

2011 Summer Program Update

The registration packages for the 2011 Bruce Awad Summer Program will be sent out to ASI families in mid February. **The completed registration forms must be received at the office by March 31, 2011.**

If you submitted an application for your child last year you will automatically receive a package. If you would like to receive a registration package or if you are not sure if you are on the mailing list please contact the office at 519-966-7283. The registration fees for the seven week program are \$1,500 for full time and \$750 for half-time.

Please note that there is a high demand for program positions and as a result there is a waiting list. So if you are a first time applicant we suggest you return your registration forms as soon as possible. New applicants are placed on the waiting list in the order that they are received. As positions become available, they are filled by the first applicant on the list that fits the position. Criteria for acceptance depend on a number of factors such as the clients supervision requirements, age and other restrictions such as medical needs.

If you would like more information on this program visit our website at www.autismservicesinc.com.

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To receive the Newsletter please send your email address to autism@mdirect.net or you can download the latest issue from the website.

March Break Autism Ontario Funding

Autism Ontario will have funding available for March Break 2011. The funding is available to families of children with ASD who retain the services of a one-to-one support worker OR who have paid for their child to attend a 2011 March Break camp or program.

The maximum reimbursement of \$400 per child (18 years or younger) will be made to subsidize services purchased between March 14 and March 18, 2011. **You must apply by January 17, 2011 to be eligible.** Funding will be provided based on a random selection made from all eligible applicants. A minimum of 660 families from across Ontario are expected to receive funding.

Application forms are available on the Autism Ontario website www.autismontario.com.

JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL **PASTA DINNER**

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 8th, 2011. This is the date for the 3rd Annual ASI Pasta Dinner at the Fogolar Fulan Club. The evening promises to be a fun family event with good food, music, activities for children, a silent auction and great raffle prizes. Tickets are \$20 for Adults, \$10 for Kids 12 yrs. and under and free for Kids 3 yrs. and under. All proceeds to benefit the ASI Summer Program.

We currently need volunteers to help organize the event as well as donations for prizes. If you have a donation or would like to help please contact Michelle Helou at s_mhelou@yahoo.ca. For tickets call the ASI office at 519-966-7283.

Thank You Windsor Police for Supporting ASI

Thank you to the Windsor Police Services for donating \$373 which was raised during their dress down day at the Windsor Police Headquarters in December. The total amount raised was \$746 which was shared between us and the John McGivney Children's Centre.

A big thank you to all the families who came out to the Crock A Doodle fundraiser on November 22. Twenty percent of all sales were donated to ASI.

If you or your group would like to organize an event on ASI's behalf please contact the office. Events such as golf or card tournaments, garage sales, school loonie days, office dress down days, bowl-a-thons, dinner dances and car washes are just some of the activities that can be fun as well as raise money for a good cause.

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to identify, coordinate and assure delivery of quality supports while advocating for individuals Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), to enable them to reach their maximum potential within their community.

Lending Library

Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
(Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00)

We've recently added **80 new resources** to the library. These materials have been provided by Autism Ontario Windsor-Essex Chapter and the Realize Community Potential Program.

New Books

Been There Done That: Finally Getting it Right! A Guide to Educational Planning for a Student with Autism
by Jennifer Krumins

One Step at a Time: ABA and Autism in the Classroom
Practical Strategies for Implementing Applied Behaviour Analysis for Students with Autism
by Jennifer Krumins

Lost at School: Why Our Kids with Behavioral Challenges Are Falling Through the Cracks and How We Can Help Them
by Ross W. Greene

and many more!

If you would like to visit the library after hours, give us a call to set up an appointment.

New Snoezelen Room

The Windsor office of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) is now the home of this area's newest Snoezelen Sensory Room.

For those not familiar with the Snoezelen concept, the room provides a multi-sensory environment and incorporates equipment and materials that offer a broad range of sensory experiences. It is specifically designed to offer individuals of all ages and abilities the opportunity to exercise choice. It bridges cognitive, perceptual, behavioral, physical and other conditions to provide a sense of empowerment. These environments allow clients to enjoy a wide range of sensory experiences—either passively or actively—that enhance therapy, learning, and relaxation. Snoezelen can be beneficial to individuals with autism.

There will be an Open House on Tuesday, January 18 from 9 am until 4 pm for anyone wishing to explore the Snoezelen Room. The CNIB is located at 254 Janette Avenue in Windsor. For more information please call the CNIB at 519-253-1900 ext. 5190. The room will be open to visitors for a \$2 fee. Call the CNIB for days and times.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Recreational and Preschool Swimming

Recreational swimming is open to everyone at these community facilities. Individuals with disabilities can be accompanied by a caregiver. There is a cost for the individual and the caregiver is FREE. For schedules and prices please call the following facilities or visit the website and download the Activity Guide.



Windsor Water World

400 Wyandotte St. E., Windsor
Phone: 519-253-3806
Website: www.citywindsor.ca



Vollmer Culture and Recreation Complex

2121 Laurier Drive, LaSalle
Phone: 519-969-7771
Website: www.lasallecultureandrecreation.ca

Essex Recreation Complex

242 Talbot Road, Essex
Phone: 519-776-8992
Website: www.essex.ca



Leamington Recreation Complex

249 Sherk Street, Leamington
Phone: 519-322-2337
Website: www.leamington.ca

Youth Gymnastics

Saturdays from 2 - 2:45pm

Gymnastics for children with ASD ages 5 - 13 yrs. at the Oakwood Community Centre, 2520 Cabana Road. New session begins Jan. 15. Cost is \$28 per 11-week session for Windsor residents and \$34 for non-residents. Call 519-966-6065 to register.



Bowling with Special Olympics Windsor Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30pm

Bowling for individuals with an intellectual disability at Rose Bowl Lanes, 2482 Dougall. The cost is \$2.75 per game and includes shoes. New bowlers are always welcome. For more information call Brian at 519-966-0496.



Special Olympics Windsor

A variety of sports activities are available for individuals with an intellectual disability ages 8 to 88. For a complete list of sports, times and locations please call 519-250-4024 or 519-790-8714 or visit www.specialolympicswindsor.ca.



Colasanti's Tropical Gardens Open Daily

Looking for something to do inside because it's too cold outside? Colasanti's has kiddie rides, bumper cars and bouncetown inflatables as well as an 18 hole indoor mini golf course, petting farm and an arcade. And of course there's the daily buffet specials. For hours, prices and other details call 519-326-3287 or visit www.colasanti.com.



The Moon Family Fun Centre *NEW*

Open Everyday from 10am to 7:30pm

For children ages 1 to 13 years. Large indoor jungle gym and playspace, mountain rock climber, separate toddler area, arcade, parent lounge with free wireless internet. Located at 3090 Dougall Avenue. Call 519-966-6661 for more information.

The 11th Annual Give Your Heart to Autism Gala

Saturday, February 26 at 6pm

Autism Ontario Windsor Essex Chapter's biggest fundraiser of the year. To make a donation or for ticket information please contact Shirley at 519-250-1893.



The Realize Community Potential Program

Crockadoodle-doo!

Thursday Jan. 13 from 5:30 - 7 or 7 - 8:30pm
Pottery painting for just \$5 per person.

They Blinded Me with Science!

Saturday, Feb. 5 from 10am-12pm.
Free fun for the whole family.

To register for these programs and for information about other exciting activities please email rcpwindsor@autismontario.com or call Catherine at 519-250-9410.

NOTE: Event information is always subject to change by the event holders. Always call ahead.

WORKSHOPS & SUPPORT GROUPS

All About Autism Workshop Series

FREE workshops ideal for parents and caregivers of children with ASD. All workshops run from 6:30 until 8:30 pm and take place at the ASI Library, 3600 Curry Ave. (across from St. Gabriel School). To register please call 519-966-7283 or 519-250-9410 or email rcpwindsor@autismontario.com.

Wednesday, January 12

Behaviour and Safety Issues

A representative from the Regional Children's Centre will talk about behavioural issues and present tips on how to deal with them. Jason Hull from Windsor Fire and Rescue will provide information on the best ways to keep you family safe in the home.

Wednesday, February 9

Funding Through the Lifespan

We'll discuss Special Services at Home, Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD), ASD specific respite, summer funding, Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Passport funding.

Behavioural Intervention: A Positive Systems Introduction

Friday, Jan. 14 from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Learn about the Positive Systems Approach (PSA), which is highly effective in helping individuals with intellectual disabilities that have serious behavioural challenges. PSA combines Applied Behavioural Analysis and Social Systems Theory into a comprehensive and positive treatment model. Location at the Serbian Community Centre. Cost is \$55. For details call Karen at 1-800-640-4108 or 519-433-7283 or email karaujo@wgh.on.ca.

Daytime Support Group

Thursday, Jan. 13 from 9:30 - 11am

Support Group for parents, grandparents and other family members of children with autism. Meetings usually take place on the second Thursday of each month at the Gino Marcus Complex, 1168 Drouillard Rd. New group members are always welcome. Please note that the date and format may change in February. Please call 519-250-9410 to confirm.

School Entry for Children with Special Needs

Tuesday, January 18 from 9:30 - 11:30am at Family Respite Services Meeting Room, 3295 Quality Way
OR

Thursday, January 20 from 9:30 - 11:30am at Youth and Family Resource Network of Essex County, 23 Mill St. W., Kingsville

A FREE information session for parents and guardians of children with special needs that will be starting kindergarten in 2011. Learn about the steps to transitioning into school and how to partner with educators as a parent. Professionals from Children First and the John McGivney Children's Centre will speak about their agencies. Register by contacting the Windsor-Essex Family Network at 519-974-1008 or email info@windsorsexfamnet.ca by January 17. Childcare is available at the Kingsville location, please request this when you pre-register.

Summit Centre Parents Group & Sibling Group

Monday, Jan. 24 & Feb. 28 from 5 - 6:30pm

Parents of children with ASD are invited to participate in a round table discussion on **Explaining your Child to Family and Friends**. Siblings (4-12yrs.) are invited for activities, talks, stories, pizza and snacks. Come and meet new families and make new connections at the Summit Centre, 940 Prince Rd. Childcare available for children with autism. RSVP to Csilla at 519-255-1195. Please note that the February 28th topic is to be determined.

Siblings Group for Teens

The RCP Program will be putting on a 4 week sibling group for teens 14 to 19 yrs. on Mondays starting February 7 from 6 to 7pm at the Gino Marcus Centre. Activities will centre around awareness and talking.

Sibling Group for School Aged

The RCP Program will offer a 5 week sibling program for ages 7 to 13 years starting Monday, March 21 from 6 to 7 pm at the Gino Marcus Centre. Activities will centre around getting in touch with feelings about ASD.

To register call Catherine at 519-250-9410 or email rcpwindsor@autismontario.com.

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