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Autism Weekly

Advisory Board on Autism & Related Disorders

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ABOARD'S MISSION:

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>

WOW TWO GREAT FUN NIGHTS OUT THAT BOTH BENEFIT ABOARD!
Thank you to our supporters who are hosting these events for ABOARD.

first annual
**Spring Fling
 for Autism**
 at Grazie!
 100 Village Drive, Weaford, PA

Featuring:
 The Rozanne Matthews Band
 Pamela Biech and
 The Warehouse Band
 The Ramp Shakers
 Miss Freddie and Blue Taze

*Saturday, April 30, 2011
 From 4 'til 9 pm*
Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door
Drink and food specials, raffles, prizes
Purchase tickets online at www.aboard.org
 Benefiting the Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders (ABOARD)

ABOARD & Caste Family
 Fund Present....

*The Royal
 Masquerade
 Bowl*

benefiting families of
 Autism Spectrum Disorders

Saturday May 7 7-9pm
 Prior's Tap & Tavern
 inside Princess Lanes
 540 Weyman Road
 412.682.5557

Tickets (21+)

General Admission \$20-
 includes: 2 drink tickets, Hors
 d'oeuvres, bowling, specialty drinks,
 silent auctions, costume prizes and
 more!

\$20 before April 18th
 \$25 April 19th-May 6th
 \$30 at the door

costumes & masks
 enthusiastically
 encouraged!

**to purchase tickets go to
aboard.org or call
 412.449.0165**

[Tickets on sale now](#) to get the early bird special!

Tickets will not be mailed for this event, but you are registered once you finish registration.

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Fling for Autism & Masquerade Bowl.

Your receipt will be emailed to you.

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



ABOARD

PRESENTS SATURDAY SEMINAR

AUTISM & SEXUALITY

Helping Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Presented by: Shawn McGill

Saturday, April 9, 2011

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at

**The ABOARD Office
 Pittsburgh, PA 15223**

Seats limited please register now!

Parent and clinical consultant in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1998, Shawn McGill will present an all-day workshop that addresses how we can best support persons on the spectrum to understand and safely express their sexuality. This comprehensive and unique training increases one's knowledge and awareness on how to best prepare your child for puberty, and how to best support them in navigating the many aspects of sexuality. Throughout the day you will learn educational and supportive methods to explain sexual feelings and body changes and to teach about legal and safe sexual expression.

Continuing Education Credits

[Click here to register online!](#)

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ABOARD turned 15 on March 17th!

**It's was also St.
Patrick's Day so we've
turned our logo green!**

Please consider sharing your "green" with us by making a quick and easy online donation. We are hoping that you will show your support with any level of "birthday gift" you can spare to help all who struggle with the challenges of autism and bring a little gold to the end of their rainbow.

**A birthday note from
ABOARD Director Lu**



Today's eblast is provided free to the families through the support of our sponsors!



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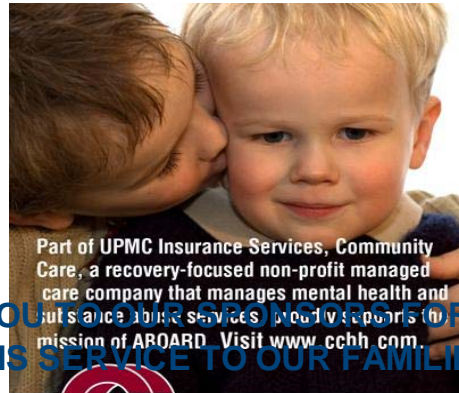
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at ABOARD and all our
upcoming events, conference
and seminars for 2011!



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Part of UPMC Insurance Services, Community Care, a recovery-focused non-profit managed care company that manages mental health and substance abuse services, proudly supports the mission of ABOARD. Visit www.cchh.com.



NEWS BOOKS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE FREE ABOARD LENDING LIBRARY

The Autism Sisterhood
Building Sensory Friendly Classrooms

Brooke
Moyes

Behavior Solutions for the Inclusive Classroom
Understanding Asperger's Syndrome - Fast Facts
How To Teach Life Skills to Kids with Autism or Asperger's
Aspie Teen's Survival Guide

Aue, Burt & Gennaro
Burrows & Wagner
Myers

Asperger's on the Job

Kraus
Simone

Basic Skills Checklists: Teacher Friendly Assessment for students with Autism
Social Skills Training For children and Adolescents with Asperger Syndrome

Breitenbach
Baker

MoveAbout Activity Cards

Jereb

Yoga for Children with Special Needs (DVD)

Baskauskas, Collins

.....Feature.....

Technology Simulations Can Improve Social Skills in Autism

New research suggests simulated interactions in which adults with [autism](#) converse with a virtual partner may help them develop better social interaction skills.

Researchers report that adults with autism who participated in a prototype conversation simulation program responded positively to the experience, supporting the quality and usefulness of the simulation.

<http://psychcentral.com/news/2011/03/21/technology-simulations-can-improve-social-skills-in-autism/24522.html>

Rural



Bucks County Autism Conference Stresses Positive Behavior Support

Parents and educators took advantage of more than 30 different classes and workshops offered by the event. Organized by the [Bucks County Autism Support Coalition](#) (BCASC), the 4th Annual Autism Conference offered a full day of classes and workshops designed to help the stakeholders assisting individuals with autism throughout their lives, from early childhood and elementary school to college life and transitioning into adulthood.

<http://levittown.patch.com/articles/bucks-county-autism-conference-stresses-positive-behavior-support-4>

Research



Protein found in brain cells may be key to autism

Scientists have shown how a single protein may trigger autistic spectrum disorders by stopping effective communication between brain cells. The team from Duke University in North Carolina created autistic mice by mutating the gene which controls production of the protein, Shank3.

The animals exhibited social problems, and repetitive behaviour - both classic signs of autism and related conditions.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-12759587>

Autism Study Looks At Pregnant Moms

Participants Already Have Child With Autism. A Crofton family is among those across the country taking part in a groundbreaking study on early autism risk factors. The 10-year nationwide study is known as Early Autism Risk Longitudinal Investigation (EARLI), and it focuses on pregnant mothers who already have a child with autism. When the Waldman family discovered their now 3-year-old son, John Michael, has autism spectrum disorder, it was shock, especially because his older brother, Calib, doesn't have the disorder.

<http://www.wbaltv.com/news/27284567/detail.html>

Education



12-Year-Old With Asperger's Tackles Graduate Coursework

At age 2, Jacob Barnett's parents wondered if he would ever speak, but today the 12-year-old with Asperger's syndrome is mastering graduate level physics with ease.

Barnett, whose IQ tops the charts at 170, dropped out of fifth grade after whizzing through high school math in just two weeks and now takes college courses at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. He's currently working on a new theory of relativity and actively questions the legitimacy of the big-bang theory. Their report indicated that while Jake continued to struggle with social activities and physical development, he was showing signs of academic skills that were above his age level. Diagnosis: Asperger's syndrome, a somewhat milder condition related to autism. After hearing this, Jake's parents decided to pay closer attention to the things their first-born son was doing -- rather than the things he was not

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011103200369>

Of Interest



Resilient family lives with Fragile X syndrome

Fragile X syndrome can cause a child to have autism or an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The Loscher boys have some autistic characteristics, and because of their condition can read only on a kindergarten to first-grade level. They know letters and their sounds but can't figure out how to put them together so most of the words they read they have memorized.

The two brothers can challenge others to break through preconceived barriers.

http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/north/eagle-mountain/article_3d78cbf5-7afb0in6-a3b6-dae11b194d67.html

Onstage, an autistic student finds his voice

Corey, 18, is tall and lanky, with thick black hair and navy blue eyes. His autism makes him awkward and fidgety. He's always pacing, rubbing his hands, touching his face. Except onstage.

He's a senior at Boca Ciega High School, and at a district competition in December he was named the best high school actor in the area.

<http://www.tampabay.com/features/humaninterest/onstage-an-autistic-student-finds-his-voice/1158235>

ICM-9-CM diagnostic code for ASD detection in children

With increasing frequency, parents of children with [autism](#) spectrum disorder (ASD) report the terrible consequences that can occur when their children wander or unexpectedly run away. One mother described

the recent death of her child who had wandered away from her home, despite efforts to lock doors and windows. Recognizing the seriousness and urgency of this problem, [Autism](#) Speaks, the world's largest [autism](#) science and advocacy organization, vigorously supports the proposed ICM-9-CM diagnostic code and asks the [autism](#) community to sign the petition found at <http://www.change.org/naa>.
<http://www.news-medical.net/news/20110318/Autism-Speaks-supports-ICM-9-CM-diagnostic-code-for-ASD-detection-in-children.aspx>

Blind boy inspires crowds with singing

From Christian contemporary to pop rock, 9-year-old Christopher Duffley can sing it all, right there with the best of them, with purity and passion. If you closed your eyes and just listened to his voice you'd never guess he's both blind and autistic. He sang the national anthem at a hockey tournament this past weekend. The video was posted on YouTube and currently has over 300 hits.

<http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/blind-boy-inspires-crowds-with-singing-20110316>

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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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.

FBR and AERI Co-Host 9th Annual Autism Awareness Night

The 9th Annual Autism Awareness Night is co-hosted this year by Family Behavioral Resources (FBR) and the Autism Education and Research Institute (AERI) on April 7th, 2011 from 6:30pm-9pm at the Doubletree Hotel in Monroeville, PA. Hope for Tomorrow - A Tale of Two Mothers shares unique stories from two women -both of whom are national authors and motivational speakers. Amalia Starr, author of "Raising Brandon" and Claudreen Jackson, wife of the late Pervis Jackson (from Motown group The Spinners) and

author of "Inspired by Autism" open their voices and hearts as they talk about their beloved adult sons and experiences in raising their loved ones on the autism spectrum. The stories are as alike as they are different, but common theme remains the same - they have immense love for their sons, and show strength, courage, and resiliency. Their life lessons and perspectives will undoubtedly teach and inspire the audience. This event has always been and is still FREE to the community as part of our commitment to supporting Autism Awareness Month in April. We invite family members, persons on the spectrum, therapists, teachers, paraprofessionals - anyone who need a "cup of comfort and inspiration!" Starr and Jackson will surely remind us that no matter how our loved ones are impacted by the spectrum, there is always "hope for tomorrow." Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities are now available on a limited basis - first come, first serve! Finally, we have applied for Continuing Education hours and expect to once again be approved to provide this exceptional opportunity to those in need of credit. Should this change, we will notify the community immediately. We hope to see returning guests and new faces this year for our annual event. Join us for an exceptional evening!

Camp Sequoia Open House

Camp Sequoia is an innovative overnight summer camp for children ages 8-18 who are diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, high-functioning Autism and high-functioning PDD-NOS. The focus of our camp is building social skills through a traditional camp program combined with utilizing the principles of the Social Thinking curriculum. Located on the campus of a prestigious boarding school in Pottstown, PA (40 miles northwest of Philadelphia) Camp Sequoia serves a segment of campers diagnosed with ASD who are bright, creative kids who need help developing their social cognition. We offer two separate 3-week sessions, a full 6 week season and a "First Timers" week for campers who are new to the overnight camp experience. We are hosting an Open House on Saturday April 23rd, please RSVP if your family would like to attend. 610-771-0111

BarberInstitute Persents: Joshua Diehl, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Notre Dame

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Barber National Institute Forum

Joshua Diehl, Ph.D. will present information from his behavior-based research projects and therapies, including communication barriers, effective treatment options, and the importance of continued treatment through adolescence. The focal point of Dr. Diehl's current research involves a state-of-the-art robot named "Nao," which is specially programmed to help break down communication barriers for children with autism. By incorporating technology, which is especially appealing to most children with autism, gestures and tone of voice are simplified, potentially making therapy sessions less threatening and more productive.

Dr. Diehl and his team at the University of Notre Dame are among the first in the nation to conduct research to determine if robot technology can improve human interaction in children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. This presentation is designed for parents and family members, as well as educators, speech and language therapists, and other professionals. Continuing education credits. The program will be presented free of charge; advance reservations are requested. Contact the Barber National Institute at 814-480-6831 or register online at BarberInstitute.org

FBR Lancaster Hosts Parenting for Partnership - FREE WORKSHOP!

Marty Dutcher, founder of Parenting for Partnership, will be hosting a FREE workshop to discuss his ideas and theories on building positive relationships with our children! Join us Tuesday, March 29th, 2011 6PM-

and focuses on building positive relationships with our children. Join us Tuesday, March 27th, 2011 at 7:30PM at FBR Lancaster Office ~ 245 Centerville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603. Presentation topics will address what any child seeks from a parent, and how the way we relate to our children's overall behavioral issues on a daily basis, impacts both our sense of well-being and their desire for unconditional love and support. This includes: providing parenting tools, distinctions, coaching, and resources that result in ever-expanding views of our children and ourselves - enhancing parenting success and satisfaction. All parents welcome-not just those who have a loved one with a diagnosis. ~ Light refreshments to be provided. Child care / social skills group not available during the presentation. Please RSVP to Christy Foote- Central Regional Director of Autism Services at: 717-295-5500 ~*~ lancaster@familybehavioralresources.com. *RSVPs strongly encouraged by Friday, March 25th.

FBR and AERI Bring William Stillman to Western PA - FREE WORKSHOP!

Oftentimes parents, caregivers and educators are at a loss about how best to support individuals with autism because they are overwhelmed by out-of-control, aggressive "behaviors," inundated with disrespectful prognoses and clinical jargon, or confused by technical information. This workshop is the perfect introduction for participants to begin to discern the functions of mental health issues from autism. William Stillman demystifies such perplexing challenges using language, examples and anecdotes that are concrete and understandable for all. Join us April 26, 2011 from 9AM-4PM at the Four Points Sheraton for this FREE event! Registration begins at 8:30AM. For a registration form, visit www.familybehavioralresources.com or send email to autismservices@familybehavioralresources.com. Events also listed on our Facebook page!

Westmoreland IU & University of Pittsburgh Greensburg Autism Conference Wednesday, May 4, 2011

The First Annual Autism conference sponsored jointly by the Westmoreland IU and UPG offers practical ways to respond to youth on the Spectrum. The opening keynote presentation by Dr. Nancy Minshew will focus on understanding the cognitive and physical basis of autism. Dr. Minshew, Director of Pitt's Autism Center of Excellence will review her 25 plus years of research on brain connectivity and information processing for persons on the spectrum. Afternoon sessions feature practical responses to "Sensory Processing", "Social Skills Training", "Responses to Agitation, Escalation & Meltdown", and "Career Development/Employment Experiences". Sessions on "Parent Partnership Development" and "Advances in Assistive Technology" are also scheduled. Contact Ms. Kelly Heitchue, (724) 836-2460 Extension 2324
www.wiu.k12.pa.us

DASH Advocacy Training

DASH is presenting a skill building training for disability advocacy groups at six different locations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Different Advocacy Approaches and Advocacy with State and Local Government. To enroll, email Lan Do at Ldo@drnpa.org. The training is held on April 4 at the Disability Empowerment Center in Lancaster, on April 13 at Abilities in Motion in Reading, on April 26 at the Luzerne County Annex Building, on May 9 at the Three Rivers Center for Independent Living, on May 10 at Voices for Independence in Erie, on May 23 at Vision for Equality in Philadelphia.

Autism Awareness Month Parent Advocacy Training

Do you ever feel unprepared at your child's IEP meeting or intimidated by school officials? Pressley Ridge, in partnership with Autismlink, is holding a free training led by Rebecca Moyes, Regional Education Coordinator for Autism and nationally and internationally respected speaker. Rebecca

will take the mystery out of the IEP. You will leave this training feeling well prepared for your next IEP meeting and with some great advocacy tips. The training will be held 4/15/11 at 5500 Corporate Drive, Suite 400, Pittsburgh, PA. For more information please call 412.872.9420, email lcubellis@pressleyridge.org, or visit www.pressleyridge.org.

Autism Awareness Day

Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Shoppes at Northway Mall.

Join staff from the Barber National Institute's BHR program as they host Autism Awareness Day. The event will feature many free activities for children such as crafts, balloon animals, games and temporary tattoos! Youngsters can play a game of corn hole for the chance to win a prize. We will have information about autism and the Barber National Institute, and professionals from our organization will be available to answer questions from parents. We will also provide employment information for anyone who may be interested in career opportunities.

World Autism Awareness Day

On April 2, 2011 from 10A to 3P, we are having a World Autism Awareness day event at the State Museum. We're looking for groups to set up tables with information for the event. I thought it would be great to have our local support group participate. We're working on getting passes done that would allow us to have some individuals attend the event and visit the museum for free. There is no fee of course for our event, but the passes would allow folks to visit the museum for free (the state museum now charges a \$5 admission fee for the museum). Also, if you have any members who make autism awareness-specific items that they would like to display, that would be great too. Elizabeth (Lisa) Kimball

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www.dpw.state.pa.us

Children with Hyperactivity & Autism Research Study

The UPMC Center for Autism & Developmental Disorders at Merck Child Outpatient Clinic is conducting a study to examine the use atomoxetine and/or parent training vs. placebo for symptoms of ADHD in children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. It includes 10 management sessions and an optional 24 week follow-up involves monthly visits to our outpatient clinic. This is open to children 5-13 years of age who are not on medication or are on medications that are not working well.

For more information please contact: David Maloney at 412-235-5407 or maloneydj2@upmc.edu

Autism Awareness-Family Fun Day

When: April 9, 2011-11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Davidsville Christian School

197 Pender Road, Johnstown, PA 15905

Come and support Autism Awareness in our community. Information booths and various vendors will be set up. A Magic Show, provided by B. Happie Entertainment, will start at 12:00. DJ Jammin' Jeff will be providing music starting at 1:00 p.m. Following the Magic Show and DJ, there will also

be an Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting)!! Other various activities include: Face painting, craft tables, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, a bake sale, concession stand, and a basket raffle!! T-Shirts supporting Autism Awareness will also be on sale for \$10.00. Remember this event is for EVERYONE!! Together we can spread Autism Awareness!!!

For more information, to make a donation, or if you would like to be apart of the Autism Awareness Fun Day, please contact Cresta Micik @ 814.535.5219 or or Heather Cronin @ 814.479.2002.

April Speaker Presentation:

"Alternative Concepts for Individuals with ASD - A Speaker Panel Event"

Tuesday, April 12th; 6:30-8:30PM at Parents in Toto

Perfect Fit Canines will be presenting "A Service Dog, Completing the Puzzle of Autism" which will discuss how a service dog is a valuable tool when helping an individual with autism. Sebastian, one of the goodwill canine ambassadors, will be accompanying them for the presentation. Perfect Fit Canines is a non-profit organization located in Southwestern Pennsylvania and was founded by Susan and Jim Wagner. Mr. Wagner has over 15 years working with Autistic children and is a specialist in his field. Mr. Wagner holds a Master's Degree in Adolescent Counseling from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Under Graduate Degrees in Organizational Behaviorism and Psychology from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA.

Dr. Tony Manes will be speaking and answering questions on the relationship between Chiropractic and Autism. Dr. Manes is the owner and clinic director of Complete Chiropractic Health located on Rochester Road in Cranberry Twp. Dr. Manes received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Northwestern College and moved on to graduate Summa Cum Laude from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport Iowa. Dr. Manes has treated thousands of patients both domestically and abroad in India where he saw a variety of Chiropractic cases.

Christine Doolittle will be presenting "Nutritional Strategies for Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders". The presentation includes a brief overview of nutritional modalities in the treatment of autism spectrum disorders and an exploration of how digestive health, brain function, nutrient deficiencies, food sensitivities, inflammation and environmental factors affect behavior and function. Christine is a Registered Dietitian, Board Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics, and a Certified LEAP Therapist specializing in Nutrition Therapy for disordered eating, sports nutrition, weight management, disease management, food allergies and sensitivities. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Foods and Nutrition from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and her Master's degree in Nutrition, with an emphasis on Exercise Science and Risk Factor Management, from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Registration appreciated by Tuesday, April 5th to Karen@parentsintoto.org

Donation \$5/Member; \$10/Non-Member

Mary Limbacher

Executive Director/Founder

Parents in Toto Autism Resource Center

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OMK Regional Team Meeting for Pittsburgh/Western PA

will take place on Friday, April 8th at 11:00 AM. We will have a working lunch (sorry, I can't pick up the tab this time so lunch is pay on your own). Venue for this meeting will be at the Club on the Air Reserve Base, Coraopolis. Terry Stuart has coordinated this for us so please contact Terry with any questions concerning venue. Non-DOD attendees need to send their names to Terry at terrance.stuart@us.af.mil . Non-DOD attendees must come with Drivers License and Proof of Insurance. Terry's phone number, should you need it, is 412-474-8544.

At our last meeting, we discussed holding a Speak Out for Military Kids Weekend Training in the region. Tentative date is May 14 - 15. Different attendees were going to check out various venues. 814.865.2264

E-mail: sjs52@psu.edu

Web: www.operationmilitarykids.org

April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2011-6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Autism Awareness Lecture Series

DuBois Middle School Auditorium

In honor of Autism Awareness Month, a lecture series related to topics in autism will be held at the DuBois Middle School Auditorium on Thursday evenings in April, 6-8 pm. Free and open to the public, geared towards parents, caregivers, therapists, teachers, support staff and anyone interested in learning about autism. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by The ASD Parent Group of DuBois. Child care available. Please contact Uzma Shah 814-913-1988 or uzmashah@aolmail.com for additional information.

April 9, 2011-11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Autism Awareness Fair

DuBois Mall, Rt 255, DuBois, PA

This event is designed to allow parents and caregivers of an ASD child to connect with service providers in the Clearfield, Jefferson, and Elk Counties, while allowing providers and local agencies to display their offerings and answer questions. April 9, 2011; 11-3, DuBois Mall, Rt 255, DuBois, PA. Contact Uzma Shah, 814-913-1988, uzmashah@aol.com or Kelly King, 814-653-2671, seeking@usachoice.net

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Helping Others through the Power of Education (HOPE) events:

Strong Communities Celebration and Resource Fair

Thursday, June 16, 2011

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Carnegie Music Hall at the Carnegie Museums of Art and Natural History 4400 Forbes Avenue

Carnegie Music Hall at the Carnegie Museums of Art and Natural History, 1100 Forbes Avenue,
Oakland

All families, caregivers, youth, and children served by DHS are welcome to attend
FREE!! resource fair, admission to the art and natural history museums, talent show, workshops,
keynote speaker [Carlos Ojeda Jr.](#), youth art show
PLUS FREE parking, food, raffles, chair massages
Contact: Alexis Miller 412-350-6697

Cool Think Youth Leadership Training

Saturday, June 18, 2011

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Downtown location TBA

All youth 16-25 years old served by DHS are welcome to register (registration required)
FREE!! Leadership development training provided by Cool Speakers [Cool Think Trainings](#)
Including keynote speaker [Carlos Ojeda Jr.](#), breakout sessions, game show, cool prizes, breakfast
and lunch

Contact: Alexis Miller 412-350-6697

The Watson Institute Summer Programs - Still Accepting Applications!

The Watson Institute operates summer programs for children and teens diagnosed with ASD. We
are still accepting applications for our WISP, STAT, and ACCLAIM programs. For more information
about our programs, visit us online at www.thewatsoninstitute.org, or contact us at (412) 749-
2889.

Kappa Delta Rho's Annual Autism Walk University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown, PA

Saturday, April 2, 2011

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

University of Pittsburgh's New Wellness Center

450 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15902

To register contact Brandon Strenko @ bss18@pitt.edu

Wesley Spectrum Autism Awareness Picnic

On Sunday, April 3, 2011, the Wesley Spectrum Autism Program is hosting an Autism Awareness
Picnic at Banksville Park, Green Tree PA. The event will be held from 1:00 - 4:00. We will have
games, food, and raffles, all in a supportive environment for children with autism.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

www.walkforahealthycommunity.org

**Select ABOARD as the
organization that you would
like to support.**



Come out and walk for ABOARD!

Walk Details:

WHERE: Heinz Field, Pittsburgh

WHEN: Saturday May 21, 2011

REGISTRATION: Starts at 7:15am

5K WALK START: 9:00am

ONE-MILE FUN WALK START: 9:15am

Call 412-781-4116 or email autismwalk@aboard.org with any questions.

ABOARD and the families that we serve thank you for your support!

*Spring will be here soon and it's time to start thinking about supporting **ABOARD** at the 9th annual Walk for a Healthy Community presented by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. This year's fundraiser benefits 67 local health and human service agencies in Southwestern PA, including ABOARD. Because all costs are underwritten by Highmark **ABOARD receives 100% of the money that is collected.***

To register, go to www.walkforahealthycommunity.org and select ABOARD as the organization that you would like to support. Would you like to be a team leader? On the website you can register as an individual, walk for a team leader or just make a donation. Pre-register and donate \$25 to receive a t-shirt on walk day!

Here is a way to see a great show & support ABOARD all in one night!

PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
COMMUNITY PARTNERS CONCERT WITH
BOYZ II MEN
JUNE 23, 2011 • 7:30 PM • HEINZ HALL

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Join the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and Resident Conductor Lawrence Loh for the eighth annual PSO Community Partners Concert. This year's performance features the sounds of Boyz II Men and the winner of the renowned 2011 Sphinx Competition, Paul Larcia. The PSO's Community Partners Concerts have raised more than \$539,000 for partnering nonprofit groups since they began in 2004.

Pittsburgh Symphony Community Partners Concert Featuring BOYZ II MEN

Location: Heinz Hall

Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 7:30 PM

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