

August 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.

Mark your Calendars! The Annual 2011 ASW Conference, April 14-16, 2011

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells

The call for presentations for the ASW 2011 Annual Conference is now on the web!

Visit www.asw4autism.org to download the application.

For more information on these events, contact Jane Pribek at 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 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. Typically the first Saturday of each month.

Parent/Caregiver Support Group will meet on Sunday, on Sunday, August 8th 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. Contact Kristin Wahl at kdwahl99@sbcglobal.net to be added to the email group.

Teen Social Group for Individuals 13-18 yrs old with Asperger Syndrome or High Functioning Autism

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@gmail.com. ** No meeting in August! **

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/> the email address is autismmadison@gmail.com. Telephone (608) 213-8519

Saturday, August 7, is our annual pool party. ASGM and the AUsome Social group will splash and swim from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Monona Pool, 1011 Nichols Rd., Monona, WI. Pre-registration is required and there is a charge of only \$5.00 for a family group that has a current ASGM membership. Entrance for non-members is \$10.00. There will be a chance for individuals/families to join ASGM upon paying at the pool party. Following the pool party, guests are invited to gather for pizza at Rocky Rococo's, 4556 Monona Dr., Monona, WI.

Saturday, August 7, is a day to catch one of two sensory friendly films offered this month. Enjoy "Cats and Dogs 2," at AMC-18, 6091 McKee Rd., Fitchburg, WI at 10 a.m. For \$5.00 per person, enjoy a movie in a theater environment where the volume is down, the lights are up, and there is a separate space for sensory breaks.

Tuesday, August 17, is an ASGM workshop focusing on the topic of relaxation strategies for caregivers. The workshop will be held from 7p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Midvale Community Lutheran Church, 4329 Tokay Blvd., Madison, WI. There will be a brief presentation about yoga, massage, mindful meditation, and Tai Chi led by several local massage therapists and yoga instructors. Discover the benefits these techniques have for caregivers as well as their loved ones on the spectrum.

Friday, August 20, join ASGM in our Golf FORE Autism day of mini-golf and evening of tournaments at Vitense Golfland, 5501 Schroeder Rd., Madison, WI. For the full day, mention "Autism Society," whenever you purchase food or fun and a percentage of your purchase will benefit people and families affected by autism spectrum disorders. When the sun goes down, watch our pre-registered teams swing it out in mini-golf, driving range and Par-3 competitions.

Saturday, August 21, beat the heat and come to the second sensory friendly film offering this month. See "Nanny McPhee Returns," at Marcus Point Cinema, 7825 Big Sky Dr., Madison, WI, at 10:30 a.m. Cost per person is \$5.00.

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

August 7th, Saturday — Sensory Friendly Film at AMC Theater at Mayfair Mall, Wauwatosa, 10:00 a.m. "Cats & Dogs 2," \$5 adults/children, payable at the door. Join the other families afterwards in the mall food court.

August 12th, Thursday — Dylan's Run Team Packet deadline. This is the final date to turn in your team's registrations, fees, and your team logo, in order to have specially printed team shirts at the event in September.

August 14th, Saturday — Library Lounge, 12:00 — 2:00 p.m. at the ASSEW office. Drop by and browse the library and check out reading and viewing materials, meet other parents.

August 18th, Wednesday - Adults On the Spectrum Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the ASSEW office. Conversation and light refreshments.

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

Camp Friendship

When: August 16-20, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Saint James Episcopal Church, 434 N. Eighth St. Manitowoc

Who: Individuals entering 7th through 10th grade with Asperger's Syndrome or High Functioning Autism or related disorders. Enrollment limited.

Cost: \$50, scholarships available by request

Overview: There are three areas of abilities that have been documented to best improve success for the student with Asperger Syndrome, high functioning autism and related challenges. These are: understanding the perspective of others; effectively organizing their

environment and managing their time; and getting the "big picture" as information is taken in-which in-turn affects written and verbal communication, the ability to summarize information and recognizing the expectations of others. Using a variety of fun group activities, projects and games, the five-day camp will target these skills areas.

Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch Monday through Thursday. We will provide milk, juice and water and there will be a pizza party for lunch on Friday.

To register or for more information call 920-652-0964 or email autismlakeshore@att.net

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.

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 Gruhkle at mommymonst1@yahoo.com or Sherri Linderman at 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 autismsocietycw@gmail.com

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/>

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 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. *Childcare starts in September, 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.

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

Marinette Area Autism Support group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:00-11:00 at the Stephenson Public Library in Marinette. For more information contact Janet Gustman at 715-735-5009 or jgustman@new.rr.com

UPDATES FROM WISCONSIN IN-HOME TREATMENT PROVIDERS:

Applied Behavior Analysts, LLC

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1639 Deckner Ave.	P.O. Box 9673
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wiaba.com	

To make a referral or for more information, contact:

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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

Wild Air is being scheduled,

Contact Dick or Mark for more information.

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 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

Karl Pierick

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608.204.6247 website: <http://www.icc-wi.org>

Monday, August 9th:

Walk a While in My Autism: Sensitivity & Awareness Activities to Promote the Understanding of Autism for Peers, Staff, Family & Community Members.

Program Description:

This workshop will address the rationales behind doing sensitivity and awareness training with staff, family members and peers who will be or are interacting with individuals on the autism spectrum. Through it participants will learn how to present a variety of activities designed to simulate various experiences and challenges of living with an autism spectrum disorder.

Tuesday, August 10th:

Lights, Camera, Autism! 100 Uses of Video Technology to Enhance Lives

Program Description:

Participants will develop an understanding of why and how video technology can be a powerful learning tool for students with ASD. Kate, Lisa and Sharon will present examples and strategies for using video, iPod and other electronic devices, Smartboards, power point presentations and more. The workshop is based on their new book *Lights, Camera, Autism! 100 Uses of Video Technology to Enhance Lives*, which highlights the use of video technology to enhance life and promote competence, teach new skills and teach others

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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

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 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

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

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