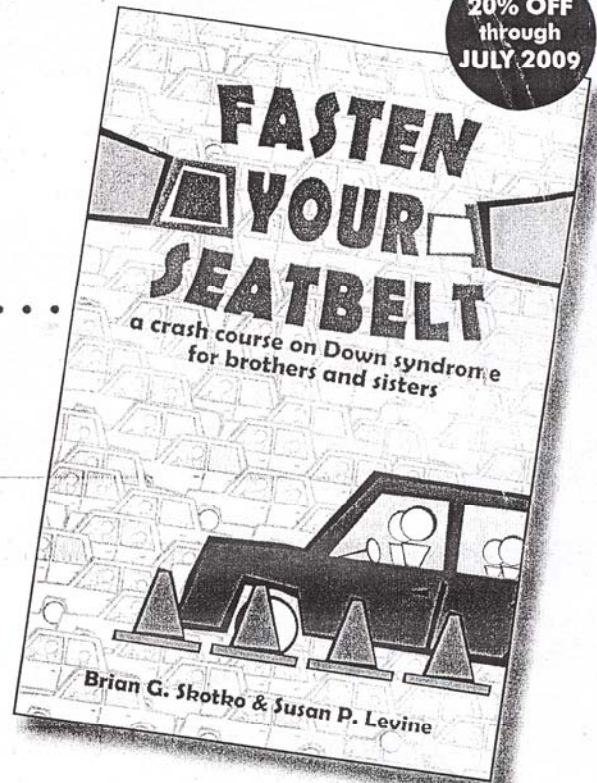
Brian Skotko & Susan P. Levine
Paperback / 6" x 9" / 200 pages / ~~\$19.95~~ \$15.16

Even the closest brothers and sisters don't always get along or understand each other. Add a disability like Down syndrome to the mix, and that sibling relationship gets even more complicated, especially for teenagers.

FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT is the first book written exclusively for teens with a brother or sister with Down syndrome. In an easy-to-read, question & answer format, it tackles a broad range of their most common issues and concerns. Nearly 100 questions—all posed by teen siblings—are grouped into the following categories:

- Facts and stats about Down syndrome
- How people with Down syndrome learn
- Handling parent and family conflicts
- Dealing with your sibling's frustrating behaviors
- Managing uncomfortable situations
- Sorting out your feelings
- Becoming an advocate
- What the future holds for you and your sibling
- Finding local and national resources

Thoughtful, knowledgeable answers are provided by Brian Skotko, the brother of a young woman with Down syndrome, and Sue Levine, a social worker focused on sibling issues for the past 30 years. *FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT* gives teens the green light to explore their own feelings and questions about their



sibling with Down syndrome and how their relationship may change in the future.

"This is a wonderful hands-on, practical guide for families. It answers all those questions you have and don't know who to ask. I wish we'd had a copy growing up!"

—Jennifer Owensby, sister of a person with Down syndrome and Producer & Director of *THE TEACHINGS OF JON*

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each add'l book (up to 10 books) \$1/book

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50-99 books 40% off
100+ books 42% off