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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 that 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!**

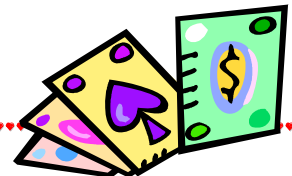
Two new programs are starting at the Wyckoff YMCA this fall: **Kid Connection**, a group for siblings of children with special needs. It is for ages 7-12 on the second Friday of the month from 6-8pm; **Special Olympic Young Athlete Program**, which introduces children to the world of sports. For ages 2 1/2-7 on Thursday 4:45-5:30pm. Contact Kathy Elleo at 201-891-2081 or kathy@wyckoffymca.org for information.

The Brain Injury Association of New Jersey will be holding **FREE Brain Injury Basics for Families** sessions. The overall goal of the sessions are to educate attendees about the impact of brain injury on families. **September 17, 6:30-8:30pm** -Liberty Health - Jersey City Medical Center, 355 Grand Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302 <http://www.bianj.org>

New Jersey Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired will host its **PICNIC** For children and families receiving Commission Early Intervention services **Saturday, September 15, 2007, 11 am — 2 pm** at John D. Young Memorial Lions Blind Center, 100 Crestview Avenue, Absecon (Atlantic Co.) New Jersey For more information, go to: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi>

SAVE THE DATE!

Helpful Hands NREIC, Inc. is hosting our **5th Annual Casino Night** Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 7:00pm-11:00pm at The Bethwood, Totowa, NJ. All proceeds from the Casino Night will go to support the Special Needs Fund and other family-centered activities of Helpful Hands NREIC, Inc. Our Special Needs Fund is financed **solely** through contributions from friends and well wishers like you. This evening is filled with great games, food, drinks, silent auction, and more. With your generosity in the form of individual or corporate sponsorships – this year will be a successful evening! With your support kids with developmental delays can receive life-changing assistance, support, and encouragement. All sponsors are recognized at the event they choose to sponsor, in our agency newsletter, and other publications. Please help us continue our work with special children and their families.



Family Connections Support Group
Families are invited to attend bi-monthly discussion groups on various topics related to raising young children with challenges at The JCC on the Palisades, 411 Clinton Avenue, Tenafly. The first meeting will take place on Thursday, October 4, 2007 from 7:30pm-9:30pm . RSVP to Joy @ 9731-256-8484 or email joy@nreic.org

“How Joint Attention Helps Parents Talk With Their Child”

Presenter: Elizabeth Finnegan, Special Educator for Early Intervention and school-aged children will provide strategies to parents on how to build communication through joint attention by: Pointing, prompting, showing, building attention and eye contact & imitating communication both in play and in normal daily routines.

Thursday, October 11, 2007
5:00pm to 6:30pm
Helpful Hands, NREIC
65 Willowbrook Blvd. 2nd Floor
Wayne, New Jersey
Please call Lily to register at 973-256-8484 or email her @ Lily@nreic.org

Fall Transition to Preschool Workshops

Learn about the process of transitioning your child from the Early Intervention System to Special Education services under your local school district.

- September 27.....7pm to 9pm
- December 7.....10am to 12pm

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Cerebral Palsy of NJ has parent/professional workshops for all disabilities-check out past/future workshops at <http://www.cpofnj.org/training/whatshot.htm>

Pathways for Exceptional Children has scheduled Erin Gruwell to speak at their annual conference on November 17, 2007. She was the teacher portrayed in the "Freedom Writers" DVD by Hilary Swank. She is recognized throughout the U.S. for her teaching strategies and has truly become a leader in education and reform. They also have Shelley Chilton, Speech and Language Pathologist and co-owner of Kid Therapy in Chester, NJ coming to speak on central auditory processing problems and other language difficulties and the implications they can have with reading and learning. Pathways will be discussing the successes they have had with "Learning Through Life" and the "Magic of Reading" after-school enrichment programs they have piloted this year as well. <http://www.montvillepec.org>



The next meeting for SPEC (Supporting Parents of Exceptional Children) will be held on Wednesday October 17th, 2007 at 7:30pm in the Auditoriums of Pascack Valley Hospital. The guest speaker will be Laura Epstein Rosen, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist.

The title of the presentation will be, "How To Help Your Child Without Losing Yourself." Laura Epstein Rosen, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist. RSVP by calling 201-358-1203 or send an e-mail to: lruschman@pvhospital.org

YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities Network is pleased to inform you of a full day conference entitled "**Autism, Asperger Syndrome, and other Related Conditions**" featuring **Dr. Fred Volkmar, Director of the Yale Child Study Center**. Dr. Volkmar is one of the nation's most prominent experts in the field of autism. This conference is being held on Thursday, November 1, 2007 from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m at the McGraw Hill Auditorium located at 1221 Avenue of the Americas (6th Avenue) between 48th and 49th streets in NYC.

Please visit the [Autism Conference Web site](http://www.yai.org/autism). Seating is limited so please register ASAP to reserve your spot. Register online at: www.yai.org/autism

You can download or order "Life Journey Through Autism" -Parent's Guide to Research -Educator's Guide to Research -Educator's Guide to Asperger Syndrome -Guide to Transition to Adulthood
<http://www.researchautism.org/resources/reading/index.asp>



[New Jersey Yellow Pages for Kids](http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com)

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At the Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities, you will find educational consultants, psychologists, diagnosticians, health care specialists, academic tutors, speech language therapists, advocates, and attorneys. You will also find government programs, grassroots organizations, special education schools, and parent support groups, learning centers, respite care, community centers, grassroots organizations, and governments programs for children with disabilities.

Bring your loved one with autism to get an official Bergen County Gold Star ID Card issued by Sheriff McGuire. This card can be presented as proof of a disability when necessary to law enforcement, at theme parks etc. Anyone with autism or similar diagnosis is eligible. The person with autism must be present to receive a Gold Star ID Card and must be a resident of Bergen County.

When: Friday, October 5

Time: 7pm

Where: Cosac's Bergen County Support Group, Mt. Carmel Church, Ridgewood, NJ. Side door across from the rectory on Passaic Street.

Linda Meyer, Executive Director of Cosac will be attending. She has written an ABA program to help caregivers teach their loved ones to present the card to law enforcement.

You must complete the application in advance and bring it with you.

Write to BergenGoldStar@aol.com to request one.



The ICDL 11th Annual International CONFERENCE November 9, 10, 11, 2007
(Pre- and Post-Conference Workshops on November 8 and 11)

**“Critical Factors for Optimal Outcomes for Children with Autism
and Special Needs”**

Hilton McLean, Tysons Corner, Virginia (Washington, DC Metro Area)

Presenters include: Margaret Bauman, M.D., T. Berry Brazelton, M.D., Howard Gardner, Ph.D., Morton Gernsbacher, Ph.D., Stanley I. Greenspan, M.D., Eric Hollander, M.D., Clara Lajonchere, Ph.D., Ricki Robinson, M.D., MPH, James Stieben, Ph.D., Serena Wieder, Ph.D., and others.

For a complete list of workshops and speakers, and to register online:

www.icdl.com

Plan to attend Leonia's 11th Annual Health Fair on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at the Anna C. Scott Elementary School, Broad Avenue, Leonia, NJ. The Fair will run from 10am to 2pm. For directions call Tiffany at 201-592-5780.

PASS, Parents & Agencies Supporting Siblings, is sponsoring a Sibling Bowling Party on Saturday, October 13, 2007 at the Fair Lawn Brunswick Lanes, 22-22 Maple Avenue, Fair Lawn, from 11am-2pm. This event is for siblings only, 6 years of age and older. Parent or guardian must remain at the bowling alley. Pre-registration is required by October 5. For more information and to register contact Malia Corde at 908-537-4673



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Department of Health and Senior Services Proposes New Rules at N.J.A.C. 8:17 to Govern the Early Intervention System

The Division of Family Health Services in the Public Health Services Branch of the Department of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with the Departments of Education, Human Services, and Children and Families, is proposing new rules at N.J.A.C. 8:17 to implement the State Early Intervention System, in accordance with the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The proposal appears in the September 4, 2007 issue of the *New Jersey Register* that can be found at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/njoal> by searching early intervention for September 4, 2007.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 303.110, 111, and 112, the Department will convene three public hearings on the proposed new rules. Persons planning to testify at the public hearing who wish to be placed on the list of speakers are requested to telephone Ms. Khalifa at (609) 777-7734 by Thursday, October 4, 2007, and to identify the session they plan to attend. Speakers will be scheduled at five minute intervals. The Department requests that persons who testify bring an extra written copy of their remarks to the hearing for submission to the public record. Each public hearing session shall commence at 4:00 pm and conclude at 7:00 pm, on the following dates and at the following locations:

Session 1: Tuesday, October 9, 2007, Johnson Auditorium,
St. Joseph's Children's Hospital
703 Main Street, Paterson, NJ 07503

Session 2: Wednesday, October 10, 2007
Holiday Inn
399 Monmouth Street
East Windsor, NJ 08520

Session 3: Thursday, October 11, 2007
Clarion Hotel and Conference Center
1450 Route 70 East
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

The public has until November 3, 2007 to comment on the proposal. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal must submit their comments in writing to Nashon Hornsby, Procedural Safeguards Coordinator, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Public Health Services Branch, Division of Family Health Services, PO Box 364, Trenton, NJ 08625-0364. Written comments on the proposal must be postmarked on or before November 3, 2007, which is the close of the 60-day public comment period.

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BACKSTAGE ACCESS

PRESALE

ENTERTAINMENT

PRESALE STARTS THIS FRIDAY: The Wiggles Live! at the Beacon Theater

Get Ready to Wiggle, NYC! Its time to learn how to Romp Bomp A Stomp, do The Monkey Dance and Move Like an Emu during the all-new **Racing to the Rainbow** Live tour.

Discover how to make "*Fruit Salad*" and "*Crunchy Munchy Honey Cakes*." From way "Down Under" comes the #1 children's entertainment name in Australia - **THE WIGGLES!** Sam, Murray, Jeff and Anthony will have children singing, laughing and dancing to wonderful tunes about numbers, food and favorite animal friends, all the things that are important to children!

Joining them in their adventures are special guests: **Dorothy the Dinosaur, Wags the Dog, Henry the Octopus** and **Captain Feathersword**. Millions of children all over the world can't be wrong, so get ready to do the move they call The Wiggle Groove.

Don't miss The Wiggles Live at the Beacon Theatre October 21 for 3 shows at 10:30am, 2pm & 5:30pm!

As a member of Backstage Access, you have the opportunity to purchase a very select number of tickets across all price levels **TOMORROW Friday, September 7 at 9am through Thursday, September 13 at 9pm** before they go on sale to the general public on Friday, September 14.

To purchase your tickets and be sure to use promotional code **BARAINBOW**

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