



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.

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

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

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 March 6th 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.



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Parent/Caregiver Support Group will meet on Sunday, March 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 Activity Group (for kids 13-18 years old with Asperger Syndrome or High Functioning Autism):

March Teen Group Activity

What: Bowling

Where: Tenth Frame, 618 West Wisconsin Avenue Appleton, WI 54911-4301

When: Saturday, March 27th

Time: 11-1 pm

Cost: \$5.00 per person, Please bring extra money to purchase any snacks or drinks

RSVP to peggybartman1@gmail.com by March 24th to sign up.

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

When: noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6

What: A monthly outing for teens and young adults.

Where: Medical Home Community Conversation/Resource Sharing, Waisman Center, 1500 Highland Ave., conference room Ziemann A, eighth floor.

Contact Nancy Alar at nancy.alar@hughes.net or (608) 222-4378.



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ASGM Support Group

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 16

Where: Midvale Lutheran Community Church, 4329 Tokay Blvd., Madison, room 131

All Star Saturday: Sensory Friendly Movie

When: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27. Doors open through IMAX entrance.

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

Film: (tentative) "How to Train a Dragon." Tickets cost \$5.50.

Autism 101

When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31

Where: Midvale Lutheran Community Church, 4329 Tokay Blvd., Madison, room 131

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.

March 4th, Thursday — Morning Coffee Parent's Support Group, 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy coffee, donuts, and supportive conversation at the Autism Society office.

March 9th, Tuesday —

Library Night, 5:00 — 8:00p.m. at the office. Come browse the library and check out reading and viewing materials.

March 13th, Saturday — Parenting Series, 9:30—11:30 a.m. at Nicolet High School, D-Wing Library, Glendale. "Using Play to Increase Communication"

presented by Rick Clark, Psy.D., MEd. Free. Register at 414-427-9345 or email info@asew.org. See pg 5.

March 17th, 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.

March 18th—20th, Thursday through Saturday —Autism Society Wisconsin's annual conference, Green Bay. For details, see www.asw4autism.org.



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March 20th, Saturday — Sensory Friendly Film at AMC Theater at Mayfair Mall, Wauwatosa, 10:00 a.m. "Diary of A Wimpy Kid." \$5 adults/children, payable at the door.

March 22nd, Monday — Board Meeting, 7:00 at the office. Members are welcome to attend at the Autism Society office.

March 27th, Saturday — The Autism Ball at The Wisconsin Club, downtown Milwaukee. RSVP with \$100 per person by March 12th. Call the office if you have not received your invitation: 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 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 Giriyaappa 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/>

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.

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. 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.

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

Cell: 920-819-2577

elund@wiaba.com

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

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

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.

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



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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 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



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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. MARCH TRAININGS

3/1/10 Parent Leadership Series: Collaborative Teams, Phone Workshop, Dawn Wians, WI FACETS, 12-1 PM

3/2/10 IEP's-Part II (Spanish), Phone Workshop, Martha Lechuga & Linda Rodriguez, WI FACETS, 12-1 PM

3/3/10 Volunteer Parent Leader Training, IEP's-Part II, Webinar/Phone Workshop, Jenny Stonemeier, WI FACETS, 12-1 PM

3/9/10 Positive Behavior Interventions, Phone Workshop, Nic Dibble, School Social Work Services Consultant, WI Dept. of Public Instruction, with host, Mary Sobczak, WI FACETS, 7-8 PM

3/15/10 Parent Leadership Series: Stages of Group Development, Phone Workshop, Dawn Wians, WI FACETS. 12-1 PM

3/16/10 Self Advocacy Series (Topic TBA), Independence First, Milwaukee Nelsinia Ramos and Mathew Zellmer, WI FACETS, 6-8 PM

3/17/10 How to Handle Stress - Laurine Lusk, speaker, W.E. I.N.D.I.A.N.S. Gather & Feast (dinner included, child care available), Serb Hall, Milwaukee, 5:30-8 PM

3/18/10 Section 504 and ADA, Phone Workshop, Elliott Marks, WI FACETS. 12-1 PM

3/19/10 Personal Involvement Workshop, Martin Luther King Community Center Group, Racine, Linda Rodriguez, WI FACETS. 10AM-12 PM

3/19/10 IEP's for Students with Autism, Jenny Stonemeier and Nelsinia Ramos,



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WI FACETS, at ASW Conference (registration for conference is required)

3/20/10 Managing Conflict Effectively at Earlier Stages Jan Serak, WI FACETS & Nissan Bar-Lev , CESA 7, 8:30-9:45 a.m. at ASW Conference (registration for conference is required)

3/20/10 Strategies - Challenging Behaviors, Milwaukee Support Group & Training, Milwaukee, Veronica Nolden & Jenny Stonemeier, WI FACET, 10AM-12PM

3/22/10 Supporting Young Children w/Challenging Behaviors Module 3 Webinar/Phone, Marlea Linse, WI FACETS, 12-1:30 PM

3/27/10 Understanding Autism, Latino Autism Support Group & Training, Milwaukee, Martha Lechuga, WI FACETS, 10AM-12 PM (in Spanish)

3/29/10 Parent Leadership Series: Leading Effective Meetings, Phone Workshop, Dawn Wians, WI FACETS, 12-1 PM

3/30/10 Self Advocacy Series, (Topic TBA), Independence First, Milwaukee Nelsinia Ramos & Mathew Zellmer, WI FACETS, 6-8 PM

3/31/10 Building Partnerships: Creating Agreement, Phone Workshop, Jan Serak, WI FACETS, and Ni

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