



## June Newsletter 2009

### Current News

**[Register Now!!!](#)** Autism/Asperger's Conference registration deadline is Monday, June 8th. Save \$10 off the walk-in fee on the day of the conference, Monday, June 15th. **[See highlighted sessions below.](#)**

**Congratulations, Debra Mandell!** Milestones is proud to announce that **[Debra Mandell, Director of The Monarch School for Autism,](#)** will receive of the 2009 Milestones Professional Appreciation Award at our conference on Monday, June 15th **[..more information](#)**

**Calling all Golfers- Milestones is the beneficiary of [Institute of Real Estate Management](#) (IREM®) Annual Golf Outing on Tuesday June 16th at Red Tail Golf Club in Avon, Ohio. Milestones is looking for golfers to participate in the 18 hole event on our behalf. If you are interested, please visit [www.iremnorthernohio.com](http://www.iremnorthernohio.com) to register or call 216-371-4765 for more information**

**[Greater Cleveland Aspergers Support Group](#)** - GC-AS created a database on their website for parents to use to connect with other parents with same age kids and similar interests for the purpose of play dates and social outings. Just add your name, contact information and basic information about your child affected with Asperger's. By placing your name on the list, you are inviting other parents to contact you. You can edit/delete the information as your child's interests or your circumstances change. Contact Theresa at [gcas21@yahoo.com](mailto:gcas21@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/GC-AS/database?method=reportRows&tbl=2>

**[Hattie Larlham in Mantua, OH](#)** is looking for a few good therapists - OT, PT, OTA, PTA, and SLP. This facility offers in patient, school, pool therapy and out patient. They also need high school and college age volunteers to help with the Thursday night play group, 5:30pm - 8pm. For more information contact Ingrid M. Kanics, OTR/L, Therapy Director at 800-233-8611x 3034 or [Ingrid.Kanics@hattielarlham.org](mailto:Ingrid.Kanics@hattielarlham.org)

**[Ten Ways To Prevent Camp Tragedies!](#)** by Terri Mauro, About.com

**[101 WAYS TO PRAISE YOUR CHILD!!!](#)**

*Milestones Autism Organization is now on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!!*

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

Landerhaven, Mayfield Ohio,

Monday, June 15, 2009

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**Keynote Speaker: Brenda Smith Myles**, author of *[The Hidden Curriculum](#)* and recipient of the 2004 Autism Society of America's Outstanding Professional Award and the 2006 Princeton Fellowship Award.

### **Highlighted Sessions**

#### [Functional Communication: A Reason to Talk](#)

Jill Jackson, MA, CCC-SLP

Beachwood City Schools

#### [Foundations for Life Long Social Independence](#)

Jay Berk, PhD

Private Practice

#### [ASD's and MFE's: Understanding the Process](#)

Michelle DePolo, PsyD

KidsLink Neurobehavioral Center

#### [Simple Strategies That Work: Helpful Hints for All Educators of Students With Asperger's Syndrome, High-functioning Autism, and Related Disabilities](#)

Brenda Smith Myles, PhD

#### [Fascinating and Frustrating: Proactive Strategies to Support Positive Behavior of K-4 Students with ASD](#)

Scott Gossett, Achievement Centers for Children

Marianne Canter, MEd, Achieve Consulting

#### [Workshop Age Tracks](#)

[Conference Registration, Group Discounts & Lunch Fees](#)

[2009 Conference Brochure](#)

[2009 Registration Form](#)

[Professional Development \(CEUs\) Offered](#) Professional development credit for 6 contact hours are available for **speech, occupational therapy, education, social work, counseling, psychology, MRDD-CPD and**

toward BCBA. Certificates of general attendance will also be available.

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## Calling all volunteers!

*There are two weeks until the conference on June 15, 2009.*

*If you have time to volunteer please call Carole Becerra at 216-371-4765 to let her know of your availability.*

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## Milestones Active Calendar 2009

### June 2009

**June 2, Overview of Evaluation Team Report (ETR) and Individual Education Program (IEP) ([State Support Team Region 3](#))** Please visit website for different times. Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County, 5811 Canal Road, Valley View. This overview session will provide families and other interested individuals direction and guidance on the characteristics of the ETR and IEP forms as well as guided interpretation of the accompanying annotated version booklets. Registration for this workshop must be done through the Ohio Department of Education's registration system, STARS. To register on STARS for this event go to: <http://webapp2.ode.state.oh.us/stars/default.asp>. A "SAFE Account" must be set up first in order to register. For additional information or assistance call Bonnie Simons, 216-524-2770, extension 3818.

**June 2, Financial Planning for Your Child with Special Needs ([Galvin Education and Resource Center for Families](#))** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. 25221 Miles Road, Suite F, Warrensville Hts. 44128. Presenter: Ken Vinikoff from Michael Carter Financial Group. Free to all members of GERCF--\$10 non-members. For more information call 216-514-1600.

**Family June 13, Parade of the Circle ([Cleveland Museum of Art](#))** 11:00 am- 4:00 pm. Wade Oval, Cleveland. Visit the Milestones Booth where you can create beautiful flowers to a drum beat! International and national guest artists join Greater Cleveland artists, families, schools and community groups in a spectacular display of bright costumes, giant puppets, stilt-dancers, handmade masks and colorful floats. Circle Village, which includes the activities, entertainment, and food, is presented by [University Circle Inc.](#)

**June 15, Parents Rights ([Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities- OCECD](#))** FREE 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Louis Stokes Head Start, 4075 East 173rd Street Presenter: Barb Rutt For more information contact Douglas Hoston at 216-696-9077, Ext. 424

**June 15, Milestones Autism Asperger's Conference ([Milestones Autism Organization](#))** Milestones Autism Organization presents its seventh annual Autism/Asperger's conference: *Promoting Life Long Strategies for Success*, featuring **Brenda Smith Myles, Ph.D.**, as the keynote speaker. This conference is for parents, students, professionals, and adults with autism. Participants will network, learn about local resources and enhance their knowledge of best practices for *school, home, community and work* through research based approaches. Targeted workshops address challenges for individuals of all ages with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Asperger's Syndrome or social communication challenges: young children, elementary, middle and high school aged students, and adults. For more information call 216-371-4765.

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**June 17, Understanding Public Funding Workshop (Tools for Today) 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm.** Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, 8001 Brecksville Road, Brecksville 44141. Speaker: Franklin J. Hickman, JD, Hickman and Lowder Co., LPA. Advance Registration is Required: Please call Linda Kresnye at 216-229-5757, Ext. 126

**June 17, Is your Child A Target for Bullying (The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities)** FREE 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Audio Conference Training (ACT). This is a new way to attend Parent Trainings from the comfort of your home, office, etc. If you are interested in participating, call the Marion office at the number below 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. If you have any questions regarding ACT please call. Presenter: Barbara Rutt Audience. For more information contact the Marion Office Contact at 800-374-2806

**June 22-24, Working With Students with High Functioning Autism and Asperger's Syndrome in School Settings (Achievement Centers for Children)** 9:00am - 12:00pm. Cost: \$750.00. 4255 Northfield Road, Highland Hills, OH 44128. For teachers, occupational and speech therapists and other professionals who work with students with Autism pre-K through grade 5. This 5-day training is designed to provide foundational training for classroom teachers and school district teams in the development and design of a blended method program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Each participant will receive a training manual. For more information contact: Helen Mack at 216-292-9700 x 248 or [helen.mack@achievementctrs.org](mailto:helen.mack@achievementctrs.org).

Have you purchased your Ohio Autism Awareness License Plate yet? To purchase yours, visit [www.oplates.com](http://www.oplates.com) and click on "Specialty Plates" or [visit the website](http://www.autismohio.org) at [http://www.autismohio.org/](http://www.autismohio.org) for more information.

## Event Links

[Milestones Active Calendar 2009](#)

[OCALI Calendar](#)

[State Support Team 3- Educational Workshop Calendar](#)

[Tools for Today and Tomorrow Calendar](#)

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