

March Newsletter 2009

Current News

IDEA [2009 Summer Service Scholarship Application](#)- Deadline April 15, 2009

[Autism Hangout](#)- Website for Autism Information including Podcast, Videos, and Resources.

The [Hine Memorial Fund](#) of The Youngstown Foundation supports programs that assist children with special needs who reside in the Greater Youngstown Area. [Application Deadline April 17, 2009](#). For families that reside in the Mahoning area- Please [complete this survey](#) about services.

[The Social Times magazine](#) (Autism Asperger Publishing Company) - The Social Times is a new innovative magazine edited by Kari Dunn Buron that offers powerful tools to foster and enhance social skills and social understanding.

Puzzle Cafe- A new autism family support group. Next meeting, March 27th from 9:00-10:30 am at the [Heights Parent Center](#), a clean family friendly location, in Cleveland Heights, OH. Please RSVP if you will be bringing children. For more information call 330-689-8356 or email jemcphoe@sbcglobal.net.

SAVE THE DATE

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

Landerhaven, Mayfield Ohio, June 15, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Brenda Smith Myles, author of [The Hidden Curriculum](#)

[Milestones Family Workshops 2009](#)

Sunday, March 8, 2009

[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

Time: 1:30-4:30 pm

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

Cost: \$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](#)

Family Workshop: Basic ABA Principles to use in the Home

[Audio Podcast Available](#)

[Family Workshop: Spring Series](#)

ABA Everyday During Play

Sunday, March 22, 2009

Be Prepared: Practical Behavior Plans

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Tools for Encouraging Communication

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

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

[Milestones Active Calendar 2009](#)

KEY: **Family**

March 2009

March 4 Getting the Most from Your Private Health Insurance Plan

([Tools for Today and Tomorrow](#) special situations. COST: \$10.00. For more information or to register,) 6:30-8:30 pm. Cuyahoga Valley Career Center 8001 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, OH 44141. Speaker: Pat O'Sullivan, President of O'Sullivan Consulting Group Health Care Specialists. Topics: What to look for in a private health insurance plan if you have a child with a chronic illness and/or disability, how to get the most out of your health plan, how to handle denials and call Linda Kresnye at 216-229-5757, Ext. 126.

March 5, Introduction to Extended School Year Services (ESY) and Open

Discussion (Medina County - S.E.E.K., Inc.) FREE 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Medina City Library. This meeting will provide a short presentation explaining what Extended School Year (ESY) is and is not. Following the presentation will be an open discussion for families to ask, share and learn. Pre-registration is required. To register contact Melissa at 330-241-4505 or at SEEK4LD@yahoo.com.

March 8, Transition Planning Part II: Available Community Resources and Eligibility Requirements for Adult Services ([Milestones Autism Organization](#)) 1:30-4:30 pm. Solon Community Center. Presenter: Chris Filler from OCALI. To register call 216-371-4765, email milestonesorg@gmail.com, or [Register Online](#).

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 10, Parents and Teachers Together - Strategies for Parents and Teachers ([Learning Disabilities Association of Northeast Ohio](#)) 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. LDANEO Office, 4800 East 131st Street, Suite B, Garfield Hts. The sessions will give parents and teachers an increased understanding of SLD, special education laws, evaluations, and IEPs. Cost: \$15 Members, \$25 Non-Members. For more information or to register call 216-581-4549.

March 10, Dealing with Mean Girls: Tools for Developing Healthy Friendships ([Strongsville Branch Library](#)) 7:00-8:30 pm, Strongsville Library, 18700 Westwood Drive Strongsville, OH. Learn how to help young girls cope with bullying. Presented by Susan Fee, Licensed Professional Counselor specializing in girls' health and wellness. For more information or to register call 440-238-5530.

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@achievementctr.org

March 13, FREE Autism Workshop ([Clark County Library](#)) 5:30 pm- 8:30 pm. Clark County Library, Giaer Rm. 201 S. Fountain Ave. Springfield, OH 45506. Speakers: Kiersten Johnson and Denise Eslinger, LPCC-S and NCSP and license school psychologist. This workshop is for Parents, Caregivers, Teachers and Professionals that want to learn strategies to help teach children on the Autism Spectrum. Participants will learn; about different curriculum programs to use at school and home, behavioral strategies to help students in the classroom and home, and how to encourage more communication and reduce behaviors. To register call 330-689-8356.

Family March 14, "Interest Expo"- Presented by Kids with Asperger's (Akron Summit County Public Library/[Blick Clinic](#)) 10:30-12:30 pm. Highland Square Branch Library 807 W. Market St., Akron, OH. For more information or to participate contact Michele Gunther at 330-762-5425 x1148.

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 14, Conference for Families of Children with Special Needs ([SST Region 9](#)) 8:00 am- 3:30 pm. Drage Career Center 6805 Richville Dr.SW

Massillon, OH. Cost is \$5.00, each participant will receive a \$10.00 check to cover mileage and registration costs. The conference covers many issues such as sensory integration, behavior issues, bullying in school, transition planning, estate planning, medical and treatment issues, guardianship issues, social problems, and much more. For more information call Holly Kemp at 330-492-8136 or 1-800-733-7732, ext 314.

March 17, Transition Drives the IEP Audio Conference ([Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities](#)) FREE 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Audio Conference. 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 800-374-2806.

March 19, 26, and 27, Paraprofessional Training: Working with Pre-K & K-5 Students with Autism ([Achievement Centers for Children](#)) 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. 4255 Northfield Rd Highland Hills, OH 44128. This 3-day training for paraprofessionals will address autism and the developmental challenges associated with the disorder. Cost: \$450. For more information contact Helen Mack; 216-292-9700 x 248 or Helen.mack@achievementctr.org.

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](#)

March 22, ABA Everyday During Play ([Milestones Autism Organization](#)) 2:30-5:30 pm. Garfield Park, Mentor, OH. Speaker: Kiersten Johnson, Program and Outreach Coordinator at Milestones Autism Organization. Participants will interactive activities, use play to target specific social, communication or academic skills. To register call 216-371-4765, email milestonesorg@gmail.com, or [Register Online](#).

March 23, FUN - Taking the Sting Out of Behavior ([Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities](#)) FREE 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Louis Stokes Head Start, Cuyahoga County, 4075 East 173rd Street, Cleveland. Presenter: Barb Rutt. For more information contact Douglas Hoston 216-696-9077, Ext. 424.

March 24, Autism Forum 2009 ([SCAAN](#) & Walsh University) 7:30 am- 3:00 pm. Walsh University, North canton, OH. [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.

March 31, Special Education Law for Parents and Practitioners ([Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association](#)) 8:55 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association 1301 East Ninth Street Second Level - Galleria Cleveland, Ohio. This is a full day seminar, and will bring parents and

practitioners up to date on various issues of importance and concern. Many members of the special education bar in Cleveland will be presenting, so this seminar provides the opportunity to meet them (us) and ask questions. For more information please call us at 216-696-2404.

April 2009

April 1, 2009 Power of Prevention Conference--The Bully & The Bullied: Developing Healthy Behaviors 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Executive Caterers at Landerhaven, 6111 Landerhaven Drive, Mayfield Heights. Free parking, Continental Breakfast & Lunch. Speaker Susan Tucker, LISW, creator of the No Bullies, No Victims Bullying Prevention Program. \$75 All Day (after March 13, \$85) or \$45 Lunch Only. 5 CEUs available for Counselors and Social Workers. For more information or to register call 216-229-2420.

April 2, ASGC Chili Cook-Off 6:00- 9:00 pm. Progressive Field in the Terrace Club. Tickets are \$20 each. For more information go to www.asgc.org/flyers/09ChiliCookOff_flyer.pdf

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.

Family April 5, Cleveland Rock Gym- Social Teen Event (Cleveland Parent Group) 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. 21200 St. Clair Avenue (Building B-3) Euclid. Cost: \$18.00 (includes climbing shoe rental, equipment, instruction) Cleveland Rock Gym offered to open early for this group so their staff can dedicate their time to working with the teens. In order for them to make staffing arrangements, RSVP's and checks are needed by March 19th. Please email SheApple@aol.com about questions and information about mailing checks.

April 5, Be Prepared: Practical Behavior Plans ([Milestones Autism Organization](#)) 2:30-5:30 pm. Garfield Park, Mentor, OH. Speaker: Michelle Nameth Connor M.Ed. Participants will learn how to develop a plan to deal with behaviors so that you are not always responding in the moment but rather are being proactive. To register call 216-371-4765, email milestonesorg@gmail.com, or [Register Online](#).

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

April 27-28 Inclusive Play Symposium 2009 Play Across The Lifespan ([Hattie Larlham](#)) 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. 9772 Diagonal Road Mantua, OH 44255. For more information, contact Phylliss Steiner, Director of Creative Arts/Media Productions at 800-233-8611, ext. 3013 or phylliss.steiner@hattielarlham.org.

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Event Links

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