



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

Autism Insurance Update:

AUTISM DAY AT THE CAPITOL

We are happy to announce that we have planned another AUTISM DAY at the state Capitol! Here is our opportunity to make sure our voices are heard by our legislators. This event will have a dual focus: To advocate for the passing of the legislation for autism insurance coverage and to thank those legislators who continue to support us.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, May 21

Time and details will be announced as soon as we have confirmation.

Please make plans to be there and bring as many people as you can - numbers count and we have a great reputation for turning out big crowds.

Thanks and look for more details soon!

Nissan Bar-Lev and Amy Masek

Wisconsin Autism Insurance Now Co-Chairs

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!



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Parent/Caregiver Support Group will meet on Sunday, May 17 from 6-7:30 at the Ground Round in Neenah. Share your tips and meet other parents. All meetings will be held on the second Sunday of the month (except April & May) from 6:00-7:30 at the Ground Round in Neenah. To receive email notices about upcoming support group meetings contact Kathy Lett at Kathy_lett@hotmail.com.

Teen Activity Group: WANTED! Teens with high functioning autism or Asperger's syndrome, age 13-18, who want fun social interactions in a variety of community settings. The May activity is still be planned; check back in a week or two at <http://www.focol.org/asfv/> 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.

**** AUsome Social Group****

On May 2nd we are going to the UW Biotechnology Outreach lab at 11:00 am to do some hands-on scientific experiments. We will not be using anything hazardous (only alcohol, soap and water) and there will not be any bad smells or loud noises. You can just watch if you want to. We'll walk to Babcock hall for ice cream afterwards. See all the details including special parking arrangements in the newsletter at <http://www.autismmadison.org/newsletter/ausome2009/au09May-June-UW-DNA-lab-Llama-Farm.pdf>

****Pump It Up Quarterly Birthday Party****

When: May 2, 2009, 9:00 -11:30 am

Where: 2911 Marketplace Dr., Fitchburg, WI (near Breakaway Soccer and Pinnacle Health Club)

Description: You will need to reserve your spot by sending an email to autismmadison@gmail.com or calling 213-8519. Please register at least one week prior to the party for a birthday party **invitation** to be mailed. See registration details online at www.autismmadison.org/pumpitup.htm.

****Attending ASW 2009 Annual Conference ****

When: May 7-9, 2009

Where: Kalahari Resort & Convention Center



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Description: Registration info. and materials can be found on the ASW website at www.asw4autism.org. Contact Jane Pribek at (920) 973-4080.

****Madison Area Get-Together @ the ASW conference****

When: Thursday, May 7 at 5:00 pm

Where: Ivory Coast Lounge in the Kalahari Resort

Description: This is an informal gathering for attendees from the Greater Madison area to gather, relax and talk. Come and get to know others from our "neck of the woods." Contact Krysia Braun if you have any questions at autismmadison@gmail.com or stop by the ASGM exhibit at the conference.

****ASGM Board Meeting****

When: Tue, May 12, 2009 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Where: 2820 Walton Commons W, Madison, 53718

Description: Meeting of the Board of Directors. Members are welcome to attend.

****ASGM Support Group****

When: Tue, May 19, 2009 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: Midvale Community Lutheran Church, 4329 Tokay Blvd, (corner of Midvale and Tokay) Madison

Description: A support group focused on autism issues and concerns lead by Nancy Alar.

Note: No child care is provided.

****All-Star Saturday--Sensory friendly movie viewing****

When: Saturday, May 30, 2009. Doors open at 9:00am. Show starts at 9:30 am.

Where: Star Cinema (Madison/Fitchburg) @ 6091 McKee Rd - Hwy PD

Description: A movie experience designed to be enjoyed by all! Featuring lower movie volume; Higher theatre lights; "Break area" available; Accepting and Inviting atmosphere. Please enter through the IMAX entrance on the EAST side of Star Cinema. Seats are limited so save your spots by calling 204-6246 ex. 62 or e-mailing shammer@icc-wi.org. You can ask to be put on the email list for monthly updates.

Movie Title: "Night at the Museum 2" rated PG

Cost: \$5/individual

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

Thursday, May 7th- Morning Coffee and support group 9:30 to 11:30 am at our office in Franklin.



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May 12th, Tuesday, Library Night, 5-8pm at our office in Franklin.

May 16, Saturday, Parenting Series

Topic: Talking To Your Child About His Disability

Presenter: Marla Davishoff, LCSW

When: Saturday, May 16th from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Where: Nicolet High school, 6701 N Jean Nicolet Rd., Glendale This workshop is intended for parents and caregivers of children with autism, and all interested individuals. Pre-registration is appreciated, either reply to julieb@assew.org or call us at 414-427-9345.

Wednesday, May 20, Adults on the Spectrum support group 6:30 - 8:30 PM at our office in Franklin

Autism Society of the Lakeshore (ASL):

New to our members is the Yahoo Listserv site. This is where information and updates will be posted regarding ASL or the autism community at large. Service is free and simple to use. Type in the address: wi-lakeshore@autismsocietyofamerica.org. Answer the questions to sign in. The site is confidential.

*******NEW OFFICE & MEETING LOCATION*******

St. James Episcopal Church Basement, 434 N. Eighth St. Manitowoc, WI 54220.

New ASL Phone # 920-652-0964

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

ASL Sheboygan County Satellite Group:

Contact Cindy Balaban at 920-684-7558 or cbalaban@scheboygan.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: sgallagher@ameritch.net or 715-836-9507



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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.

The **Central Wisconsin AUsome Social Group** will be holding their 5th Annual Bowl for Autism, Sunday, May 3rd. 2pm-7pm at Dale's Weston Lanes. Open bowling \$3.00 per game. No pre-registration or pledges needed! There will also be a Silent auction and door prizes.

Autism Society of Northeastern Wisconsin (ASNEW)

ASNEW C/O Lisa Dillhunt
209 S. Huron St.
DePere, WI 54115
Email: administrator@asnew.org

ASNEW will hold their monthly support group on Tuesday, May 19 @ 6:00PM at Paragon Community Services located on the corner of Ridge and Hansen Rds. in Ashwaubenon. Free childcare is available with one week's notice.

UPDATES FROM AREA SUPPORT GROUPS:

Bonduel/Shawano Area

Bridge the Gap, Inc. offers a monthly Support Group on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Bonduel Elementary School
6:15pm - 7:15pm

Open to all

our website: www.bridgethegapwi.org or contact Nicole@bridgethegapwi.org

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 on May 28.
Contact Sherry Behnke for more information (h) 920-923-5396; (w) 920-721-4311.

North Woods Support Group (Oneida County)

Meetings for the Autism Support Group of the North Woods will be at 6-8 p.m. at the Northland Pines Middle School Library (IMC) in Eagle River, WI. All parents, caregivers, grandparents and educators of children on the spectrum are welcomed to attend. Call 715-358-2201 for more information.



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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.

Marinette Area Autism Support Group

The Marinette Area Autism Support Group has changed it's meeting time. It now meets the 2nd Thursday each month from 9:30-11:00 at the Stephenson Library in Marinette. Contact Janet Gustman for more info at: 715-735-5009.

UPDATES FROM WISCONSIN IN-HOME TREATMENT PROVIDERS:

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. Currently they offer a summer bowling program and recreational program and other occasional social activities. 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 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!



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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. The next workshop dates is:

Saturday, May 2nd 9:30-11:30am 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

Summer 2009 Classes are now listed on the website!

Go To www.icc-wi.org for more details or 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 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):

The Wisconsin Early Autism Project's Brookfield location is currently offering several different



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group options and our website now has updated information for spring. Please go to www.wiautism.com to learn more about our play group and social skills groups for many age levels. We are also continuing to offer several 'while you wait' services such as outpatient services and modified in-home therapy programs. Please contact Jennifer at 262.432.5660 or jfreitag@wiautism.com to receive a flyer directly, to register your child or with any questions regarding services with WEAP.

Madison Clinic

- Social Skills Yellow Group was cancelled due to lack of interest.
- Social Skills Red Group is full
- Teen Group was cancelled due to lack of interest
- Summer Class sessions will start in June. Details still to come.

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. New session begins in January. 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

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. Workshop materials & call-in information will be mailed.

For the complete 2008 schedule: www.wifacets.org/events.

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