



ASW MONTHLY UPDATE

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Autism Society of Wisconsin (ASW)

The Autism Society of Wisconsin's mission is to improve the lives of all affected by autism in Wisconsin. Please feel free to contact the Autism Society of Wisconsin or any local chapter if you have questions or concerns regarding autism spectrum disorders and/or your child.

To contact our office call 888-428-8476 or email asw@asw4autism.org.

SAVE THE DATE: ASW 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 7-9, 2009

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center

Wisconsin Dells, WI

KEYNOTES:

Thursday, **May 7th** Pre-Conference Workshop: **Michelle G. Winner**

Friday **May 8th** Keynote Presentation: **Scott Bellini**

Saturday, **May 9th** Keynote Presentation: **Morton Ann Gernsbacher, Ph.D.**

Registration materials are on the web at www.asw4autism.org

UPDATES FROM AUTISM SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN LOCAL CHAPTERS

Autism Society of the Fox Valley (ASFV): Contact Peggy Bartman at pbartman@cesa6.k12.wi.us or phone: 920-725-8613.

Please check the ASFV website (<http://www.focol.org/asfv/>) and the ASFV Newsletter for current information on chapter activities. If you would like to join the e-list to get updates and the most current information on ASFV activities, please sign up on-line on the website listed above. Anyone can join the e-list!

JANUARY EVENTS

Parent/Caregiver Support Group will meet on Sunday, January 11th from 6-7:30 at the Ground Round in Neenah. Share your tips and meet other parents. All meetings will be held on the second Sunday of the month from 6:00-7:30 at the Ground Round in Neenah. To receive email notices about upcoming support group meetings contact Kathy Lett at Kathy_lett@hotmail.com.



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Teen Activity Group: Saturday, January 17th, from 10:30am -12:00pm

Purpose: To foster positive peer interaction through group activities and conversation. The activities will be adult directed and supervised by a licensed Speech Pathologist and Autism Consultant. Parents are encouraged to be available but not required to remain with their teen.

Wanted: Teens with high functioning autism or Asperger's syndrome, age 13-18, who want fun social interactions in a variety of community settings.

Limit 10 with first preference for ASFV members.

Where: The Old Country Buffet Restaurant in Appleton

Includes: All you can eat buffet, games, positive peer interactions, and friendship opportunities! Come and participate in this organizational meeting and meet new friends and decide on future outings.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Contact: Peggy Bartman (peggybartman1@gmail.com) or Diane Nackers (bnack5@centurytel.net)

Autism Society of Greater Madison (ASGM):

ASGM holds Family Support Group meetings on the third Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September & November). We also provide workshops on the third Tuesdays of every other month (February, April, June, August, October) as well as Autism 101 classes for families of newly diagnosed children. All of our meetings are free and open to the public. PARENT SUPPORT GROUP meets from 7:00pm-9:00pm in Fellowship Hall at Midvale Community Lutheran Church, 4329 Tokay Blvd, (corner of Midvale and Tokay) Madison. Meetings begin in June. There is no childcare available onsite. For information call (608) 213-8519 or email: autismmadison@gmail.com.

****AUsome Social Group outing -- Juggling Show****

When: Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Wisconsin Memorial Union Theatre: <http://www.madjugglers.com/madfest>. There will be special seating arranged by Nancy Alar. For more details, please contact ausome@hughes.net

Cost: \$10

****AUsome Social Group outing -- UW Madison Hockey game with SAVA group****

When: TBA

Where: UW Madison

Description: For more details, please contact ausome@hughes.net



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Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin (ASSEW):

9733 W St Martins Road, Franklin, WI 53132

For information, call our office at 414-427-9345 or see our website: www.asew.org

The Morning Coffee Parent's Support Group meeting is on Thursday, January 8th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the ASSEW office, 9733 W. St. Martins Road, Franklin.

On Saturday, January 10th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. we present our free Parenting Series at Nicolet High School in Glendale. The topic is "Autism A to Z" presented by author Emily Doyle Iland. Register by emailing info@asew.org or calling 414-427-9345. The same presenter will give a talk in Spanish on "Autism and the Family" from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Location to be determined. Call Nelsina at 414-374-4645 for information.

Library Night for ASSEW members to browse our Lending Library is on Tuesday, January 13th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The Adults on The Spectrum Support Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st at the ASSEW office from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Monday, January 26th, 7:00p.m. is our ASSEW Board meeting at the office. Members are welcome to attend.

Free basketball action for ASSEW members on Saturday, January 31st, at 2:00pm! The UW-Milwaukee Lady Panthers take on the Butler Bulldogs at the Klotsche Center on campus. Pre-registration is required. Call 414-427-9345.

Autism Society of the Lakeshore (ASL):

New to our members is the Yahoo Listserv site. This is where information and updates will be posted regarding ASL or the autism community at large. Service is free and simple to use. Type in the address: wi-lakeshore@autismsocietyofamerica.org. Answer the questions to sign in. The site is confidential.

*******NEW OFFICE & MEETING LOCATION*******

ASL would like to announce its office is moving out of the Shariff house and into its first "real" office! Thank you to St. James Episcopal Church, 434 N. Eighth St. for renting us the old Head Start office and allowing us their community space in which to hold our Manitowoc meetings, beginning in January. The meeting time will remain 7:00-8:45 and Friendship Groups



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and childcare will continue. The Winter/Spring 2009 Newsletter will have the details about the meetings and information about office hours, phone and email.

Thursday, January 15, 7:00 pm MANITOWOC: NEW MEETING SITE & OFFICE OPEN HOUSE

SOUP-ER DAY, SUNDAY January 25, 2009

11 am to 2pm. Phil Rohrer's Lunch Fund Raiser for SUMMER CAMP Autism Society of the Lakeshore - EAT in or carry outs

Chicken - Vegetable - Pea Soup and Chili, hamburgers in gravy and the famous raw fries
PLEASE COME -- IT WAS LOTS OF FUN LAST YEAR

Thursday, January 29, 5:00-7:30 pm

Tailgate Boardmaker Make and Take with Manitowoc Public Schools

Tailgate chili-supper followed by stations to understand, make and use

visual symbol system PECS using Boardmaker. To RSVP or for more information, contact Kelly Shariff, shariff30@comcast.net or 920-683-9381

Free WSPEI Quarterly Video Conference, Wednesdays 9-noon, Cesa 7 office in Green Bay.
To register contact Eleanor Giriya at 920-686-1954

ASL Sheboygan County Satellite Group:

Contact Cindy Balaban at 920-684-7558 or cbalaban@scheboygan.k12.wi.us Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month (Sept thru May) from 7pm to 9pm at 819 Kentucky Ave., Sheboygan.

ASL Door County Satellite Group:

This group meets in Sturgeon Bay and has a separate newsletter and activity schedule. To find out more contact: Deb Doyle, Group Coordinator at 920-743-1890 or irishpack@charter.net.

Chippewa Valley Autism Society (CVAS):

Contact: sgallagher@ameritech.net or 715-836-9507

Central Wisconsin Autism Society (CWAS): CWAS meets the first Thursday of each month.

Meetings coincide with the school calendar year, taking July and August off. We meet at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens Drive, Wausau, at 6:30 PM. Meetings vary between family support, speakers, and business meetings. CWAS can be reached at (715) 845-5524 or email dlprahl@netzero.net or PO Box 1832, Wausau, WI 54402.



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Autism Society of Northeastern Wisconsin (ASNEW)

* Upcoming meeting topics:

January - Autism 101 presented by Lisa Dillhunt

February - Family Care presentation by Jim Hoegemeier

March - Open support meeting

* ASNEW now provides free childcare at our meetings

* ASNEW is working on a resource guide for families in our support area

North Woods Support Group (Oneida County)

Meetings for the Autism Support Group of the North Woods will be at 6-8 p.m. at the Northland Pines Middle School Library (IMC) in Eagle River, WI.

All parents, caregivers, grandparents and educators of children on the spectrum are welcomed to attend. Call 715-358-2201 for more information.

Minocqua Area Support Group:

Our new Autism Support Group in the north woods will have a meetings at the Minocqua Community Building 3rd floor Bradley room. Call Samantha at 715-362-9594 for dates and time.

Pierce County Area Autism Support Group

The Pierce County Support group has stopped meeting for now. We are going to try to link up with a wider area. If you are from Pierce or Saint Croix County and you have any interest in attending, contact Katie at knubell@sbcglobal.net.

Marinette Area Autism Support Group

The Marinette Area Autism Support Group has changed it's meeting time. It now meets the 2nd Thursday each month from 9:30-11:00 at the Stephenson Library in Marinette.

Contact Janet Gustman for more info at: 715-735-5009.

UPDATES FROM WISCONSIN IN-HOME TREATMENT PROVIDERS:

Beyond Boundaries of Autism, P.O. Box 86, Malone, WI 53049-0086

920-795-4183/1-800-482-0030 ext # 6820

Fax: 920-795-4391 bba@gwicc.org

BBA provides an array of services, and has plans to address autism through the lifespan by developing support for adults in the social and vocational parts of their lives. Currently



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BBA offers Intensive services under state contract and provides pre-intensive and post intensive therapy in the following counties: **Brown, Calumet, Clark, Columbia, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Kenosha, La Crosse, Marathon, Marquette, Milwaukee, Oconto, Outagamie, Portage, Racine, Shawano, Taylor, Vernon, Walworth, Waukesha, Waushara, Winnebago and Wood.** If interested in finding out more about BBA and its services, you can contact: Sara at 1-800-482-0030 ext 6820.

Integrated Development Services (IDS)

IDS has a great new book for families! *Play to Talk: A Practical Guide to Help Your Late-Talking Child Join the Conversation* is based on 30 years of clinical research, and is designed to empower parents and professionals with proven strategies and step-by-step with instructions to help children of any age develop essential skills for social interactions and conversational relationships. The approach has been successful with hundreds of Families, including families affected by autism spectrum disorders.

Play to Talk is now available at www.playtotalk.com for \$16.95 plus shipping.

The Friendship Project was created for the interesting, intelligent kids in our lives who march to the beat of their own drum, and struggle to connect with peers.

Our goal is to help them discover that peer play is possible and that friends can be fun! In a playful, accepting environment, our experienced play facilitators use movement, art, and teamwork activities to engage participants and teach them skills they'll need to make a friend and be a friend. Integrated Development Services has regional clinical teams based in Madison, Milwaukee, Fond du Lac, La Crosse, and Eau Claire

Imagine a Child's Capacity In Madison

IMAGINE A CHILD'S CAPACITY

in Madison WINTER GROUPS START MID-JANUARY

Go To www.icc-wi.org for more details or call Karl at 608-204-6247

Lot's of great Social Groups!

Family Respite Care Services Inc.

Mission: To recruit and professionally support Respite Care providers and promote 'strength based' support and resources for caregivers.



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WISCONSIN EARLY AUTISM PROJECT (WEAP)

Green Bay Clinic News:

WEAP is excited to announce a series of bi-weekly seminars providing education and training to parents and caregivers of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Please join our experienced clinicians at the De Pere location on **Monday** evenings from 5:00pm-6:15pm, Contact Victoria at vyunke@wiautism.com or 920-338-1610 anyone is welcome to attend, but registration is required for these classes. Please contact: Victoria Yunke at 920-338-1610 or vyunke@wiautism.com for info.

Brookfield Clinic (Milwaukee Area):

We continue to offer different levels of private pay services to families who are waiting for waiver funding. If interested in learning more regarding these options, please contact Jennifer Freitag at 262.432.5660.

Weekly Social Skills Classes are being offered beginning in January. For more information or to register: Call Andrea at (608) 288-9040

Lutheran Social Services and Easter Seals Kindcare

P.L.A.Y. Project (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters) www.playproject.org.
For More Information contact: Terri Enters at 262-424-8521 or Carrie Cianciola at 414-449-4444 ext 212 or go to the web at www.lsswis.org or log on to our website: www.eastersealskindercareswi.com

HC Dance Club: Creative Dance for Teens with Developmental Disabilities

Hancock Center for Dance/Movement Therapy is offering HC Dance Club, a therapeutic class filled with fun, dance and music for teenagers with developmental disabilities, including teens on the autism spectrum. The class promotes self-esteem, positive body image, and successful peer relationships. Classes are facilitated by Ann Wingate, MA, ADTR-DTRL and held on Wednesdays from 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. New session begins in January. Classes take place at Hancock Center, 16 N Hancock Street, Madison. For more information, please visit www.hancockcenter.net or call 608.251.0908.



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Parent Leadership Hub Weekly Wisconsin First Step Help Book

A Directory of Services for Children and Youth with Special needs is now available online at www.mch-hotlines.org. Five regional directories are available, each serving specific counties in Wisconsin. Directories are produced in "real-time" with the most up-to-date information provided at the time they are downloaded. For information or assistance in downloading the directories, please contact Teresa Halverson or Karen Brandt at Wisconsin First Step; 1-800-642-7837 or wispubhealth@mch-hotlines.org

WI FACETS

Free Telephone Workshops

With gas prices sky-rocketing, WI FACETS is offering a great option to parents and others to receive training related to IDEA - toll-free weekly telephone workshops. You can listen at your kitchen table, during therapy time, in your jammies, or on your lunch hour at work. Register one week in advance: 877-374-0511 or smcfarland@wifacets.org. Workshop materials & call-in information will be mailed. For the complete 2008 schedule: www.wifacets.org/events.

Legislation Check the website at <http://www.autisminsurancenow.org> for updated information.