

- 1/12/12 **Special Needs Planning for Your Loved One**, from a financial and legal perspective. Free seminar Location: Pediatric Specialty Care, 120 rider Avenue, Lancaster, PA. 8:30-9 11 AM. Presentors will include the Social Security Administration, Merrill Lynch, and the Lehman Law Office. Please contact LeAnne with any questions (717)606-5244.
- 1/12/12 **Harrisburg Area Chapter of the Autism Society Monthly Meeting** (Parents and Teens). 6:30-8 PM held at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit. 55 Miller Road, Summerdale, PA. Risa Paskoff, Executive Director of Aaron's Acres, will be presenting. Supper is provided by the Chapter at 6:30 PM. You are welcome to bring a food contribution if desired. Limited childcare is available free of charge. To reserve childcare, you MUST contact Bobbi Roach at (717)921-2823. **Teen ASD Support Group** meets during the Chapter meeting. For more information and reserve a spot for your teen during the group contact Judy Chabanik (717) 774-3350
- 1/16/12 **Autism York's Monthly Support Meeting**. This month's topic: Augmentative Communication Made Simple: The Questions You've Had About Communication Devices, But Didn't Know Where to Ask. Presented by Amy Leitzinger, Speech Pathologist. 7-8:30 pm. at Rebecca's Place\*, 1805 Loucks Road, Suite 800, York, PA 17408. Join us as we learn to determine what mode of communication might be most effective for your child. We will talk about a variety of speech and communication techniques, iPad apps and approaches. For further information contact (717) 801-1272 or e-mail to info@autismyork.org,
- 1/17/12 **Autism Spectrum Support Group of Lebanon County meeting**. 7-8:30PM at the Fairland Brethren in Christ Church. Discussion topic: Discipline & Behavior Programming in the Context of Special Education. For more information contact Diane at (717)838-7946 or diane@lebanonautism.com
- 1/18/12 Autism Resiliency Program presents: **Understanding Your Child's Evaluation & IEP: A Simple Guide to Special Education** presented by Elizabeth Medaglia, M.Ed. (Educational Consultant). 6-7:30 PM. FREE, light snacks provided. Location: Philhaven's Grace M. Pollock Training & Community Center, 283 S. Butler Road, Mount Gretna, PA. Registration is required. To register call (717)2792764 or email resiliency@philhaven.org
- 1/23/12 Join **Autism York Adult ASD Group** for a night of snow tubing at Roundtop Mountain Resort! Noon- 10 PM at 925 Round Top Road, Lewisberry, PA. Autism York will cover the cost for each person on the spectrum (professionally OR self-diagnosed) and, if you bring one, an accompanying guest. We will meet as a group at the entrance. We are a welcoming group and invite new participants to attend. Questions? Contact Amy at asipe@autismyork.org
- 1/28/12 **1st Equine Open House** at Leg Up Farm. 10AM-1PM. There will be riding demonstrations, vendors, tours the facility and information regarding therapy programs. Location: 4880 North Sherman St. Mt. Wolf, PA. For more information call (717)266-9294

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- ❖ **Autism Support/Socialization Group** is held at the Center for Independent Living, Roads to Freedom, 24 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Williamsport, PA every Friday from 10AM to noon. The main purpose of this group is to allow anyone affected by ASD find support and make friends. The group is open to people with ASD, their family members, professionals, and the public.
- ❖ **LINK** (Elizabethtown College links a college student up with a child with autism). The service is free. The amount of time that the LINK person meets with the child is set up with the parents and student. Many of the LINK students are OT, PT and Speech majors. Please have parents contact [link@etown.edu](mailto:link@etown.edu). If they are interested.
- ❖ Autism New Jersey has a **pen pal program for siblings**: Contact 609-883-8100. More information is on [www.autismnj.org](http://www.autismnj.org)
- ❖ **AutismMatch** is a tool that connects individuals and families in the Mid-Atlantic and adjacent regions with autism research studies on treatment, diagnosis, genetics, and brain imaging, as well as studies focused on common co-occurring problems related to sleep and anxiety. Children and adults with or without autism are welcome to join *AutismMatch*. To request that an enrollment packet be mailed to you call (866)570-6524 or e-mail [autismmatch@email.chop.edu](mailto:autismmatch@email.chop.edu) if you have any questions.
- ❖ **Do you have a child between the ages of 8-18 who enjoys video & computer games?** The Center for Autism Research is seeking ASD and non ASD participants in a new study. If you would like to learn more about the Study of Social Perception & Motivation, please call Sohee Kim at (267)425-3135 or email [autism@email.chop.edu](mailto:autism@email.chop.edu)

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### SAVE THE DATE!

5<sup>th</sup> Annual PA Autism Training Conference (PATC) presented by the Bureau of Autism Services. June 12-14, 2012. Featuring critical topics identified in the Needs Assessment reports, such as adult diagnosis, anxiety/depression, employment, and supporting siblings. For more information contact

1-866-539-7689

- ❖ **Nutrition Links: Teaching people how to eat better for less!** 1/12-2/9/12 at the Good Samaritan Family Practice, 4<sup>th</sup> & Willow Streets, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Lebanon, PA. 9:30-11:30 AM. Come for a series of lessons & activities on various topics to help care & feed your family a healthy diet on a limited budget. Learn how to prepare low-cost, quick meals & try nutritious foods. To register call Linda Patches at (717)274-0474 x 229.
- ❖ **FREE Sibling Workshop** presented by the Autism Resiliency Program. 1/1/12 & 1/8/12 5:30-7:30 PM. Siblings & parents will gain an understanding into the challenges & celebrations of having a sibling with ASD. Siblings will develop methods to express their feelings & advocate for their needs. For siblings 10 and older. Registration is required and one parent must accompany the child. Location: Philhaven's Grace M. Pollock Training & Community Center, 283 S. Butler Road, Mount Gretna, PA. To register call (717)279-2764.
- ❖ **Vista School Early Intervention Services** are specially designed to bring quality, evidence-based supports & services to the individuals & families living with ASD. For more information please contact (717)583-5102.
- ❖ **Amazing Kids Club** located in Hanover, PA is an on-site therapeutic program for children 2-21 with ASD. It involves specialized treatment programs focusing on play skills, socialization skills, communication skills, safety, and self-help skills. New members are welcomed year round. Medical Assistance needs to be in place to obtain this service. For more information contact (717)632-4900 x2119.

