



## 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 1-888-428-8476 or email [asw@asw4autism.org](mailto:asw@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](http://www.asw4autism.org/Data/FAQ_12-22-09_Autism.pdf)

**ASW Annual Conference!**

**March 18-20, 2010 at the Hotel Sierra / KI Convention Center in Green Bay.**

- Thursday, March 18, Preconference Keynote: Paula Kluth, Ph.D., "The Problem with Behavior Problems: Supporting Students with Autism & Other Disabilities"
- Friday, March 19, Keynote: Temple Grandin, Ph.D
- Saturday, March 20, Keynote: Dr. Eric Courchesne, "The Neural Origins of Autism: Evidence of Prenatal and Early Postnatal Brain Growth Abnormalities."

Registration forms are on the website at [www.asw4autism.org](http://www.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!

Parent/Caregiver Support Group will meet on Sunday, February 14 from 6-7:30 at the Ground Round Restaurant 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.



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Teen Activity Group (for kids 13-18 years 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](mailto:peggybartman1@gmail.com) or Diane Nackers, [bnack5@centurytel.net](mailto:bnack5@centurytel.net).

ASW Conference Scholarships and Safety Scholarships are available! Check the website for more details! <http://www.focol.org/asfv/scholarships.htm>

### 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.

**Autism Society of Greater Madison** is offering full and partial scholarships for the 2010 Annual Statewide Conference in Green Bay on March 18-20. The scholarships will cover registration costs for 1-3 days of the conference. The scholarships are available to family members and people on the spectrum. To apply please write a letter explaining why you would appreciate this scholarship and mail to:

ASGM, 2935 S. Fish Hatchery Rd., #101, Madison, WI 53711 or e-mail:

[autismmadison@gmail.com](mailto:autismmadison@gmail.com)

Please include your full name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Applications must be received by Monday, February 15, 2010, and scholarship recipients will be notified by Monday, February 22, 2010. Applicants must be in the ASGM service area which includes: South Central and Southwestern Wisconsin including Dane, Columbia, Sauk, Richland, Crawford, Rock, Green, Iowa, Lafayette and Grant counties. The scholarships are for the conference registration costs only and do not cover food or lodging. For more information, contact ASGM at 608-213-8519.



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### **Pump It Up Quarterly Party**

When: 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday, February 6.

Where: Pump It Up, the inflatable part zone, 2911 Marketplace Drive, Fitchburg

To register, e-mail [autismmadison@gmail.com](mailto:autismmadison@gmail.com) or call (608) 213-8519.

### **Presentation on Insurance Changes**

When: 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, February 17

Where: Sequoya Branch Library, 4340 Tokay Boulevard (corner of Tokay and Midvale), Madison Eileen Mallow, assistant deputy commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI), will discuss the changes.

### **All Star Saturday: Sensory Friendly Movie**

When: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, February 27. Doors open through IMAX entrance on Star Cinema's east side at 9 a.m.

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

Check [www.autismmadison.org](http://www.autismmadison.org) for film selection. Tickets cost \$5.50.

### **AUsome Social Group**

A monthly outing for teens and young adults. Contact Nancy Alar at [nancy.alar@hughes.net](mailto:nancy.alar@hughes.net) or (608) 222-4378.

When: TBA, March 6

What: Community of Practice community conversation at Waisman Center.

### **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)

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

February 13th, Saturday — Parenting Series, 9:30—11:30 a.m. at Nicolet High School, D-Wing Library, Glendale. "Introduction to Relationship Development Intervention (RDI)" presented by Deb Berrang, RDI Consultant.

Free. Register at 414-427-9345 or email [info@assew.org](mailto:info@assew.org).

February 17th, Wednesday - Adults on the Spectrum Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at our office, 9733 W. St. Martins Rd, Franklin.



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February 28th, Sunday - Family Open Swim, 11:30-1:30, Southeast YMCA in Greenfield. The cost is \$5 per person with a maximum of \$15 for families.

Please bring the fees at that time and also bring your own towels. RSVP to this event before Monday, February 22nd by emailing [info@assew.org](mailto:info@assew.org) or by calling us at (414) 427-9345.

### 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

### 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.

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](mailto:irishpack@charter.net).

Chippewa Valley Autism Society (CVAS): Contact: Sue Gallagher at [sgallagher@ameritech.net](mailto: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](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/>



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ASNEW's monthly support group will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at Paragon Community Services. We will have a presentation this month from Dr. Patrick Flynn who is a certified DAN doctor.

We will also have a fun family afternoon for our members at the Tundra Lodge - see our website soon for more details!

### 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

##### **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.

##### **North Woods Support Group (Oneida County)**

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

The Autism support group meeting for July will be held Thursday July 16th at the Grace Foursquare Church in Rhinelander (Hwy 17 N just past Menards) from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

All those who have or work with children on the Autism Spectrum are welcome to attend.

There will be no childcare at this meeting. Any questions? Please call Kim at 715-358-2201 or email at [Freebird1968@verizon.net](mailto:Freebird1968@verizon.net). We hope to see you there!

##### **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.



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### **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](http://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

Cell: 920-819-2577

[elund@wiaba.com](mailto:elund@wiaba.com)

Christopher Van Dyke, M.S.

Office: 920-857-9041

Cell: 920-819-7084

[cvandyke@wiaba.com](mailto: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)



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**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**

For more information, visit [www.icc-wi.org](http://www.icc-wi.org) or for more details call Karl at 608-204-6247.



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### **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. We also offer outpatient counseling. Contact Teryn at the Green Bay WEAP clinic at 920-338-1610, or [Twatermolen@wiautism.com](mailto: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](mailto:jfreitag@wiautism.com) to request a flyer or to inquire about the variety of services that we offer.

#### **Madison Clinic**

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.



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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](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**

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](mailto:smcfarland@wifacets.org). Workshop materials & call-in information will be mailed.

For the complete 2010 schedule: [www.wifacets.org/events](http://www.wifacets.org/events).

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