



May 2012 Local Conferences/Workshops

5/4/12 - 8:00am - 9:30am

9th ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST AT THE ARC OF CHESTER COUNTY. Join us for the opportunity to dialogue with legislators about issues impacting the disability community. Registration required. RSVP by calling The Arc at 610-696-8090 or registering online at www.arcofchestercounty.org.

5/1/12 7:00 P.M.

General George Washington. Historical performer Dean Malissa will portray General George Washington as he describes aspects of the American Revolution. Park Theater, Valley Forge National Park, 1400 North Outer Line Drive, King of Prussia (Valley Forge). Free activity, with further information available at www.friendsofvalleyforge.org/speakerseries.shtml, info@washingtonmemorialchapel.org or (610) 783-0120.

5/2/12 6:00-8:00 P.M.

REFRAMING YOUR CHILD' BEHAVIOR SERIES - Helping Children Cooperate/Communication is the third in a five-part weekly Parenting Education & Support Group series hosted by Chester County Children, Youth and Families. Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester. Free activity with registration required at acaffarelli@chesco.org or (610) 344-5699.

5/5/12

NAMI WALK 2012 GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA: Montgomery County Community College. Register(No fee): 215-361-7784.

5/5/12 - 7-9pm

DANCE, MUSIC, AND FUN; St. Basil the Great, Kimberton - Church Hall . Hosted by the Youth of St. Basil's. Music, Alexandra Bricklin and Friends, DJ. Free! We'll also have opportunities to support The Chester County Self Determination Awards Luncheon. *Please provide support staff as needed - dance is hosted by teens and will not have "staff." Info/regis: Mib Campbell 484-995-6110, www.stbasils.org

5/5/12 11:00 a.m.

KITE DAY - Coatesville Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Policing Committee will host this family kite-flying activity with kits available while supplies last. Millview Playground, Smithbridge and Coronet Drives, Coatesville. Free activity, with further information available at 610-384-0300

5/5/12 5 -7:00 p.m.

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT - Early classic film, accompanied by organist Wayne Zimmerman of West Chester, will be shown. Free activity, New Holland, further information available from Colleen Musselman at cmusselman@gardenspotvillage.org or (717)355-6007.

5/6/12 11:00--4:00 p.m.

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS - Strolling magicians, mimes, jugglers, a variety of other local dance academy performances, and some 50 vendors of homemade craft items will highlight this May Day celebration. Everhart Park, 100 South Brandywine Street, West Chester. Free activity with further information available from the West Chester Parks and Recreation Department at (610) 436-9010.

5/8/12 - 10:00 - 12:00pm and/or

5/18/12 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

BEHAVIORS AND ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM. Explore how we interpret and understand the causes of behaviors, the effects of reinforcement, and how to plan a response in order to change a child's challenging behaviors into successful outcomes. Held at The Arc of Chester County. Info/regist: Bobbie at 610-696-8090 x200.

5/9/12 - 12:00pm - 1:30pm

TRANSITION - ALL ABOUT TRANSITION CHAT AND CHEW!! THIS MONTH: ALL ABOUT ADVOCACY! With Connie Mohn, M.Ed. from The Arc of Chester County. Held at The Arc of Chester County in West Chester. Bring your questions, hopes, and dreams! Hear expert speakers, network with other parents, connect to resources and supports. Bring your lunch. Drinks provided. Info/regist: Bobbie, 610-696-8090 x200. Registration preferred but not necessary.

5/9/12/ 6:00-8:00p.m.

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5/10/12 - 10:00am - 12:00pm at the CCIU, Boot Road, Downingtown and/or

5/17/12 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm at The Arc of Chester County.

CHESTER COUNTY RIGHT TO EDUCATION TASK FORCE - TOPIC: HOW TO ACCESS WRAP-AROUND SERVICES AND WHAT DO WRAP-AROUND SERVICES OFFER YOUR CHILD? with Cathy Scanlon from HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES. Bring your questions! Sponsored by the Task Force and The Arc. Get involved and improve your skills as an advocate for your child. For info/activity or schedule/resource manual: www.righttoed.org or call Lauren LaFountain, LaurenL@cciu.org, 484-237-5057, voicemail: 610-696-8090 ext. 348. The task force monitors and advises local special education services, provides training and networking opportunities for parents, and informs the public about state/national special education issues. Time is set aside at every meeting to address individual concerns. All welcome! **Registration emails helpful: dotties@righttoed.org.**

5/10/12 - 8:30am -12:30pm

HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER SERVICES - A great resource to help individuals with physical, mental, or other disabilities live independently in the community. You will learn the eligibility requirements, the application process, services provided through each waiver. Presenters are from DPW and ODP. Held at the Elwyn Institute Administration Bldg, Rm 317, 111 Elwyn Dr., Media. FREE continental breakfast. Info./regist.: Arlette Wright, Handi-Crafters, 610-384-6990 x213, arlette.wright@handi-crafters.org.

5/10/12 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, WAIVERS, AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WORKSHOP: USING PUBLIC INSURANCE TO GET SERVICES & SUPPORTS YOU NEED with David Gates, Esq. Medical Assistance and Waivers are the most common funding sources for non-educational services and supports for children and adolescents with special health care needs and disabilities. Learn who can qualify, what's covered, and what to do if coverage is denied. Learn about insurance changes in the Affordable Care Act. Co-sponsored by the PEAL Center and The Arc of Chester County. Held at The Arc of Chester County. Email admin@pealcenter.org to register. Free.

5/12/12 -1:00pm - 4:00pm

Family Fun Festival-Blossom Festival will feature music, theater performances, leadership rope course, pony rides, face-painting, bamboo trail tours, stories, anti-bullying role plays, and refreshments. Free activity, with donations welcomed. Fellowship Farm, 2488 Sanatoga Road, Pottstown. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Further information is available at (610) 326-3008.

5/15/12 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

MEDICARE 101 - Chester County Department of Aging APPRISE volunteer assistance program will review Medicare and its benefits for those joining the ranks of Medicare or already in Medicare, including definitions of Medicare A, B, and C, an explanation of the drug benefit (Part D), types of health care insurance available in Chester County, benefits available for low-income beneficiaries, and considerations when selecting one's medical coverage. Phoenixville Area Senior Center, 153 Church Street, Phoenixville. Free activity with further information and required reservations at (610) 344-6035.

5/15/12 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

CHADD MEETING - STATEWIDE AND LOCAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS w/ Monika Antosy, RN. Monika is a Family Health Nursing Services Consultant for the PA Dept of Health's Special Kids Network and will discuss statewide and local community resources for parents of children/teens with ADHD. Held at the Keshet Israel Congregation, 1000 Pottstown Pike, West Chester Info/regis:www.chadd.net.

5/17/12 - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

APRAXIA 101 - Free workshop for parents only. Will share info about apraxia of speech in "parent-friendly" language. Includes: understanding childhood apraxia, what goes wrong in the speech process, what we know about effective speech therapy and what it "looks like," long-range prognosis, key strategies for parents as advocates, and Q & A. Held at Valley Forge Educational Services Education Center/cafeteria, 1777 North Valley Rd, Paoli. www.vfes.net.

5/17/12 - 9:30pm - 11:00pm

EARLY INTERVENTION - CHESTER COUNTY LICC MEETING. Info/regis: 610-873-3990.

5/17/12 - 9:00am - 2:00pm

PYLN TRANSITION WORKSHOP - Developing self determination, leadership and empowerment, post-school education and employment, independent living. Sponsored by the Pa Youth Leadership Network. Held at PaTTAN King of Prussia. Info/regis: Mary Gordon, 800-446-5607 x6871, mgordon@pattan.net.

5/18/12 - 5/19/12

SIXTH ANNUAL MOM'S REJUVENATION RETREAT - Sponsored by Child and Family Focus and supported by the CAT Pickering Cosmetology Dept. Fun, Pampering, Food, Fellowship, Free Time, More Fun, Recipe Exchange, Relaxation, Arts & Crafts, More Food, Guest Speakers, and more FUN! Includes Lodging, Dinner on Friday and Breakfast and Lunch Saturday. Info/regis: 610-925-4683.

5/20/12 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm

COMMUNITY DAY. Annual family event includes information and resources on healthy lifestyles, face painting, balloon twisters, dancing and fitness demonstrations, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Coastie the Safety Boat, and giveaways .Chester County Library, 450 Exton Square Parkway, Exton. Free activity, with further formation available at www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=CCL&curKey1=Chester%20County%20Library,coments@ccls.org or (610) 280-2642.

5/22/12

TRAINING SERIES ON STRATEGIES FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOLERS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS Offered by PaTTAN - King of Prussia. First workshop of a series of five. Info/regis: www.pattan.net.

5/22/12 - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES CONFRONTING FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES with Matthew Susco, CSNA of Merrill Lynch, Duke Schneider, Esq. of MacElree Harvey Law Office, and Ginny Koehler of Plan of PA. Includes strategies for defining your intentions for your child now and when you are gone; using your assets efficiently to preserve your child's current quality of life through supplemental income while maintaining government benefits; preserving your estate for family or charitable organizations; and balancing all your financial goals while providing for a loved one with a disability. Held at Macelree Harvey Law Office, 17 W. Miner St., West Chester, PA. RSVP by May 17 to Barbara Kurhan at 215-517-2271 or barbara_kurhan@ml.com.

5/30/12 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

CCIU TRANSITION PARENT SERIES - TOPIC: WORKING AFTER GRADUATION! How will working affect my son/daughter's benefits, funding? Who can provide job training? Call in advance, seating limited. Info/regis: Sharon Sharons@cciu.org, 484-237-5041.

5/30/12 - 8:00am - 4:00pm

NEXT STEPS WORKSHOP FOR PROFESSIONALS - A workshop for professionals supporting young children newly diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. \$45, Sponsored By CHOP. Held at 3535 Market St., 16th Floor, Room D, Phila. Info/regis: Gail Stein, autism@email.chop.edu, 267-426-4910.

6/29/12 - 7:00pm -9:30pm

Talent Show-at the Garage, Kennett Square. Sign up call/text Alli@gmail.com or 610-945-5223

CHADD AD/HD TRAININGS AND SUPPORT- Local: www.chadd.net and ADHD CHADD TRAINING CONFERENCES, MAGAZINE, PARENT TO PARENT ONLINE/ON DEMAND CLASSES, SUPPORT GROUPS.: http://www.chadd.org/Content/CHADD/Conferences_Training/ParenttoParentProgram/Online_Parent_to_Parent_Class/default.htm

ASCEND EVENTS: <http://www.ascendgroup.org/>

CCIU COURSES: <http://www.cciu.org> and click "courses."

DPW ODP (Office of Developmental Programs (ex. PUNS, Consolidated Waiver, IFSP, etc):

<http://www.odpconsulting.net/>

Web Casts: http://www.odpconsulting.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=163&Itemid=223

NAMI MH EVENTS: <http://namipa.nami.org/programsindex.htm>

PATTAN TRAININGS: <http://www.pattan.net/profdev/trainingcalendar.aspx>

PARENT INFORMATION CENTER OF DELAWARE (PIC) - Tremendous workshop offerings and many nearby- www.picofdel.org.

PARENT EDUCATION NETOWRK - workshops, newsletter, webinars, archived webinars on You Tube, etc.

www.parentednet.org.