



## October Newsletter 2009

### Current News

#### "THE BEST of CLEVELAND"

#### **Comedy Night to Support Milestones Autism Programs**

Monday, November 23, 2009  
Pickwick & Frolic Restaurant and Club, Cleveland  
Doors Open at 7:00 pm

Join us for a hilarious night of improvisational and sketch comedy to support Milestones Autism Organization with host [David Wain](#), best known for his work on MTV and Comedy Central.

The night features top local sketch and improv groups, [Last Call Cleveland](#) and [Friends with Benefits](#) along with cameo appearances from hometown comedians and celebrities. \$36 individual tickets. [Additional packages available](#). Contact Carole Becerra at 216-464-7600 or [info@milestones.org](mailto:info@milestones.org)

#### **Milestones Open House**

Come visit us at our new home.  
Wednesday, October 21, 2009  
5:00 pm- 6:30 pm  
23880 Commerce Park Rd. Suite 2  
Beachwood, OH

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#### [Government finds higher autism figure: 1 in 100](#)

**Finding Developmental Disabilities Services for Your Loved One: (Download Booklet) [Help in Navigating Ohio's Maze](#)**

**The AAC Language Lab** offers speech language pathologists (SLPs), special educators, family members, and others working with speech-impaired individuals a rich library of teaching and therapy resources designed to support language development among those using Vantage™ Lite, the new ECO™2, and other AAC devices from PRC. <http://www.aaclanguagelab.com/>

- Information about Language Development Stages
- Information about where to start with Unity
- Language lessons to guide you through the Unity language system by stages
- More therapy materials to support teaching and learning Unity

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## **Autism Research and Surveys**

Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital/Monarch

[Early Intervention Survey for ASD - 1 page](#)

Case Western Reserve University

[Autism Research \(ages 7-30\)](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

**October 2009**

### **Comprehensive Program Planning Process Training for Autism**

This session will provide facilitators, who will be supporting teams in the Comprehensive Program Planning Process, with introductory information pertaining to the Process as well as characteristics and roles related to effectively facilitating teams.

**October 7 & 8 (Wed. & Thurs.) 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Sponsoring Group:** OCALI

**Presenter(s):** Amy Bixler-Coffin and Wendy Szakacs

**Location:** SSTR5 - 5555 Youngstown-Warren Road, Niles, OH

**Target Audience:** Families & Professionals

**CEU(s):** Available

**Contact Name:** Karen Kanotz

**Contact Information:** 1-800-776-8298 or karen.kanotz@sstr5.org

**Website:** www.ocali.org

### **Autism Speaks Walk for Autism**

**October 10 (Saturday)**

**Cost:** FREE

**Sponsoring Group:** Autism Speaks

**Location:** Voinovich Park, Cleveland, Ohio (behind the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Cleveland Browns Stadium)

**Target Audience:** Families

**Website:** www.walkknowforautism.org/cleveland

### **Brief Advice and Referral Legal Clinic**

**October 10 (Saturday) 9:45 am - 12:00 pm**

**Cost:** FREE

**Sponsoring Group:** The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Volunteer Lawyers Program

**Location:** West Side Catholic Center, 3135 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland 44113

**Target Audience:** Families

**Contact Name:** The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland  
**Contact Phone:** 216-687-1900  
**Website:** [www.lasclev.org](http://www.lasclev.org)

### **That All May Worship**

An intentional conversation among persons with disabilities and persons of multiple faith traditions regarding full inclusion of all persons' gifts and abilities within our faith communities. Keynote address on building inclusive communities, "Telling our Stories" - sharing the experience of people with disabilities and their families, discussing what works in our faith communities, and fellowship, networking, and a shared meal.

**October 10 (Saturday) 9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**Cost:** FREE

**Sponsoring Group:** Linking Employment, Abilities & Potential (LEAP)

**Presenter:** Multi-faith worship lead by persons with disabilities

**Location:** Trinity Commons, Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland

**Target Audience:** Families

**Contact Name:** Deborah Nebel or Donna Prease

**Contact Information:** 216-696-2716

**Website:** [www.leapinfo.org](http://www.leapinfo.org)

### **Be Prepared: Practical Behavior Plans**

Learn: how to develop a plan to deal with behaviors, how to be proactive rather than respond in the moment, how to encourage positive behaviors and reduce inappropriate behaviors.

**October 13 (Tuesday) 5:30 pm- 8:30 pm**

**Cost:** \$30 (\$45 for two)

**Sponsoring Group:** [Milestones Autism Organization](http://www.milestones.org)

**Presenter:** Michelle Nameth Connor

**Location:** Milestones 23880 Commerce Park, Suite 2 Beachwood, OH 44122

**Target Audience:** Families & Professionals

**CEU(s):** Available

**Contact Name:** Carole Becerra

**Contact Information:** 216-464-7600

**Website:** [www.milestones.org](http://www.milestones.org)

### **ABA Therapy**

**October 13 (Tuesday) 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm**

**Cost:** FREE

**Sponsoring Group:** [Autism Society of Greater Cleveland](http://www.autismsocietycleveland.org)

**Presenter:** Kate Boylan Director for Behavioral Intervention Institute of Ohio

**Location:** Avon Lake Library, 32649 Electric Blvd., Avon Lake

**Target Audience:** Families

**Contact Name:** ASGC

**Contact Information:** 216- 556-4937

**Website:** [www.asgc.org](http://www.asgc.org)

**How to effectively support this year's IEP****October 14 (Wednesday) 9:30 am – 11:30 am**

**Cost:** \$5.00; reduced parking for \$2.50 (stamped ticket) is available at the Playhouse Sq. garage at East 15th & Chester

**Sponsoring Group:** [The ARC of Greater Cleveland](#)

**Location:** The Arc of Greater Cleveland, United Way Mandel Building, 1331 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland

**Target Audience:** Families

**CEU(s):** Available

**Contact Information:** 216-622-0755 or [arcgc@thearcofgreatercleveland.org](mailto:arcgc@thearcofgreatercleveland.org)

**Website:** [www.thearcofgreatercleveland.org](http://www.thearcofgreatercleveland.org)

**Cobida Fall Reading Conference****October 16 (Friday) 8:15 am- 5:00 pm**

**Sponsoring Group:** [The Central Branch of International Dyslexia Association](#)

**Presenter:** Louisa Moats, Ed.D.

**Location:** Columbus Convention Center

**Target Audience:** Families & Professionals

**CEU(s):** Available

**Contact Name:** Mary Damer

**Contact Information:** 614-538-9878

**Website:** [www.cobida.org](http://www.cobida.org)

**Brief Advice and Referral Legal Clinic - Education Issues****October 17 (Saturday) 9:45 am - 12:00 pm**

**Cost:** FREE

**Sponsoring Group:** The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Volunteer Lawyers Program

**Location:** The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, 1223 West Sixth Street, Cleveland 44113

**Target Audience:** Families

**Contact Information:** 216-687-1900

**Website:** [www.lasclev.org](http://www.lasclev.org)

**Parents and Teachers Together**

LDANE0 is offering a unique opportunity for parents and teachers to learn about Specific Learning Disabilities. The sessions will give parents and teachers an increased understanding of SLD, education legislation, evaluations, and IEPs.

**October 20 (Tuesday) – November 5 (Thursday) 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm**

**Cost:** \$30 members/ \$35 non-members

**Sponsoring Group:** [Learning Disabilities Association of Northeast Ohio](#)

**Location:** 4800 East 131st Street, Suite B, Garfield Heights

**Target Audience:** Families and Professionals

**CEU(s):** Available

**Contact Name:** Learning Disabilities Association of Northeast Ohio  
**Contact Information:** 216-581-4549  
**Website:** [www.ldaneo.org](http://www.ldaneo.org)

**Social/ Communication Issues**

**October 21 (Wednesday) 7:00 pm- 8:30 pm**

**Sponsoring Group:** [University Hospitals](#)  
**Presenter:** Lisa Audet, PhD  
**Location:** UH Westlake Medical Center 960 Clague Road, Suite 1600 (1st floor)  
Westlake, OH  
**Target Audience:** Families & Professionals  
**CEU(s):** Available  
**Brochure:** [Download Brochure](#)

**Career and Employment Development Strategies for Individuals with Autism**

**October 22 (Thursday) 9:00 am- 3:00 pm**

**Cost:** \$150.00  
**Sponsoring Group:** Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation  
Center for Autism  
**Location:** 2801 Martin Luther King Jr Dr, Cleveland 44104  
**Target Audience:** Families & Professionals  
**CEU(s):** Available  
**Contact Information:** 216-448-6440 or [szabol@ccf.org](mailto:szabol@ccf.org)  
**Website:** [http://my.clevelandclinic.org/childrens\\_hospital](http://my.clevelandclinic.org/childrens_hospital)

**Tools for Today and Tomorrow Conference for Families and Professionals Caring for Children with Chronic Illnesses and/or Disabilities**

Learn from experts and each other about non-medical advocacy, educational, family, financial, and legal issues inherent in caring or children, gain new insights, learn new strategies, make important connections with others, and be inspired!

**October 23 (Friday) 9:00 am- 3:30 pm**

**Sponsoring Group:** [Tools for Today](#)  
**Presenter:** Jeff Moyer, an advocate, songwriter, author, producer, public speaker, and historian addressing human equality and human rights.  
**Location:** Cleveland State University Cole Center for Continuing Education  
**Target Audience:** Families and professionals  
**CEU(s):** Available  
**Contact Name:** Linda Kresnye  
**Contact Information:** 216-229-5757, Ext. 126  
**Website:** [www.toolsfortoday.org](http://www.toolsfortoday.org)

**Be Prepared: Practical Behavior Plans**

Learn: how to develop a plan to deal with behaviors, how to be proactive rather than respond in the moment, how to encourage positive behaviors and reduce inappropriate behaviors.

**October 25 (Sunday) 1:30- 4:30 pm**

**Cost:** \$30 (\$45 for two)

**Sponsoring Group:** Milestones Autism Organization

**Presenter:** Michelle Nameth Connor

**Location:** [MTEC Music Enrichment Center](#), Inc. 29160 Center Ridge Road, Suite B Westlake

**Target Audience:** Families & Professionals

**CEU(s):** Available

**Contact Name:** Carole Becerra

**Contact Information:** 216-464-7600

**Website:** [www.milestones.org](http://www.milestones.org)

### **Co-Teaching: Why, What, and How**

Participants will explore the benefits of co-teaching, ways to co-teach, planning techniques, scheduling, preparation, assessing co-teaching and more.

**October 26 (Monday) 9:00 am- 3:00 pm**

**Cost:** FREE

**Sponsoring Group:** [ESC-CC, SST 3](#)

**Presenter(s):** Natalie McCoy and Dianne Basso, nationally acclaimed presenters and teachers, will model co-teaching as participants learn how general educators and specialists can work together to successfully deliver instruction to all students in inclusive classrooms

**Location:** ESC of Cuyahoga County Conference Room 210 5811 Canal Road Valley View, OH

**Target Audience:** This one day session is designed for co-teaching teams. This course is limited to Cuyahoga County.

**CEU(s):** Available

**Contact Name:** Tracy Murphy

**Contact Information:** 216-446-3811 or [tracy.murphy@esc-cc.org](mailto:tracy.murphy@esc-cc.org)

**Website:** [www.esesc.org](http://www.esesc.org)

### **Educational Forum, "Understanding Autism"**

The goal of the forum is to educate attendees on the complexity of autism through explaining autism spectrum disorders from a neurological, behavioral, and social perspective and highlighting symptoms, diagnosis, treatments, and community resources for families and/or professionals that work or have children diagnosed with autism

**October 28 (Wednesday) 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Sponsoring Group:** Case Medical Center

**Location:** W.O. Walker Building Auditorium 10524 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, 44106. The Parking is free in Lot #36, located across from W.O. Walker Building next to National City Bank on Stokes Blvd.

**Target Audience:** Families & Professionals

**CEU(s):** Available

**Contact Information:** 216-844-3922

**Sibshops for Siblings of Children with Autism Ages 12-17**

These are interactive workshops to assist siblings of children with autism ages 12-17. They are designed to meet other peers in a relaxed recreational setting. It will provide an opportunity to discuss common joys and concerns with other siblings.

**October 28 (Wednesday) November 4, December 9, and January 6 -- 6:15-7:30 pm**

**Cost:** \$90

**Registration deadline:** October 21

**Sponsoring Group:** Monarch School

**Presenter(s):** Nina Falkenstein, Intervention Specialist and Kelley Yaworski, SLP

**Location:** 22001 Fairmount Blvd.

**Audience:** Families

**Contact Name:** Karin Hess-Hopkins

**Contact Information:** 216-320-8658

**November 2009****Managing Parent Stress**

**November 2, (Monday) 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

**Cost:** FREE

**Sponsoring Group:** [Autism Society of Greater Cleveland](#)

**Presenter:** Hal E. Wildman, Ph.D. Pediatric/Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychologist, Spectrum Psychological Associates

**Location:** Independence Civic Center

**Target Audience:** Families

**Website:** [www.asgc.org](http://www.asgc.org)

**OCALI Conference**

**November 17-19 (Tuesday-Thursday) 8:00 am- 5:45 pm**

**Cost:** Registration

**Sponsoring Group:** Ohio [Center for Autism and Low Incidence](#)

**Location:** Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH

**Target Audience:** Families & Professionals

**CEU(s):** Available

**Website:** <http://conference.ocali.org/>

**Career Planning for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders- Help Young Adults with ASDs Transition to Careers**

**November 18-19 (Wed- Thurs.) 7:00--3:30 pm**

**Cost:** Registration

**Sponsoring Group:** [Spectrum Training Systems](#)

**Presenter(s):** James Emmett & Christopher Simler  
**Location:** Columbus, OH  
**Target Audience:** Families & Professionals  
**CEU(s):** Available - Graduate Credit offered  
**Contact Name:** Spectrum Training Systems, Inc  
**Contact Information:** 920-749-0332 or spectrumtrainingsystems@yahoo.com  
**Website:** [www.spectrumtrainingsystemsinc.com](http://www.spectrumtrainingsystemsinc.com)

**["The Best of Cleveland" Comedy Night to Support Milestones Autism Programs](#)**

**November 23 (Monday) Doors open at 7:00 pm**

**Cost:** \$36 individual tickets; \$75 preferred seating package  
**Sponsoring Group:** [Milestones Autism Organization](#)  
**Presenter (s):** Host David Wain Friends with Benefits Improv Troupe and cameo appearances by Cleveland celebrities  
**Location:** Pickwick & Frolic Restaurant and Club, Cleveland Target  
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**Event Links**

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[The Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism Education Programs](#)

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