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There is considerable debate throughout the autism community about the cause of autism and issues such as vaccination, diet, inclusion, and appropriate therapies. Legislative acts can also influence services to those with autism. Our policy is to inform. We trust that individuals will assimilate the information we provide and make the best decision for their children and clients.

The entire mission statement can be found at
<http://aboard.web.officelive.com/aboutus.aspx>

The Royal Masquerade Bowl

a cocktail party
benefiting families with
Autism Spectrum Disorders

Presented by:
ABOARD &
Caste Family Fund

Save the date
Sat May 7
9pm

at Prior's Tap and Tavern
inside Princess Lanes

Contact the Office at 412-449-0165 for more information!

ABOARD's 7th Annual All Abilities Camp Fair

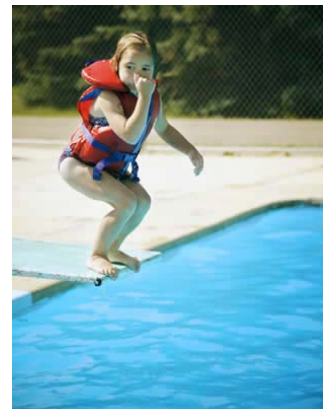
**Saturday, January 22, 2011
10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Shoppes at NORTHWAY
Upper Level
8000 McKnight Road
(McKnight @ Babcock, North Hills)
Pittsburgh, PA 15237**

Shoppes at Northway (formerly Northway Mall) is located in the heart of the North Hills of Pittsburgh. Twenty minutes from downtown and is easily accessible from 279 North and the PA Turnpike.

Come See What Your Child Can Do This Summer!

- Camps and programs for school and preschool age children with disabilities
- Inclusion friendly camps and programs
- Full and half day programs
- Information regarding extended school year (ESY)



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*The Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders
(ABOARD) Cordially Invites You to Attend
Our Eleventh Annual Gala.*

February 5, 2011

J Verno Studio

3030 Jane Street, Pittsburgh 15203

7:00 pm Wine Tasting and Auctions

8:30 pm Dinner Stroll and Program

*Creative Cocktail Attire
Complimentary Valet Parking*

Contact the Office at 412-449-0165 to request an invitation!



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Feature

Museums open wonders to those in need

It costs them \$1 apiece. "The only reason we can visit at all, especially as much as we go there, is because of the ACCESS program," said Campbell-McNamee, 32, of Beechview. "We can get in for a dollar each. Raising kids with autism is really expensive. We don't have extra resources for memberships to museums."

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_716233.html

Rural



Art classes to tap creativity in autistic kids

Karen Hartman has firsthand experience with children with autism. Her nephew was diagnosed with the condition at an early age and she watched him and his parents deal with the disorder. Now, as director of operations for South Arts, she thought it might benefit others if the nonprofit offered art classes for those with autism to express themselves

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10364/1114164-55.stm#ixzz1A5ZRIFuF>

Of Interest



Flushing Out Lead, Metals With Chelation Therapy

Lead can cause serious behavioral problems in kids and lower their IQs. When Katie's lead levels are high, she gets irritable and has more trouble learning, her mom says.

<http://www.npr.org/2011/01/03/132474747/flushing-out-lead-metals-with-chelation-therapy>

B-Calm device finding uses for autistic children

Jo Aukes, an Ankeny special education teacher, had seen great success using an audio sedation system with her students, namely those on the autism spectrum or with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. While using the device, designed by retired Cedar Falls dentist Ken Budke and built by Curtis Carroll, an Ankeny mechanical engineer, Aukes's students were able to concentrate on school work or simply enjoy activities, like eating lunch, with their classmates.

http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/article_1cc9a911-7b9d-5a73-b8230in01c54c62c1.html

Living and learning all about Asperger's

When I was done, I started to think back to middle school and how desperately I had tried to hide my disorder. I realized how ignorant and immature I was being. Since then, I've learned to accept my AS and not deny it, and I someday hope to learn to be more open and social.

- Robbie Williams is a student at Moorpark College and wrote this essay for a "Writing Without Fear" class at the college.

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2011/jan/01/living-and-learning-all-about-aspergers/#ixzz1A5bqleeJ-vcstar.com>

Zanny - Born to Run is an app both typical and special needs kids will enjoy.

_Typical kids will like the interactive story and hopefully gain an understanding of those with autism, while kids on the spectrum relate to Zanny's constant moving and behavior.

<http://www.padgadget.com/2011/01/01/zany-born-to-run-a-book-for-kids-on-the-autism-spectrum/>

Medical journal: Study linking autism, vaccines is 'elaborate fraud'

However, Wakefield said his work has been "grossly distorted." Speaking on CNN's "Anderson Cooper 360," he said Wednesday he is the target of "a ruthless, pragmatic attempt to crush any attempt to investigate valid vaccine safety concerns."

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/HEALTH/01/06/autism.vaccines/index.html>

Core77 Announces Autism Connects, an International Design Student Competition!

Core77 & Autism Speaks are proud to launch [Autism Connects](#), an international student design

competition to help individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The Challenge: Design students are invited to produce new and innovative technology-based solutions to assist individuals with ASD in their communications with others and, in doing so, to increase the public's understanding of this unique and growing population.

<http://www.core77.com/>



Events/Info

ABOARD Support Group Meeting

For a complete listing of the ABOARD Support Groups please see our website at www.aboard.org!

GET CONNECTED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Attend the About Faces Forum on January 10

For months, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette has been exploring the many aspects of the human face in our series, About Faces, by Mark Roth. Now, we are offering the public a chance to meet five fascinating people who deal with facial differences every day of their lives.

About Faces Forum

Monday, January 10, 2011

Heinz History Center, 6:30-8:00 pm, free admission

In addition to David Shribman and Mark Roth, panelists include:

Kathleen Bogart -- Born with Moebius syndrome, which has paralyzed most of her facial muscles

Connie Culp -- Recipient of the nation's first face transplant

Joseph Losee -- Plastic surgeon who heads UPMC's newly-approved face transplant program.

David Roche -- Born with disfigurement on one side of his face

Peter Townsend -- Born with neurofibromatosis

PLEASE JOIN US! To attend, register at marketing@post-gazette.com or call x3850

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Sensory-Friendly showing of: YOGI BEAR

Saturday, January 8, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

AMC Theatres and The Autism Society of America have teamed up to bring families affected by autism a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a

monthly basis With Sensory Friendly Films, the movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down.

AMC Waterfront 22
300 West Waterfront Drive
West Homestead, PA 15120
412-462-6550

For tickets to this unique experience, please visit the theatre's box office the day of the event.

Nationally Renowned Author Presents FREE Workshop at FBR Lancaster Office *NEW LOCATION*

We can now accommodate more families and members of the community who wish to benefit from hearing William Stillman's presentation on January 20th from 9 am will now take place at The Lexington Ballroom, Heritage Hotel, 500 Centerville Road lancaster@familybehavioralresources.com.

Lancaster, PA 17601 Lancaster Office, author, advocate and speaker William Stillman will present an all-day workshop that addresses how we can best support persons on the spectrum who face additional unique challenges and/or co-morbid diagnoses. This training increases one's awareness, promoting "prevention" as opposed to just "intervention." Stillman reminds us to always remain focused, sensitive, and to always take a unique, person-centered approach to supporting and treating these individuals. William Stillman is a nationally-known autism spectrum speaker and author, and has worked in the human services field since 1987. The event is FREE to all members of the community. Light morning refreshments will be available. Seating is limited, so register early! Please RSVP to Christy Foote, Central Regional Director of Autism Services, by utilizing the attached registration form. Questions may be sent to 717-295-5500 or

Perspective Program: Intervention Research Study for Adults with ASD

The Perspectives Program at the University of Pittsburgh is developing new non-drug interventions to meet the unique needs of adults with autism spectrum disorders. Individuals with Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder NOS, between the ages of 16-40, are now being accepted into the program. All participants will receive one of two new experimental interventions, Cognitive Enhancement Therapy or Enriched Supportive Therapy, at no cost. Participants must be able to come to the University of Pittsburgh on a regular basis. A new session is beginning soon. To enroll or find out more information contact 1-866-647-3436 or autismrecruiter@upmc.edu.

Autism Sharing and Parenting, Inc.

Saturday, January 15, 2011

1pm
Center for Autism
3905 Ford Rd, Suite 6
Philadelphia, PA 19131
Enter from Ellington Road

Teaching 'Big Ideas' to all students. Presented by Susan Levy
With the PA Standards Aligned Instruction, students on the spectrum are expected to learn grade level materials. One often wonders how this can be achieved when behaviors, cognitive abilities, and reading and other academic levels add barriers. Ms. Levy will show innovated, yet simple ways, to teach students the big concepts that will expand our children's knowledge and help prepare them for the future. Additionally, Ms. Levy will utilize her expansive treasure chest of teaching techniques to answer questions and show how to teach anything to anyone.

Ms. Levy is a retired Special Education Director for the School District of Philadelphia. In addition to overseeing programs, she also taught students who receive special education services directly, accounting for her impressive array of strategies and techniques. Currently, Ms. Levy is a compliance monitor for the Bureau of Special Education and an Educational Consultant.
www.autismsharingandparenting.org Next meeting: February 16, 2011, CBH, 8th and Market, Phila. 6:15PM-8PM ASP greatly appreciates your RSVP for an accurate head-count*
Call RSVP Line: 215-413-7106 ~or~ Email: NASYA06@MSN.COM

Wesley Spectrum Autism Services Family Fun Movie Event!

A family friendly event for families with a child who has been diagnosed with autism, the Wesley Spectrum Autism Services Movie Event is a great opportunity to meet people and have fun! Kids are encouraged to wear their comfiest, coziest pajamas and have a relaxing and fun time watching Toy Story 3! We welcome you, your child, family, friends, and BHRS staff to attend the movie on January 16, 2011 at 3pm. The movie event will be held at Wonder Kids North (5499 William Flynn Highway Gibsonia, PA 15044). For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Kristen Mahoney at 724.443.8900 or kmahoney@wesleyspectrum.org

Pittsburgh/Allegheny County Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)

When: January, 12, 2011

Where: Children's Hospital of UPMC- Lawrenceville, PA

Meet at the lego model CHP structure

10:00 - 11:00 Tour of Children's Hospital

11:00 - 12:00 Business and networking Meeting

The Local Interagency Coordinating Council welcomes all families and professionals who have an interest in Early Intervention. For more information call Candace Hawthorne at 412-897-5876 or Amy Maddock at 412.325.4590.

Parking is in the middle street garage. Parking begins at 3 \$ an hour, so car pooling from Achieve may be available- please call to arrange. The parking is automated- enter first floor of building or go down to floor one and you will see lego model (where tour will start). Cafeteria will be available. Feel free to nack a lunch.

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