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HVSEPC EVENTS

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 • 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

PARENT MEMBER TRAINING

This full-day training will address the roles and requirements of CPSE/CSE Parent Members, provide an overview of the special education process, and offer tools and strategies to fulfill the parent member role in the CSE meeting.

Presenters: Naomi Brickel, Director, HVSEPC and Laurie Levine, Regional Special Education Training Specialist, RSE-TASC

Location: Westchester Institute for Human Development, 1st floor Boardroom

To register for this event email hvsepc@wihd.org

Tuesday, May 11, 2010 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

HELPING PARENTS & SCHOOLS BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE PARTNERS; SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDIATION: A COLLABORATIVE OPTION FOR RESOLVING DISPUTES.

This three-hour informational session will offer attendees an opportunity to look at conflict differently, learn about tools and resources to enable people to communicate more effectively and meet representatives from organizations available to assist parents and schools with communication issues. This program will also educate attendees on dispute resolution options, in particular mediation and other collaborative processes.

Location: Dispute Resolution Center, 280 Broadway, Newburgh, NY 12550

To register: Online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SFT2K3F> or call NYSDRA at 518-687-2240 ext. 201

Monday, May 17, 2010 • 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

ANNUAL REVIEWS, YOUR RIGHTS, STEPS TO RESOLVE CONCERNS, MEDIATION

This session will cover what you need to know about your child's annual review, your rights as a parent, ways to address concerns, and how to resolve differences in your child's individualized education plan.

Presenter: Joyce M. Hawk, Outreach Coordinator Hudson Valley Special Education Parent Center

Location: Thrall Middletown Thrall Library, 11 Depot Street, Middletown, NY
For more information: E-mail jhawk@wihd.org or call (845) 891-1305

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 • 7:30 p.m.

SELF DETERMINATION: A REAL LIFE CELEBRITY SUCCESS STORY

Self-determination is a philosophy and process that develops a road map and provides structure to assist people to plan and implement their future goals. An important component of self-determination is self-advocacy, which is a skill that enables a student to contribute to the discussion as to where he will live, how he will earn a living, and what further education opportunities he wants to pursue. This presentation will take you along a personal journey through life's transitions and offer "how-to's" and resources.

Presenters: Mitchell Levitz and Diane Greble

Location: New Rochelle HS Library, 265 Clove Rd. New Rochelle, NY 10801

Sponsored by New Rochelle SEPTA

Thursday, May 27, 2010 •

THINK COLLEGE SUMMIT

The Institute for Innovative Transition at the University of Rochester has been awarded a Think College grant to conduct statewide planning for inclusive postsecondary education options for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Participants will take active roles in identifying and planning next steps for New York State to conduct statewide planning for inclusive postsecondary education options for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Participation in this event is by invitation only. For more information contact nbrickel@wihd.org

WIHD EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 • 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

UNDERSTANDING COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION (CPSE) SERVICES, FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Is your child aging out of Early Intervention or starting CPSE services soon? Come learn about the CPSE process and timelines; roles and responsibilities of the Committee members; evaluations, eligibility, and individualized education programs (IEPs); programs and services available; and the current federal and state regulations.

Presenter: Suzanne Peretz, M.S. Ed., Director, Early Childhood Direction Center

Location: Westchester Institute for Human Development, Cedarwood Hall Valhalla, NY 10595

To register: Call (914) 493-2902 or email ecdc@wihd.org

Thursday, May 20, 2010 • 8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Registration & Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.)

2010 HOUSING CONFERENCE ON INITIATIVES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Now is the time to support advocacy and policy that will guide the development of cost-effective alternative housing models to provide individuals with disabilities the support they need to live the way they choose.

Location: Westchester Institute for Human Development, Cedarwood Hall Valhalla, NY 10595

Register online at <http://nymyway.org/housing>

Parent to Parent of NYS

Parent to Parent of NYS is looking for new support parents. If you feel that you could make a difference for one family, please consider being a volunteer support parent. Contact Marina McGovern mmcgovern@wihd.org

AUTISM:

Saturday, May 1, 2010 • 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

AHA'S ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE: ISSUES IN INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

Presenter: John Elder Robison-Author of "Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's"

Location: Adelphi University, Ruth S. Harvey University Center, Garden City, NY

Register Online at www.ahany.org

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 • 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

UNDERSTANDING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS AND USING POSITIVE SUPPORTS

This workshop will deal with challenging behaviors, the cycle of aggression, effective communication, and the common causes of challenging behaviors. The workshop will cover personal space, signs of agitation, and there will be a discussion of effective de-escalation techniques and when to use them.

Presenter: Niels Hoyt

Location: Center for Spectrum Services, 70 Kukuk Lane, Kingston NY

To register: 845-336-2616 x 120

Friday, May 6, 2010 & Saturday, May 7, 2010 • 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FUTURE HORIZONS CONFERENCE ON AUTISM, ASPERGER'S SYNDROME AND SENSORY ISSUES

Presenters: Dr. Temple Grandin, Author and one of the most respected authorities on autism; Dr. Jed Baker, Clinical Psychologist; Carol Kranowitz, M.A., Author (The Out-of-Sync Child); and Kathleen Morris, M.S., CCC-SLP, speech and language pathologist.

Location: Hilton Long Island/Huntington, 598 Broadhollow Road, Melville, NY 11747

To register: Contact Teresa Cory at (800) 489-0727 or teresa@fhautism.com and www.fhautism.com

Thurs. May 13, 2010 • 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

INCREASING COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Strategies to promote verbal communication including social and pragmatic language will be discussed. In addition, we will provide an overview of strategies such as the use of hand cues to prompt speech. Nonverbal strategies such as picture communication systems, sign language and voice output devices will be presented. Techniques to facilitate language comprehension through use of visual cues will also be discussed

Presenter: Caryn Freer and Laurie DeVine, Speech Pathologists

Location: Center for Spectrum Services, 4 Yankee Place, Ellenville NY

To register: 845-336-2616 x 120

Wed. May 26, 2010 • 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PARENT AND SIBLING SUPPORT GROUPS

Location: Center for Spectrum Services, 70 Kukuk Lane, Kingston NY

To register: 845-336-2616 x 120

TRANSITION:

Thursday, May 6, 2010 • 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

THAT'S LIFE! ~ HIGH SCHOOL TO POST HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION PLANNING FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, 3RD PANEL PRESENTATION: MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITIES – I KNOW I CAN

Guest Speakers: Sabrina Johnson, Mental Health Systems Advocate & Independent Living Advocate and Susan Rowan, Parent

Location: Westchester Independent Living Center, 200 Hamilton Avenue, 2nd Floor, White Plains, NY

To register: Contact Christina Eisenberg at (914) 682-3926, ext. 2111 or ceisenberg@wilc.org

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 • 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

GUARDIANSHIP AND SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS WORKSHOP

Presenter: Adrienne J. Arkontaky Esq., Littman Krooks LLP

Location: Putnam ARC, 1938 Route 6, Carmel, NY

For more information: Contact Teddi Barry at (845) 225-5650, ext. 127 or teddi_barry@putnamarc.org

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 • 7:00 p.m.

DAY PROGRAM AND RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS THEY ENTER ADULTHOOD

Location: Rockland BOCES Conference Center, Building 10, 65 Parrott Road, West Nyack, NY

To register: E-mail dkitz@rboces.org or call (845)624-5833

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 • 4:00 p.m.

GUARDIANSHIP PREPARATION WALKTHROUGH

Location: Westchester Arc

Contact info: kkaiser@westchesterarc.org

Thursday, May 20, 2010 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

TRANSITION PLANNING WORKSHOP

Topics will include: Guardianship, School-to-Work, Independent Living Services, Special Needs Trusts

Location: Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, One Civic Center Plaza, Suite 400, Poughkeepsie, NY

To register: E-mail mhayn@littmankrooks.com or call (845) 896-1106 by May 13, 2010

Thursday, May 27, 2010 • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

GUARDIANSHIP WORKSHOP

Presenter: Adrienne J. Arkontaky, Esq., Littman Krooks LLP

Location: Sinergia at Metropolitan Parent Center, 134 West 29th St., New York, NY

For more information: Contact Godfrey Rivera at (212) 643-2840 or grivera@sinergiany.org

OTHER EVENTS:

Friday, April 30 – Sunday, May 2, 2010

8th ANNUAL SPROUT FILM FESTIVAL

This is a weekend festival showcasing films which feature people with developmental disabilities.

Location: Metropolitan Museum of Art, Ruth And Herald D. Uris Center For Education, 81st St. & 5th Avenue, New York, NY

For additional information: Contact Anthony Di Salvo at (888) 222-9575 or Anthony@GoSpout.org or visit the website <http://www.gospout.org/film/sff2010/index.html>

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 • 7:30 p.m

PSYCHIARIC MEDICINE DILEMMA: WEIGHING RISKS AND BENEFITS

Presenter: Kevin Kalikow, M.D. – Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, author of the book, *Your Child in the Balance: An Insider's Guide for Parents to the Psychiatric Medicine Dilemma*.

Location: Four Winds Hospital Conference Center, Route 35, Katonah, NY

\$5.00 donation is requested of non CHADD members. New Parents Support Session will be held 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

For more information contact (914) 729-2067 or visit the CHADD of Putnam & Vicinity website, www.chadd.net/376.

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 • 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

TS AND ASSOCIATED DISORDERS: NEW TREATMENTS AND INTERVENTIONS

This presentation will provide parents of a newly diagnosed child, experienced parents, a person with TS, or a professional, with the latest information about new treatments and interventions.

Presenter: Dr. John T. Walkup, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Psychiatry Director Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College and New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

Location: Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591

Sponsor: Tourette Syndrome Association, New York Hudson Valley Chapter

To register: email info@tsa-nyhv.org or call (914) 378-5025

Thursday, May 13, 2010 • 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES: SAFETY, SECURITY AND STRATEGIES

Twenty-Ninth Conference of the Rockland County Unified Services Child and Adolescent Workgroup

Location: Stony Point Conference Center

For further information please call: Sherry Glickman (845) 364-2371.

Registration is limited to the first 150 responses. A limited number of scholarships are available for parents.

Sunday, May 15, 2010 • 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1st ANNUAL HUDSON VALLEY ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY EXPO

The EXPO will showcase the latest AT products and services to enhance independent learning and living and include educational workshops, recreational activities and interactive exhibits.

Location: Orange County Community College – Athletic Building, Middletown, NY

For more information: Contact Flo Hannes at flo.hannes@sunyorange.edu or (845) 341-4323

Friday, May 21, 2010 • 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

TEEN PROJECT CHILDD FRIDAY NIGHTS OUT

A program for teens with special needs but interested in friendship and group fun. Pizza will be served. Limited to a maximum of 15 teen participants.

Location: Daronco Town House, 20 Fifth Avenue, Pelham, NY

Sponsor: Project CHILDD is a program of the Nurses Network of America.

For more information please contact Elizabeth D'Onofrio at (914) 738-6136.

Saturday, May 22, 2010 • 10:00 a.m.

FILM - SHREK FOREVER AFTER

AMC Entertainment (AMC) and the Autism Society have teamed up to bring families affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis with the "Sensory Friendly Films" program.

For more information: www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=sensoryfilms

Tuesday, June 1, 2010 • 7:30 p.m.

HIGH RISK, YET HIGH POTENTIAL: TRANSITION ISSUES FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH AD/HD

Presenter: Robert M. Tudisco, Esq., Attorney, Adult with AD/HD, Columnist for CHADD's ATTENTION! Magazine, and past CHADD National Board Member.

Location: Four Winds Hospital Conference Center, Route 35, Katonah, NY

\$5.00 donation is requested of non CHADD members. New Parents Support Session will be held 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

For more information: Call (914) 729-2067 or visit the CHADD of Putnam website at www.chadd.net/376.

Wednesday, June 2, 2010 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

5TH ANNUAL REGIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE

This conference will focus on Sensory Processing and "Ready Approach".

Presenter: Laura Barker, MS, OTR

Sponsor: Independent Living, Inc. with Orange County Provider Coalition & Mid-Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center.

Location: Ramada Inn, 1289 Route 300, Newburgh, NY

Fee: \$50 (Includes the conference and all materials, breakfast and lunch)

For more information: Contact Linnette Boykins at (845) 565-1162, ext. 240 or email

lboykins@myindependentliving.org

Saturday, June 5, 12, & 19, 2010 • 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

PARENTING COURSE USING THE ABC (Antecedent, Behavior, Consequences) PARENTING MODEL

This is a certificate course provided by Family Ties of Westchester. Attendees must complete all 3 sessions to receive a certificate. All courses are free of charge. Free childcare is available on site.

Location: Family Ties Resource Center, 158 Gramatan Avenue, 2nd floor, Mt. Vernon, NY

To register: Email blittlejohn@familytieswestchester.org or call (914) 663-4619

Wednesday, June 9, 2010 • 7:00 p.m.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR ALL STUDENTS

Location: Rockland BOCES Conference Center, Building 10, 65 Parrott Road, West Nyack, NY

To register: E-mail dkitz@rboces.org or call (845) 624-5833

WEBINARS:

THE NATIONAL WRAPAROUND INITIATIVE'S 2010 WEBINAR TRAINING SERIES

A series of web-based trainings and technical assistance sessions about high-quality wraparound implementation, and the organizational and system supports that facilitate it. Presentations from national experts and NWI advisors. Throughout the webinars, presenters will direct participants to relevant NWI materials to support implementation.

Please visit our website: www.nwi.pdx.edu for registration information and full up-to-date information about the 2010 Calendar of webinars.

Mondays, May 3, & May 17, 2010, • 2:00 p.m. (EST)

NEXT STEPS TRANSITION PROGRAM WEBINARS

The Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) in collaboration with VCU-RRTC is offering a webcast series for parents, students with disabilities, and the professionals. Archived webcasts from previous years are also available.

May 3, 2010 – The New Ticket to Work Program – What's in it for Young People

May 17, 2010 – Universal Design for Learning – A Pathway for Lifelong Learning

For more information and to register: <http://www.nextsteps.peatc.org/peatc.cgim?template=webinars#year3>

Monday, May 10, 2010 • 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"SYSTEM LINKAGES: A DEMONSTRATION" WEBINAR

Sponsored by the Easter Seals and Wayne State University.

For more information go to <http://sabeusa.org/?catid=204>

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[New NYS IEP Form](#) The New York State Education Department has developed model Student Information Summary and Individualized Education Program (IEP) forms. This form will be required for use for all IEPs developed for New York State students beginning with the 2011-12 school year.

[IEP Diploma Policy Memo](#) The Office of Special Education has issued a new policy memorandum which provides guidance to parents and school personnel regarding Individualized Education Program (IEP) Diplomas. Questions may be directed as indicated at the end of the memorandum.

The Chris McCarthy Scholarship Program

Epilepsy Society of Southern New York is providing funding to help children with epilepsy participate in summer camps. For more information: www.learnaboutepilepsy.com

Disabilities At Work Internet Talk Radio

Live Every Wednesday at Noon EST

Disabilities At Work (DAW) Internet Talk Radio focuses on broad areas of interest to people with disabilities, their advocates, and employers. The show is searching for topics, ideas, suggestions, sponsors, comments, or speakers. , the show will air every Wednesday at Noon EST beginning April 14th on the VoiceAmerica Business Channel. Look for weekly emails about show topics and speakers.

Camp Ramapo For Children is a nationally recognized, not-for-profit organization serving children with special needs who may typically demonstrate learning, emotional and behavioral challenges. Learn more about Ramapo for Children by visiting our website at www.ramapoforchildren.org

Miracle League – Orange County

Beautiful People-Adaptive Sports for Children with Disabilities-Spring Baseball

For information contact: Jan Brunkhorst, Director 845-986-5944 or email jbrunkhorst@beautiful-people.us

Players and volunteers register at <http://www.beautiful-people.us>

Miracle League – Westchester County

We are now accepting registrations for the Spring Season scheduled to begin on April 24, 2010.

Registration may be done on-line now by going to our website at: WWW.MLWNY.ORG

INSIGHT – A SUPPORT GROUP FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE

When: 1st and 3rd Friday of every month

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Host: Westchester Disabled on the Move, Inc.

Location: WDOM, 984 North Broadway, Suite LL-10 (Lower Level), Yonkers, NY

For more information: Contact Ann Chiappetta, M.S., Group Facilitator, (914) 968-4717, ext. 37 or email

annc@wdom.org

The Jewish Guild for the Blind announces a new free support service for families having children with autism spectrum disorders and visual impairments. This will be a national telephone group for parents like you. The weekly conference call will be a convenient way for you to participate in the group while at home.

For more information contact: lgaldi78@bestweb.net