

**June 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](mailto:asw@asw4autism.org).

**ASW Fall Conference, Co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction,  
September 23-24, 2010  
Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells  
Featuring: Paula Kluth, PhD.**

**Autism National Committee 2010 Annual Conference  
October 15-16, 2010**

**Wyndham Milwaukee Airport Hotel & Convention Center  
Co-sponsored by the Autism Society of Wisconsin**

**Watch the AutCom website for full program information [www.autcom.org](http://www.autcom.org)**

**Mark your Calendars! The Annual 2011 ASW Conference, April 14-16, 2011  
Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells**

**For more information on these events, contact Jane Pribek at [jpribek@asw4autism.org](mailto:jpribek@asw4autism.org)**

**UPDATES FROM AUTISM SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN LOCAL CHAPTERS**

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

**Monthly Monkey Joe's will continue in the fall!**

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.

**Parent/Caregiver Support Group** will meet on Sunday, on Sunday, June 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](mailto:Kathy_lett@hotmail.com). for details.

**Teen Social Group for Individuals 13-18 yrs old with Asperger Syndrome or High Functioning Autism -June activity to be announced...**

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](mailto:peggybartman1@gmail.com) or Diane Nackers, [bnack5@centurytel.net](mailto:bnack5@centurytel.net).

**ASFV Golf Outing Fundraiser:**

Are you a golfer who wants to support a very good cause and have a great day on the links plus prizes, food and beverages? Join us for the ASFV Golf Outing!

When: Saturday, June 5th

Where: Irish Waters Golf Course

Fees: \$80.00 per player, includes green fees, cart, dinner and beverages

Contact Bob Olson to register or be a hole sponsor: [bob.olson1976@gmail.com](mailto:bob.olson1976@gmail.com) or 920-788-5298

**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](mailto:autismmadison@gmail.com). Contact new Administrative Coordinator, Tom Alesia, at [autismmadison@gmail.com](mailto:autismmadison@gmail.com) or call (608) 213-8519.

**AUsome Social Group**

What: Visit to Fine Feathered Friends Bird Sanctuary for exotic pet birds

When: 4-5 p.m. Saturday, June 5

Where: 150 County Highway A, Edgerton (trip to nearby Culver's afterwards)

Information: Contact group coordinator Nancy Alar at [ausome@hughes.net](mailto:ausome@hughes.net) or (608) 222-4378

**Special Workshop: "Issues for Adults (Work, Housing, College and Social Concerns)"**

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 15

Where: West Side Club, 437 County Highway M, Madison (behind Menard's)

Map: [www.westsideclubmadison.com/map.html](http://www.westsideclubmadison.com/map.html)

Panelists: Jennifer Wersland, accommodation specialist, McBurney Disability Resource Center, UW Gillian Van Dien, vocational rehabilitation counselor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Howard Mandeville, executive director, Movin' Out, Inc.

Ben Gruhl, organizer, AUsome Adults Group

**Fundraiser: Firefighters Fun Run** to benefit the Autism Society of Greater Madison

When: The race/walk starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 19

Where: Lower McKellar Park, Blanchardville

What: 3-mile run; one-mile walk. Co-sponsored by Blanchardville Fire Department

Information: Send e-mail to [autismmadison@gmail.com](mailto:autismmadison@gmail.com)

**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.assew.org](http://www.assew.org)

June 3rd, Thursday — Morning Coffee Parent's Support Group, 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy coffee, donuts, and supportive conversation at the Autism Society office. **LAST MEETING UNTIL FALL.** Drop by, no registration necessary.

June 4th, Friday — 13th Annual Golf Classic at Silver Spring, Menomonee Falls. Noon shotgun start, continuing into evening for dinner and silent auction.

June 12th, Saturday — new Library Lounge, 12:00 — 2:00 p.m. at the office.

Drop by and browse the library and check out reading and viewing materials, meet other parents.

June 16th, 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.

June 21st—25th, Monday thru Friday — Lose The Training Wheels bike camp.

Nicolet High School, Glendale. See [www.lttwsew.org](http://www.lttwsew.org)

June 26th, Saturday — Sensory Friendly Film at AMC Theater at Mayfair Mall, Wauwatosa, 10:00 a.m. "Toy Story 3." \$5 adults/children, payable at the door.

June 28th, Monday — Annual Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the office. Board election results announced.

**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](mailto:shariff30@comcast.net) or subscribe to their yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/autismsocietyofthelakeshore/>. New ASL Phone # 920-652-0964

June 14-18,

Life after School Seminar

See details under "Summer Camp Programs" of the ASL Newsletter. For more information, contact Heather Sabish at [autismlakeshore@att.net](mailto:autismlakeshore@att.net)

Thursday, June 17th, 6:30 pm

Family Outing:

Mini Golfing, Village Inn, Memorial Drive, Two Rivers

Enjoy 18 holes of mini golf sponsored by ASL. Afterwards join us for treats at Dairy Queen (on your own). Assume cancelled if raining.

Ladies Night Out, Tuesday, June 8, 6:30 pm at the Charcoal Grill, Manitowoc.

**ASL Sheboygan County Satellite Group:**

Contact Cindy Balaban at 920-684-7558 or [cbalaban@sheboygan.k12.wi.us](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:irishpack@charter.net).

**Chippewa Valley Autism Society (CVAS):**Contact: Sue Gruhkle at [mommymonst1@yahoo.com](mailto:mommymonst1@yahoo.com) or Sherri Linderman at [sherrilinderman@yahoo.com](mailto:sherrilinderman@yahoo.com) 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](mailto:dlprahl@netzero.net) or PO Box 1832, Wausau, WI 54402.

**Autism Society of Northeastern Wisconsin (ASNEW)**

ASNEW C/O Lisa Dillhunt

209 S. Huron St.

DePere, WI 54115 or Email: [administrator@asnew.org](mailto:administrator@asnew.org). Website: <http://www.asnew.org/>

ASNEW will have a support meeting on Tuesday, June 15 from 6:00 - 7:30 at Harmony Cafe on W. Mason St. in Green Bay.

Save the date for our Membership Picnic - Sunday, August 1 from 11:30 - 1:30 at Ted Fritsch Park. We will have food, games, and door prizes - family fun for all!

**UPDATES FROM AREA SUPPORT GROUPS:**

**Bonduel/Shawano Area**

**Bridging the Gap Support Group**

Contact: [Info@bridgethegapwi.org](mailto: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, call Lesley at 715-850-1830.  
Main 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.

Any questions can be directed to Kim Walker (715) 358-2201 or email [Freebird1968@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:knubell@sbcglobal.net).

**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

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Christopher Van Dyke, M.S.

Office: 920-857-9041

Cell: 920-819-7084

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](mailto:bertrandschmitz-rec@hotmail.com)

Bowling starts June 17 1-3 at Sabre Lanes however we have enough kids signed up. If others want to come they can but they will have to pay \$2.00 per game, shoe rental is free. Please have them let me know if they want to attend.

June 24, 1-3 Play date at Jefferson Park in Menasha.

We will play kick ball, have watermelon and if they want to swim they can however they will need to pay for that.

**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](mailto: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 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](http://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](http://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, beginning June 21, 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](http://www.icc-wi.org) or for more details call Karl at 608-204-6247.

**Innovative Counseling, Inc.,**

1499 Sixth Street Green Bay, Wi 54304

920-497-6161/1-866-460-8848

Fax: 1-920-498-0476

[specialkids@itol.com](mailto:specialkids@itol.com)

[www.innovativecounseling.com](http://www.innovativecounseling.com)

Our Autism In-Home treatment program provides assessments, treatment and support that is individualized to address each child's unique needs, strengths and interests. Innovative Autism teams challenge and encourage each child in the development of language and communication skills, social skills, self help skills, emotional growth as well as play and creative skills.

We are a provider for both the state waiver program and insurance. Contact Mindy Modaff for more information or to schedule a visit.

**Family Respite Care Services Inc.**

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

**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. NEW SUMMER CLASSES AVAILABLE - visit

<http://www.wiautism.com/groupsandclasses.php> or contact Jennifer Versch for a brochure at (920) 338-1610 or email [jversch@wiautism.com](mailto:jversch@wiautism.com)

**Brookfield Clinic (Milwaukee Area):**

Feel free to contact Jennifer Freitag at 262.432.5660 or [jfreitag@wiautism.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 Special needs is now available online at [www.mch-hotlines.org](http://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](mailto: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. Visit [www.wifacets.org](http://www.wifacets.org)

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