

Collaborations

Update
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HELPFUL HANDS TRANSITION TO PRESCHOOL WORKSHOPS

If you have a child in Early Intervention who will be turning 3 within the next 6 months, you should familiarize yourself with the transition process and learn how the changes to IDEA which went into effect on September 5, 2006 will affect your child:

November 14, 2006 *The Children's Therapy Center*, 29-01 Berkshire Road, Fair Lawn, will host a Transition to Preschool Workshop from 7pm—9pm. This is a FREE event but registration is required. Unfortunately, childcare is NOT available. Please RSVP to Monica Heller at 201-797-7440 x230 or mheller@thechildrenstherapycenter.org

November 17, 2006 at 11am *The Wyckoff Family YMCA* will host a Transition to Preschool Workshop. Childcare is available upon request. To register call Kathy Elleo at 201-891-2081.

The Center Grove Elementary School, Library, will present **Developing An Individualized Educational Plan for Your Child With A Disability** on December 5, 2006 from 7:30-9:30PM. 25 Schoolhouse Road, Randolph, NJ. For registration and further information, contact Lucy Ortiz at 973-442-2959 or email lucyortiz@yahoo.com

PREVENTION COUNTS!

The New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) administers the FamilyCare/Medicaid program for children under 21 who are eligible to receive Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment services including regular "well-child" visits. These services are available to children enrolled in NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid at no cost. It is very important to keep children current with their vaccinations to protect them from serious illnesses and diseases. DMAHS strives to improve access to medical care and to assure quality services are available. Call 1-800-7010710 or on line at www.njfamilycare.org for more information.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE:

Families with young children are invited to attend bi-monthly discussion groups on various topics related to the experiences of families raising young children with challenges. Topics may include: Inclusion, Transition to Preschool, resources and support, sibling issues, the emotional process of acceptance, stress management, Autism, or other issues pertinent to the group. The JCC on the Palisades, 411 Clinton Avenue, Room 206, Tenafly. 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm. *November 16, 2006 *January 18, *March 8 & *May 10, 2007. Free of charge! RSVP to Joy Hammerman (973)256-8484 x205 or email www.NREIC.org



Thank
You!

Our fourth annual **Helpful Hands Casino Night** to benefit the Special Needs Fund was held October 14, 2006 at The Bethwood in Totowa, N.J. and was a GREAT success!

We wish to thank all of our extremely generous sponsors, donors, and volunteers for making this special night such a tremendous event!

Did you know that you can direct your **United Way** donation to a specific organization when you give to United Way? Did you also know that **Helpful Hands, Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative**, is a 501(c)(3) organization and meets the definition for United Way directed donations? You can add the **NREIC** as a recipient of your donation. Just put our name under Donor Choice Information. We appreciate any support you provide, whether you do a one-time donation to United Way or use the payroll deduction option, United Way is a great way for you to donate to **Helpful Hands!** And don't forget to ask your company to match your donation funds. This is a terrific way to know where your money is going! So talk to your payroll, HR or United Way representative or go to your company web site for United Way. You may find there is an easy way to support your favorite not-for-profit organization, **Helpful Hands!**



FREE Graco Double Stroller in excellent condition. Donated by EI family. If interested call Desiree @ 973-256-8484x206

Getting to the Heart of Inclusion, a conference by Pathways for Exceptional Children at the Montville Township HS in **Montville, NJ** on Saturday, **November 18th from 9 am-4 pm**. The program will include keynote presentations by Roberta Wohle, Acting Director of Special Education for all of NJ and Ms. Barbara Gantwerk, Acting Assistant Commissioner of Education for NJ; the goal of the conference is to provide information to enable successful inclusion strategies. Registration is \$30 (\$36.50 with lunch) and the deadline is 11/17/06; visit <http://www.montvillepec.org/> for more detail and a link to the registration form.

POAC's (Parents of Autistic Children) 5-Part Parent Training Series "Putting the Pieces Together" will enable participants to identify & teach skills needed to potentially engage in conversation & leisure activities over time. Lakewood, NJ. Free to parents. Georgian Court University in the Little Theater - Gary Weitzen 732-888-1000 www.poac.net or Debbie or Tara 201-955-1407 to register.

The Black & White Ball will be held **December 2, 2006**, on the Mezzanine of 744 Broad Street, Newark, NJ; hosted by Gitterman & Sacks, LLC. The proceeds from this event will go to support the programs and services of The Autism Center of New Jersey Medical School at UMDNJ. Visit <http://www.umdj.edu/autismcenter/index.htm> for additional information.

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Call the following number to see if you meet the eligibility

Requirements:
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