



February Newsletter 2009

Current News

BitTorrent's Bram Cohen Isn't Limited by Asperger's--[Article in Buisness Week](#)

[Professional Webcast](#)-**Supported Employment Web-based Certificate Series**

An extensive overview of supported employment and how to facilitate competitive jobs for individuals with significant disabilities. Earn 3.5 CEUs or 35 CRCs, and a certificate of completion.

[Job Listing and Postings](#)- Please email milestonesorg@gmail.com with new information to be posted.

Milestones is seeking an **Office Manager - Assistant Development Coordinator**
[more information](#)

[OCALI Webcast](#)- Employment, Guardianship, and Community Support Programs

[ASD Video Glossary](#)- Overview of Autism, Social Interactions, Communication, Repetitive Behaviors and Restricted Interests (Autism Speaks)

[Respite Providers](#) for Cleveland and Akron area

Milestones Family Workshops 2009

[Autism Workshops for Families: Adolescent to Adult Series](#)

Transition Planning Part I: *Developing Transition Plans While in High School*

- Participants will learn the requirements of the federal law (IDEIA) related to transition planning and transition services for students with disabilities
- Participants will understand the importance of creating specific and meaningful future planning statements for the student with ASD (or other disabilities)
- Participants will be able to write meaningful post-secondary education, employment, and/or independent living goals for their child/student
- Participants will begin to identify transition services that are likely to lead to successful adult outcomes following high school

Date: Sunday, February 8, 2009

Time: 1:30-4:30 pm

Location: Solon Community Center 35000 Portz Parkway Solon, OH 44139

Transition Planning Part II: *Available Community Resources and Eligibility Requirements for Adult Services*

- Participants will learn about the eligibility requirements for MRDD, BVR, SSI, and Medicaid
- Participants will become familiar with the types of services or supports that are available through a variety of adult agencies
- Participants will learn what skills are necessary for successful employment
- Participants will discuss how to access adult services and supports.....what is required as well as ideas to enhance the process

Date: Sunday, March 8, 2009

Time: 1:30-4:30 pm

Location: Solon Community Center 35000 Portz Parkway Solon, OH 44139

Cost for all workshops: \$30 per person per workshop or \$45 for two family members/caregivers per workshop

To register call 216-371-4765, email milestonesorg@gmail.com, or [Register Online](#)

Respite Training: Using Behavioral Strategies

Participants will learn how to apply behavioral strategies while giving respite services to families.

Part I- Introduction to Autism and Asperger's Syndrome; Behavioral Strategies for Effective play; How to Respond to Inappropriate Behaviors.

Part II- Role-Playing and Video Presentation to Demonstrate New Skills.

Milestones will keep names on file of participants who have attended the two day workshop for families interested in respite care for their children.

Kent State University

Date: Part I- February 22- 6:00-9:00 pm

Location: 200 White Hall, KSU

Date: Part II- February 23- 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: Kent State Library RM 220

Cost: **FREE** (sponsored by Alpha Xi Delta, Kent State University)

To register call 216-371-4765, email milestonesorg@gmail.com, or [Register Online](#)

Milestones always encourages families to do a thorough background check on any person they consider to work with their child.

Family and Professional Workshop: Basic ABA and Being Proactive with Behaviors

This workshop is for family members, caregivers, tutors or others interested in learning basic ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) strategies to use in the home.

Date: Sunday, March 1, 2009

Location: Mahoning County Help Me Grow
100 DeBartolo Pl. Suite 220 , Boardman, OH 44512

Time: 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Cost: **FREE** (sponsored by Mahoning Help Me Grow)

To register call 216-371-4765, email milestonesorg@gmail.com, or [Register Online](#)

Family Workshop: Basic ABA Principles to use in the Home

[Audio Podcast Available](#)

[Family Workshop: Spring Series](#)

ABA Everyday During Play

Date: Sunday, March 8, 2009

Be Prepared: Practical Behavior Plans

Date: Sunday, April 5, 2009

Tools for Encouraging Communication

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2009

Locations: Garfield Park, Mentor, OH

Cost: \$30 per person per workshop or \$45 for two family members/caregivers per workshop *Scholarships Available

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Professional Development Credit and Scholarships Available for all Milestones Programs

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:

Contact Kiersten Johnson at 216-3714765 or milestonesorg@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

[Milestones 2009 Autism / Asperger's Conference](#)

Landerhaven, Mayfield Ohio, June 15, 2009

[Milestones Active Calendar 2009](#)

KEY: **Family**

February 2009

February 3, Friendship Circle Mom's Group ([Friendship Circle](#)) 10:00 am, Friendship Circle 1980 South Green Road South Euclid, OH. Courtney Evenchik, co-founder of the Who's the Boss? Parenting Education Center which offers programs to help parents handle the conflicts of childhood, and a parent educator with Bellefaire JCB. For more information go to [friendscleveland.com](#) and click on upcoming programs on the left side bar (need to scroll down the page) Future meeting dates: March 3, May 5, and June 2.

February 3, Preservation and Transitioning ([Autism Society of Greater Cleveland](#)) 6:30- 8:30 pm. Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, 8001 Brecksville Rd, Brecksville, OH. Speaker: Barrie Galvin. Free childcare if registered seven day prior to meeting (Monarch staff). For more informatin call 216 556-4937 or support@asgc.org.

February 4, Access to the General Education for All ([The Arc of Greater Cleveland](#), State Support Team 3, and The Up Side of Downs of Greater Cleveland) Doubletree Hotel Independence, OH. The conference will feature Dr. Richard A. Villa, Ed.D. Dr. Villa will be presenting on various topics including Inclusion for Kids with Disabilities in the General Education Classroom, Differentiated Instruction, Adapting Curriculum, and more. For more information contact Gina Mitchner at 216-622-0755 or [download flier](#).

Family February 7, Teens for afternoon of inline skating! 3:00 - 4:30 pm. [Chagrin Valley Roller Rink](#) 7151 Chagrin Road (continuation of Main St.), Chagrin Falls. Cost: \$5.00 for teens or children/free admission for parents. Skate rental: \$3.00. You may bring your own skates if the wheels are clean. This get together will take place between 3:00 - 4:30 during a regular Family Skate session. The full session runs from 1:30 - 4:30 if you would like to come earlier on your own and take advantage of the full session. The rink also has are several game machines and a snack bar. Please rsvp if your teen (siblings, friends are also welcome) will be attending by February 3rd. Contact SheApple@aol.com.

February 7, Wayne Holmes Chili Open (Benefits: Akron Rotary Foundation) 8:00 am-2:00 pm. Hale Farm and Village, Bath. [For more information](#)

February 8, Transition Planning: Available Community Resources and Eligibility Requirements for Adult Services ([Milestones](#)) 1:30-4:30 pm. Solon Community Center 35000 Portz Parkway, Solon, OH. Cost \$30/\$45 for 2 family members. For more information call 216-371-4765. [Online registration](#)

February 8, Twinsburg Parent Support Group ([Peak Potential Therapy](#)) **FREE visit the website**. 3:00-5:00 pm. PPT Center 8848 Commons Blvd., Suite 101 Twinsburg, OH. The support group is primarily for families struggling with daily challenges that are presented by disabilities such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), high-functioning autism (HFA), Pervasive Development Disorder-NOS, Non-Verbal Learning Disorder, & Semantic-Pragmatic Disorder. Respite Available. Please call 330-405-8776 for more information.

Family February 8, Valentines Party ([Blue Ribbon Group](#)) 3:00- 5:00 pm. Solon Community Center 35000 Portz Parkway, Solon, OH. Cost: \$7.00. Ages 5-12 yrs. old

(and siblings). Dancing, Karaoke and Dinner! Deadline: Feb. 6th. For more more information on this and [other great events](#) for all ages, contact the Solon CC at 440-248-5747.

Family February 12-May 7, Sibshops of Children with Autism ([Monarch School](#))
[Please view flier for more information.](#)

Contact Karin Hess-Hopkins for more information at 216-320-8658.

Family February 20, Friday Night Fun ([KidsLink](#)) 7:00-9:00 p.m. LifeCenter Plus, 5133 Darrow Road Hudson, OH. Cost \$35. Event for teens 12 and up with Asperger's and HFA. Cross the Delaware With George Washington! We will celebrate the birthday of the father of our country with a pool crossing of an imaginary Delaware River. To make this event challenging students will be building their own cardboard boats. A birthday cake honoring George Washington and milk will be served. I cannot tell a lie ... this is going to be fun! Please note that they will be swimming. For questions or concerns contact KisLink at 330-963-8600. Deadline: February 16th. Sorry no late sign ups.

February 25, Webinar on Special Needs Planning (EPLiveOnline and [Merrill Lynch](#))
FREE 7:00 - 9:30 pm. Join a Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor, a third-party special needs trust attorney, and a representative from a third-party disability organization as they discuss the financial, legal and social challenges faced by families like yours. (Please note that neither Merrill Lynch nor its personnel provide tax, accounting, or legal advice). Location: : www.epliveonline.com in 2 convenient formats: Live, one-way audio/video streamed with e-mail chat and Archived (viewed online after the event). [For more information](#)

February 26, Strategies and Concepts: Communication, Socialization and Autism([Cleveland Clinic for Autism](#)) Individuals with autism are affected every day by challenges in communication and socialization. This one-day workshop will provide participants with an understanding of language and communication as they relate to autism and behavioral strategies to improve socio-communicative interactions. Topics will include: Speech and language characteristics of autism spectrum disorder, Exploring the relationship between communication and socialization, Strategies for establishing group goals for socialization, Strategies for generalizing communication strategies across environments, Improving the instructor's ability to facilitate social language. Cost: \$150 per person. For info on the workshops contact [Lisa Szabo](#), or call 216.448.6440. Click here to [register for an Autism Workshop online](#).

Family February 28, 11th Annual Recreation Fair ([State Support Team 3](#))**FREE**
10:00 am- 1:00 pm. St. Michael's Woodside Party Center - 5025 E. Mill Road, Broadview Hts. Visit and talk to representatives from camps and organizations from around Ohio. Bring the kids! For more information contact Bonnie Simons at 216-524-2770, ext. 3818 or bonnie.simons@sst3.org.

The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities is currently implementing Audio Conference Training (ACT) . This is a new way to attend any of the following **FREE** Parent Trainings from the comfort of your home, office, etc. If you are interested in being a part of any of these upcoming trainings, Please call the Marion office at 800-374-2806 and let them know you want to register for an Audio Conference Training. A packet of information will be sent to you along with the call in

number. [See Free Listing Topics](#)

March

Family March 8, Boneyard Autism Speaks Fundraiser (Benefits: Burke Miller Fan Club) 11:00 am- 10:00 pm. 5900 Mayfield Rd. Mayfield Hts., OH. Chinese Auctions, Craft Sale, and Sideboards! Open to the Public. For more information contact Janet Miller at 440-864-5525 or [download flier](#).

March 12, Hands On Positive Behavior Support ([Achievement Centers for Children](#)) 8:30 - 4:00 pm. 4255 Northfield Rd Highland Hills, OH. Current evidence-based strategies for managing the behavior of preschool-upper elementary students with special needs. For special and general education teachers, paraprofessionals, related service providers and school support staff who work with students with special needs. Cost: \$150. For more information contact Helen Mack at 216-292-9700 x 248 or Helen.mack@achievementctrs.org

Family March 14, Fun Fest Blue Ribbon Event ([Solon Community Center](#)) 6:30-8:30 pm. Solon Community Center. It is an evening of fun and resources for people with special needs of all ages and their families or caregivers. For more information contact Amy Kalk at 216-396-5345 or AmyKalk@aol.com

March 21, Transition Fair ([CEVEC](#)) 8:15-3:15 pm. Mayfield High School 6116 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, OH. Cost \$5.00 (Lunch Included) Breakout sessions, and panel discussions on topics as: Adult Services, Employment Support Opportunities, Your Legal Rights, Housing, Social Security, Estate Planning, Guardianship, Sexuality, IEP/Transition Planning, Recreation/ Leisure, Driving Programs, Public Transportation, and Much More! For more information contact Bob Ross at 440-995-7460 OR ross@mayfieldschools.org. [download flyer](#)

Family March 27, Dan Zanes and Friend to Play for Autism ([NAA-NEO](#)) 5:30 pm. Independence Middle School, OH. Cost: \$16/child and \$32/adult. Come for this great event that will help provide families in Northeast Ohio financial support with the proceeds! For more information contact Don Pattison at 216-280-4544.

April

April 3, Rock The Puzzle returns to House of Blues Cleveland ([Northeast Ohio Autism Group](#)) NEOAG has partnered with Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in creating a new Autism Initiative in Cleveland. In order to address the needs and challenges of children, adults and families affected by autism in Northeast Ohio, this unprecedented Initiative will combine research and clinical services, as well as community outreach and training to help improve the lives of these individuals. 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales to Rock The Puzzle will directly support this new Initiative. For sponsorship opportunities, tickets and information, please [visit the website](#) or call 440.488.3473.

April 25, [Autism Speaks](#) Rock 'til it Stops, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, 1100 Rock and Roll Boulevard, Cleveland, OH. Autism Speaks celebrates the 50th anniversary of Motown with a special one night only concert to raise money for local and national

research, education and outreach initiatives. The evening will include a special musical performance by Motown's own Funk Brothers. For more information or sponsorship opportunities, [visit the website](#) or contact Shari Goldberg at sharigoldberg22@aol.com. Have you purchased your Ohio Autism Awareness License Plate yet? To purchase yours, visit www.oplates.com and click on "Specialty Plates" or visit the website at www.autismohio.org for more information.

ASO forming Ohio Autism Advocacy Network - [Join Now!](#)

Event Links

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www.toolsfortoday.org

www.autismohio.org

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