



ASW MONTHLY UPDATE

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April 2010

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 1-888-428-8476 or email asw@asw4autism.org.

Join ASW for Autism Night with the Green Bay Gamblers as they host "Autism Night" on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at the Resch Center in Green Bay! For more information visit www.asw4autism.org

Frequently asked Questions about How the Autism Insurance Mandate Affects Children Participating in the CLTS Waivers

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/clts/autism/autismfaq.htm>

Frequently Asked Questions on the Autism Insurance Mandate is Available at:

http://www.asw4autism.org/Data/FAQ_12-22-09_Autism.pdf

UPDATES FROM AUTISM SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN LOCAL CHAPTERS

Autism Society of the Fox Valley (ASFV): Contact Peggy Bartman at peggybartman1@gmail.com 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!

Open Gym at Monkey Joe's on April 3 from 9-11am (free to ASFV members)

Monkey Joe's is located at 1800 N. Casaloma Drive in Appleton. Kids on the spectrum get a great social and recreational activity, sibs get a chance to meet other siblings and parents have an opportunity for networking.

April Autism Awareness Month Membership Event!

A special event for all ASFV members and their families to celebrate Autism Awareness Month! Join us at Skater's Edge. The entire roller rink is reserved for ASFV. If you aren't a skater there is plenty to watch, also food and video games to play.



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When: Saturday, April 10th - 11:00 am - 1:00pm

Where: Skater's Edge Roller Rink, 5714 Integrity Way, Grand Chute

Cost: Free for entry and basic skates

RSVP: Diane Nackers at: bnack5@centurytel.net or 920-836-3033

April Parent-Educator Workshop:

Teaching Social Thinking Skills Through the School Years. Three experienced educators will present the evidenced based programs for teaching social thinking and communication for children on the autism spectrum grades Kindergarten through High School.

When: Monday, April 26th - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Where: Neenah/Menasha room Goodwill Building 1800 Appleton Road Menasha

Free to all - no sign-up required

Parent/Caregiver Support Group will meet on Sunday, April 13th from 6-7:30 at the Ground Round in Neenah. Share your tips and meet other parents. Meetings are typically held on the second Sunday of the month from 6:00-7:30 at the Ground Round. Please contact Kathy Lett at Kathy_lett@hotmail.com for more information.

Teen Social Group:

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. For more information or to register, contact Peggy Bartman at 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. Visit <http://www.autismmadison.org/> or email autismmadison@gmail.com. Contact new Administrative Coordinator, Tom Alesia, at autismmadison@gmail.com or call (608) 213-8519.

AUsome Social Group

What: "Understanding the 'Hidden Curriculum' of Facebook"

When: 7-8:45 p.m. Friday, April 2



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Where: Sequoya Branch Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd., corner of Tokay and Midvale boulevards and across the street from Midvale Lutheran Community Church, Madison

Cost: Free.

Details: For beginners and the most experienced Facebook users, this presentation features speaker James Williams, who is 20 and has high-functioning autism. He gave this outstanding presentation at the Autism Society of Wisconsin conference recently. Bring a snack to share.

Fundraiser: Pro Health Chiropractic

What: The ASGM fundraiser runs throughout April. A special open house to benefit ASGM will be held on Saturday, April 17.

Where: 2410 Montana Ave., Sun Prairie.

Information: 608-318-2410

****Special workshop: Tech Support for Special Needs****

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 20

Where: West Side Club, 437 County Highway M, Madison

Map: www.westsideclubmadison.com/map.html

Cost: Free.

Workshop title: "EXTREME SupPORTS for Special Needs"

Description: Technology is serving us well in our pursuit to support persons with special needs. This area is exploding such that it's actually difficult to keep up with the resources available. This talk will demonstrate extreme supports for communication, social and academic needs. Participants will leave with an abundance of resources to support persons who learn differently.

Speaker: Glenis Benson. She has supported persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) for over 30 years. She has been Senior Advisor to the United Nations in the Middle East, Director of the Autism Program for USD, and lecturer for the Kentucky Autism Training Center. Glenis now trains and consults nationally and internationally for ASDs as well as challenging behaviors. Dr. Benson is also a founding, and current board member of Camp AweSum, a unique camp for persons with ASD in the Wisconsin northwoods.

Important note: *The Autism Society of Greater Madison's brief annual membership meeting will precede the workshop.*

All-Star Saturday Sensory Friendly Movie

What: Movie to be announced.

When: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24

Where: Star Cinema, Fitchburg, 6091 McKee Road (Highway PD)



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Cost: \$5.50 per person

Details: Low movie volume, high theater lights, break area and inviting atmosphere. Enter through Star Cinema's IMAX entrance.

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

February 4th, Thursday - Morning Coffee Parent's Support Group, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at our office, 9733 W. St. Martins Road, Franklin.

April 1st (no foolin'), Thursday — Morning Coffee Parent's Support Group, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Enjoy coffee, donuts, and supportive conversation at the office.

April 1st, Thursday - Discovery World's Innovation Theater to show the movie "The Horse Boy" and hold a discussion afterwards on the subject of autism and viewers' reactions to the movie. 6:30 p.m. The panel will include our Executive Director, Emily Levine, and some of our member parents. Admission is free, open to the public and no registration is required. Parking in Discovery World's underground lot is \$1.00 for attendees.

April 10th, Saturday — Sensory Friendly Film at AMC Theater at Mayfair Mall, Wauwatosa, 10:00 a.m. "How To Train Your Dragon." \$5 adults/children, payable at the door.

April 10th, Saturday— TRAILS (Transition Series for parents of teens) fourth session, 9:00—2:30.

April 13th, Tuesday — Library Night, 5:00 — 8:00 at the office. Come browse the library and check out reading and viewing materials.

April 17th, Saturday — Parenting Series, 9:30—11:30 a.m. at Nicolet High School, D-Wing Library, Glendale. "Planning for the Financial Future of Your Special Needs Child" presented by Robert Johnson, MetLife. Free.

Register at 414-427-9345 or email info@asew.org.

April 21st, Wednesday — Adults on the Spectrum support group, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the office. Casual conversation, light refreshments. No pre-registration is necessary.



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April 22nd, Thursday — Autism Spectrum Disorders Summer Institute 2010 Open House, 7:00—8:30 p.m. at the Autism Society office, 9733 W. St. Martins Rd, Franklin.

The Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin is proud to sponsor a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship is for future or current special education teachers committed to learn more about educating students with autism spectrum disorders in our schools. This scholarship is also available to college students pursuing research in the area of autism spectrum disorders. For more information visit <http://www.asew.org/>

Autism Society of the Lakeshore (ASL):

ASL meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month, at St. James Episcopal Church basement, 434 N. 8th St. in Manitowoc (except during the summer). To find out more information contact Kelly at shariff30@comcast.net or subscribe to their yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/autismsocietyofthelakeshore/>. New ASL Phone # 920-652-0964

ASL Sheboygan County Satellite Group:

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

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

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: Sue Gallagher at sgallagher@ameritech.net or 715-836-9507 or visit <http://cvaswi.webs.com/>

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)

ASNEW C/O Lisa Dillhunt

209 S. Huron St.

DePere, WI 54115 or Email: administrator@asnew.org. Website: <http://www.asnew.org/>

ASNEW will have its 3rd Annual Autism Awareness Rally, Faces of Autism, on Tuesday April 20 from 6:00 - 7:00 at the Packers Old Hall of Fame.

UPDATES FROM AREA SUPPORT GROUPS:

Bonduel/Shawano Area

Bridging the Gap Support Group

Contact: Info@bridgethegapwi.org for more information Bridge the Gap, for Autism Autism Support Group -3rd Wednesday of every month 6:15pm-7:15pm, Bonduel Elementary School Library - Open to anyone, no charge. Free childcare available. Contact Nicole Crawford 715-524-5327

Fond du Lac County & Beyond Support Group

This group meets monthly at the Friendship Learning Center Library, 1115 Thurke Ave., North Fond du Lac, from 6:30- 8:00.

Contact Sherry Behnke for more information (h) 920-923-5396; (w) 920-721-4311.

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. THE APRIL AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP MEETING will be THURSDAY APRIL 8, 6-8 P.M. at the MINOCQUA COMMUNITY BUILDING BOARD ROOM (3rd floor).

Jacque Birchman, a mother of a child on the autism spectrum, former special education teacher, now trained in Spectrum Wellness, will be there to present on nutrition, supplements, and dietary interventions for children with autism spectrum disorders including ADHD. Come join us to learn how both health and well being can work alongside behavioral interventions to help our children become the best they can be. There is no cost to attend. There will be no childcare at this meeting. Any questions can be directed to Kim Walker (715) 358-2201 or email Freebird1968@verizon.net.

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.



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Marinette Area Autism Support Group

Marinette Area Autism Support group meets the 2nd Thursday each month from 9:30-11:00 at the Stephenson Public Library in Marinette. For more information contact Janet Gustman at 715-735-5009.

UPDATES FROM WISCONSIN IN-HOME TREATMENT PROVIDERS:

Applied Behavior Analysts, LLC

Street Address

1639 Deckner Ave.
Green Bay, WI 54302

PH: 920-857-9041

wiaba.com

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 9673
Green Bay, 54308-9673

To make a referral or for more information, contact:

Eric Lund, Psy. D., BCBA-D

Office: 920-857-9041

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elund@wiaba.com

Christopher Van Dyke, M.S.

Office: 920-857-9041

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cvandyke@wiaba.com

Bertrand Schmitz Consulting Services, Appleton, WI 54914

Phone 920-364-0203 Bertrand Schmitz Consulting Services offer recreational opportunities for families in the Fox Valley area. For more information or to receive their mailings, email bertrandschmitz-rec@hotmail.com

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 BBA offers Intensive services under state contract and provides pre-intensive and post



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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 book for families and continues to offer free parent workshops!

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 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.

Play to Talk introductory workshops are offered monthly, to provide parents and others with an overview of the approach discussed in the book.

Contact Sam Garlock at 1-800-218-3781 x111 to register.

Workshops are free. Please visit us at www.ids-wi.com or call us @ 1-800-218-3781 to learn more about all of our services.

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

ICC is providing Summer Groups, including "Making and Being a Friend - Friendship Basics", "Making and Being a Friend, Fun with Feelings", "Move and Relax Yoga", and "Play Partners". For more information, visit www.icc-wi.org or for more details call Karl at 608-204-6247.

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:

For families awaiting waiver services, the WEAP Green Bay Clinic offers consultation and other pre-waiver services designed to fit each family and child's individual needs. Through consultation, we can help families with children with autism learn to begin to relate, respond and learn together. We also offer outpatient counseling. Contact Teryn at the Green Bay WEAP clinic at 920-338-1610, or Twatermolen@wiautism.com for more information or to schedule a visit to learn more about our services.

Brookfield Clinic (Milwaukee Area):

Feel free to contact Jennifer Freitag at 262.432.5660 or jfreitag@wiautism.com to request a flyer or to inquire about the variety of services that we offer.
<http://www.wiautism.com/groupsandclasses.php>

Madison Clinic

WEAP is excited to offer classes for youth on the autism spectrum! To view the courses, click <http://www.wiautism.com/groupsandclasses.php>
For more information contact Jodie Zemp at 608.288.9040 or email jzemp@wiautism.com

Wisconsin Early Autism Project-Eau Claire

For families awaiting waiver services, clinic offers consultation and other pre-waiver services designed to fit each family and child's individual needs. Through consultation, we can help families with kids with autism learn to begin to relate, respond and learn together. We also offer outpatient counseling. Call WEAP-Eau Claire clinic at 715-832-2233 for more information or to schedule a visit to learn more about our services.

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. Classes take place at Hancock Center, 16 N Hancock Street, Madison. For more information, please visit www.hancockcenter.net or call 608.251.0908.

Parent Leadership Hub Weekly Wisconsin First Step Help Book

A Directory of Services for Children and Youth with Specials needs is now available online at www.mch-hotlines.org. Five regional directories are available, each serving



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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

WI FACETS, Wisconsin's Parent Training and Information Center (funded by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs), offers free workshops for parents and professionals on topics related to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and related issues.

Please contact Sandra McFarland to register: 877-374-0511 or smcfarland@wifacets.org. Phone workshop materials and the toll-free call-in number for the workshop will be mailed in advance of the workshop. APRIL TRAININGS

4/1/10 Building Partnerships Creating Agreement, Phone workshop (in Spanish), Nelsinia Ramos 12-1 PM

4/6/10 Transition I: Preparing for Life after High School, Phone Workshop Series, Elliott Marks 12-1 PM

4/7/10 Volunteer Parent Leader Training, Communication Skills Webinar/Phone Wksp, Jenny Stonemeier 12-1 PM

4/12/10 Parent Leadership Series: Listening & Clarifying Questions Phone Workshop, Dawn Wians 12-1 PM

4/13/10 Self Advocacy Series, Topic TBA, Independence First, Milwaukee, Nelsinia Ramos/Mathew Zellmer 6-8 PM

4/14/10 Dispute Resolution Options, Phone Workshop Series, Jan Serak/Nissan Bar-Lev 12-1 PM

4/15/10 Dispute Resolution Options (Spanish), Phone Workshop Series, Nelsinia Ramos/Martha Lechuga 12-1 PM

4/16/10 Community Resource Workshop, Racine, presenter TBA, 10AM-12 PM

4/17/10 Milwaukee Support Group & Training, IEP's, WI FACETS Office, Milwaukee,



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Veronica Nolden/ Jenny Stonemeier 10AM-12 PM

4/20/10 Response to Intervention (RTI), Phone Workshop Series, Julia Hartwig, DPI 12-1 PM; Bonnie Vander Meulen WI FACETS Moderator

4/21/10 Transition II: Summary of Performance, Phone Workshop Series, Elliott Marks 12-1 PM

4/24/10 Latino Autism Support Group, Milwaukee, Martha Lechuga 10AM-12 PM

4/26/10 Supporting Children w/Challenging Behaviors Module 4, Webinar/Phone Series, Marlea Linse 12-1:30 PM
4/1/10 Building Partnerships: Creating Agreement (Spanish), Phone Workshop, Nelsinia Ramos and Martha Lechuga, WI FACETS, 12-1 PM

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