



## May Newsletter 2009

*Spring is Here!*

### Current News

[NAA-NEO's Helping Hand Grant](#) - Deadline May 15th

[Run for Autism-Organization for Autism Research](#), Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon, Half Marathon & 10K. Milestones is sponsoring the registration fee for four runners for this event! Please contact us at 216-371-4765 if you are interested. Shirt and entrance fee provided!

[Positive Reinforcement - Tip of the Week!](#) (autism.lifetips.com)

[Reducing Climbing behavior \(lovaas.org\)](#)

[Bike Riding Techniques for children with ASD/ Part 2](#)

[ASGC Summer Social Skills Camp 2009](#) for children ages 6 thru 18 with a diagnosis of Autism, Asperger's or PDD. The Summer Camp will also provide educational support as identified through the camper's Individual Education Plan (IEP). If you have any questions or if you would like to be placed on a registration list, please call us at (216) 556-4937.

*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

[Advertising/Exhibiting Information- Deadline May 15th!](#)

[Registration Now!!! Student rate \(up to age 25\)! New!](#)

**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 Topics:

### [Musical Play to Ease Their Way: Music Therapy for Young Children with ASD](#)

Ronna Kaplan, MA, MT-BC- Cleveland Music School Settlement

Marcia E. Humpal, MEd, MT-BC- Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

### [Vocational Struggles for the Adult with Asperger's: A Work in Progress](#)

Kurt Jensen, PsyD- Private Practice

Norm Szylakowski, MA Ed- Human Resources Manager with Dave's Markets

### [Asperger's Syndrome and Difficult Moments: Practical Solutions for Tantrums, Rage & Meltdowns](#) Brenda Smith Myles

[Inclusion in Boy Scout and Religious Programming](#) Matt Baker, Boy Scouts of America; Cara Marker Daily, PhD, Inner Health Ministries Child Center; Laurie Gross-Kammer, Gross Schechter Day School

### [Practical Solutions for School Based Group Social Intervention](#)

Nicole Gerami, MA, CCC-SLP -Western Reserve Speech and Language Partners

### [Workshop Age Tracks](#)

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

### [2009 Conference Brochure](#)

### [2009 Registration Form](#)

### [Advertising/Exhibiting/Sponsorship Information](#) **Deadline May 15th!**

[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**. General attendance will also be available. Please call 216-371-4765 to verify approval.

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## **Calling all volunteers!**

*We would love some help as we are preparing for our annual conference on June 15, 2009.*

*Come by our office to pick up brochures to distribute to your friends and contacts!*

*Spend some time with us in the office helping with conference related tasks during the month of May. We are in the office daily from 8:30am- 4:30pm*

*Volunteer the weekend before and on Monday, June 15 at the conference at Landerhaven. Come join us if you love an adrenaline rush!*

*For more information contact Carole Becerra at 216-371-4765*

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## [Milestones Family Workshops 2009](#)

- [Family Workshop: Basic ABA Principles to use in the Home](#)  
[Podcast Available](#)

[Audio](#)

- [Family Workshop: Spring Series - Mentor, Ohio](#)  
 Sunday, May 3, *Tools for Encouraging Communication*
  - o Location: Garfield Park, 7967 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH (white house by tennis court)
  - o 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](mailto:milestonesorg@gmail.com), or [Register Online](#)

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Professional Development Credit and Scholarships Available for all Milestones Programs  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:  
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### [Milestones Active Calendar 2009](#)

#### May 2009

**May 3, Tools for Encouraging Communication for Verbal and Non-Verbal Children** ([Milestones Autism Organization](#)) 2:30 pm -5:30 pm. Eleanor Garfield Park, Mentor, OH. Speaker: Jill Jackson SLP, Beachwood Schools / KidsLink. Participants will learn how to learn how to use a variety of visual supports, create motivation to communicate, and encourage communication in the natural environment. To register call 216-371-4765, [milestonesorg@gmail.com](mailto:milestonesorg@gmail.com) , or [Register Online](#).

**May 4, Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders: An Educational and Problem Solving Group** ([Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation Center for Autism](#)) 5:00 pm -6:00 pm. Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism. Presented By: Thomas W. Frazier, Ph.D. Parents, grandparents, and other caregivers of children recently diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders or families that want more information about autism spectrum disorders should attend. The group is starting the first Monday of every other month and runs for 6 weeks. For more information contact the Center for Autism at 216-448-6440 to determine eligibility and schedule attendance.

**May 6 & 20, Family Workshops** ([Heights Parent Center/Milestones Autism Organization](#)) FREE 6:00 pm -8:30 pm. Heights Parent Center, Cleveland Heights, OH. Presented by Milestones Autism Organization. Topics: Overview of Effective Home Strategies and Being Proactive with Behaviors. Dinner and Childcare provided. Limited registration. To register contact Tracy Hill-Adognravi at 216-321-0079

**May 6, 12, 27, or 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.

**May 7, Understanding Writing IEPs Audio Conference** ([Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities](#)) FREE with registration 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Location: Audio Conference. Presenter: Valorie Dombroskas. All trainings require pre-registration by phone in case of cancellation. To register please contact Jane Seaton at 1-800-374-2806 ext.13.

**May 9, Improving School-Based Transition Services for Students with Disabilities: Parent Training Opportunity** ([Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence/ Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities](#)) FREE 9:30 am -3:00 pm Registration: 8:30. Ramada Plaza and Conference Center, 4900 Sinclair Rd., Columbus, OH | I-71 and Morse Road. This one day training for parents and parent group leaders will offer information, strategies and materials that can inform parents and can be used to train parent groups so they can work to improve the transition services provided by their local school districts.

**May 13, IEP and 504 Clinic** ([Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities](#)) Free for parents with appointments only 10:00 am –7:00 pm. Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Drive, Independence, OH 44131. Presenter: Barbara Rutt. For reservations, contact Valerie Troiano at 216-447-1218.

**May 15, Advanced Methods In Applied Behavior Analysis** ([Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation Center for Autism](#)) 9:00 am –3:00 pm. 2801 Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Cleveland, OH 44104. This one day workshop is for professionals and/or those who have completed "Basic Foundations in Applied Behavior Analysis" and is designed to further participants knowledge of various behavioral concepts. Participants will practice skills through role-play, video-observation and discussion. For questions or reservations, contact 216-448-6440 or email [szabol@ccf.org](mailto:szabol@ccf.org).

**May 17, RUN FOR AUTISM** ([Organization for Autism Research](#)) Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon, Half Marathon & 10K. Get up...get out...and walk, run or jog to support autism research at the Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon and 10K. Join the RUN FOR AUTISM team and help raise awareness and funds to support the Organization for Autism Research (OAR). Join the team today! For details or information about the run, email [run@resarchautism.org](mailto:run@resarchautism.org) or call 1-866-366-9710, ext.224.

**May 18, Understanding Writing IEPs** ([Louis Stokes Head Start](#)) FREE 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. 4075 East 173rd Street, Cleveland, OH. Presenter: Barb Rutt. For reservations or questions contact Douglas Houston at 216-696-9077 ext.424.

**May 19, Behavioral Interventions at Home & School** ([Aspies Greater Akron & Milestones Autism Organization](#)) FREE with mandatory RSVP, 6:30 pm -8:30 pm. Children's Hospital Cafeteria Conference Room, 1 Perkins Square, Akron, OH 44308. Presenter: Kiersten Johnson. To RSVP contact Joy Spencer at 330-745-5115 or email [rreindeer@aol.com](mailto:rreindeer@aol.com) .

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/> 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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