

September 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.

ASW 2010 Fall Conference, Co-sponsored by DPI

September 23-24, 2010

"You're Going to Love This Kid":

A Two Day Mega Training by Paula Kluth

AutCom 2010 National Conference, Co-sponsored by ASW

October 15-16, 2010, Wyndham Milwaukee Airport Hotel & Convention Center

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. The Early Bird Registration form is available on www.asw4autism.org.

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!

ASFV Annual Meeting/Open Gym at Monkey Joe's on Saturday, September 18th
Annual Meeting: 9 am

Open Gym: from 9-11am (free to ASFV members: \$5.00 for non-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.

Parent/Caregiver Support Group will meet on Sunday, on Sunday, Sept. 12 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. ** September activity is the football camp on Sept 11. **

Free Football Camp for Kids with Autism!

Saturday, September 11, 2010 10:00am -3:00pm

Xavier High School: 1600 West Prospect Avenue Appleton 54914

Sponsored by: Autism Society of the Fox Valley and the Xavier High School Football Team. TO

REGISTER CONTACT: Bob Olson or go the www.focol.org/asfv to download the registration form. Email Bob.olson1976@gmail.com or phone (920) 788-5298

Parent/Educator Workshop:

The Autism Society of the Fox Valley presents a **free** workshop for parents, educators and people who support children and families on the autism spectrum:

Evidence Based Practices in Autism Spectrum Disorders

Date: Wednesday, September 29th

Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm

Place: Redwood Room, Goodwill Building 1800 Appleton Road Menasha

Speaker: Kate Szidon, M.S.

Kate Szidon is a researcher with the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders at the Waisman Center - U.W. Madison.

Subject: Kate's talk will be valuable to parents, educators and people who support children and families on the autism spectrum. Come and learn about the types of interventions such as visual supports, structured work systems, peer mediated instruction and intervention, computer aided instruction, self-management (and more) that are research-based and have been found to produce significant changes in behavior and gains in social thinking. Kate will talk about the on-line modules that her project has been helping to create about effective intervention practices. Please join us for this free, valuable workshop. No pre-registration is required. If you have questions please contact: Peggy Bartman at peggybartman1@gmail.com

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

Wednesday AUsome Social West-side Group meets Monthly on the second Wednesday, from 6:30-8:30 pm (Sept. 8)

This group of adults (18 and over) is comprised mostly of individuals diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum but is welcoming of anyone who feels he/she might have an autism spectrum disorder. The group meets to discuss life issues on the spectrum and support one another in bringing any pertinent topics to the open meeting format. West Side Club of Madison 437 County Tpke M and Junction Rd.

Tuesday, Sept 21, 7-9 pm, ASGM Support Group, Midvale Community Lutheran Church (in Room 131 on main level) at 4329 Tokay Blvd.

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

Parent Support Group - Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 2nd, at the office (9733 W. St. Martins Road - on Highway 100 just south of Loomis).

Dylan's Run, Sept 12 as part of the Indian Summer Festival on Milwaukee's Lakefront. Visit www.assew.org for more information.

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 Heather at autismlakeshore@att.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.

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/>

Parent Support Group will be on September 21 from 6-7 pm at the Family Resource Center in Eau Claire.

Topic: Professionals & Parents working together to serve the child with Special Needs.

Space is limited, Please RSVP to Sherri Linderman Before 9/15/2010.

Child care will be provided.

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

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 2nd, 2010 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens Drive, Wausau, starting at 6:30 PM. (Please, enter through the main doors go to the right and through the doors leading into the school portion of the building.) Directions: Get off on the Bridge Street exit, off Hwy 51. Then turn left at the first set of stoplights, onto Stevens Drive.

This will be an open family support meeting to get reacquainted after the summer. I am also interested in getting some ideas from others for topics you would like to see addressed in future meetings. We have several speakers lined up for the future that I think will be very interesting but I would love to hear your ideas as well.

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/>

ASNEW will hold its 4th Annual Autism Awareness Walk on Sunday, September 19 at Green Isle Park in Green Bay. Go to www.asnew.org for registration information. Fun for the whole family!!

We will have a support meeting on Tuesday, September 21 from 6:00 - 7:30 at Harmony Café on West Mason St. next to Goodwill.

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 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

Street Address	Mailing Address
1639 Deckner Ave.	P.O. Box 9673
Green Bay, WI 54302	Green Bay, 54308-9673
PH: 920-857-9041	
wiaba.com	

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 OR

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 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 offers intensive treatment programs for young children and non-intensive services for youth and young adults. Our treatment teams are supervised by licensed clinicians who have years of experience serving people on the autism spectrum. We are launching a new program this fall targeting teens and young adults. Please call us at 608-441-0123 or 1-800-218-3781 for more information.

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

kpierick@icc-wi.org

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

Making and Being a Friend-Relaxation and Interaction

During this group, children will explore a variety of proactive and reactive relaxation strategies, including deep breathing, systematic relaxation, yoga, and positive imagery to support improved coping strategies, as well as increased self-esteem. Creative activities will engage children in the process, while having fun and interacting with peers throughout. Not only will children learn and practice different strategies to support relaxation, they will also practice monitoring their stress levels before, during, and after group activities through the use of visual stress thermometers; engaging in role play activities to emphasize implementation of strategies in real-life situations; and talking about things that help us to feel relaxed as well as things that might make us feel "big stress." As part of the group, each child will develop a binder of visuals that illustrate individual strategies we've learned. Age Groups: 5-9 Tuition: \$400 Date/Time: Thursdays, 4:45-5:35, September 16 - November 18

Making and Being a Friend-Fun with Feelings

This group helps children develop an increased awareness and understanding of emotions, both in themselves and others. Skills such as identifying emotions, determining causation, communicating when stressed, and perspective taking are learned in the context of fun and motivating activities. Age Group: 5-9 Tuition: \$400 Date/Time: Thursdays, 3:45-4:35, September 16 - November 18

Play Partners

These social pairings are designed to support children of all ages and abilities through meaningful play communication, imitation, maintaining play, sharing and flexibility. Groups will incorporate the interests developmental levels. Age Group: all ages Tuition: \$40.00 per hour

Email info@icc-wi.org to enroll or more details

Innovative Counseling, Inc. ,

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

Fax: 1-920-498-0476

specialkids@itol.com

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. Contact Jennifer Versch for 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.