

2011 Bruce Awad Summer Program Update

The registration packages for the 2011 Bruce Awad Summer Program have now been sent out by mail or email. Please contact the office at 519-966-7283 if you did not receive your registration package.

The completed registration forms must be received at the ASI office by Thursday, March 31, 2011. Applications will not be accepted after this date. No exceptions. Please note that even if your child was in the Summer Program in previous years, you still must complete and submit the forms by the stated deadlines.

Due to the high demand for program positions there is a waiting list. If this is your first time applying 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.

It is the responsibility of families attending the program to apply to the appropriate funding agencies by the specified deadlines. Please contact the ASI office if you have questions or need assistance with funding applications.

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Please note that the ASI Office and Library will be closed on Fridays for the month of March. We will be open Monday to Thursday 8am to 4pm (Closed for lunch 12-1). We recommend calling the office prior to visiting as occasionally we need to close the office to tend to other matters.

2011 Summer Program/ Respite Funding

Autism Ontario Windsor-Essex Chapter will have summer funding information available sometime in May. Please contact the local office at 519-250-1893 in May for details.

Autism Ontario Provincial Office usually has summer funding applications available in June through their website www.autismontario.com. Information may be available sooner this year so please keep checking their website for any announcements. The provincial office can also be reached at 416-246-9592.

It is also possible for families that receive **Family Respite Services** support to apply some of their funding to the Summer Program. Please contact your child's Family Respite Services coordinator for details.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH

Doors open at 6pm—Dinner at 6:30pm
at the Fogolar Fulan Club

Tickets \$20 for Adults, \$10 for Kids under 12
FREE for Kids 3 yrs. and under

Silent Auction, Raffles, Door Prizes, Cash Bar,
Music, Children's Activities,
All proceeds to benefit the
ASI Bruce Awad Summer Program.

We currently need donations of prizes, desserts and volunteers to help organize the event. 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.

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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
(Close for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm)

*Please note that the library will be closed on
Fridays from March 1 until April 1.

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

More New Titles:

Provided by Autism Ontario Windsor-Essex
Chapter and the Realize Community
Potential Program.

Good To GO: A Practical Guide to Adulthood
by Kim Zarzour & Sharon McKay

*The Autism Transition Guide: Planning the
Journey from School To Adult Life*
by Carolyn Thorwarth Bruey & Mary Beth Urban

*Cooking with Autism: Complete toolkit for
cooking classes for people with Aspergers and
high-functioning Autism*
by Autism/PDD Family Alliance

and many more!

A Father's Day Journey for Autism Services Inc.

This Father's Day, June 19th, ASI parent Sam Helou will complete 2 Marathons (84km) along the Chrysler Trail as part of an all day effort to raise funds for ASI. His journey begins with one step: your generous pledges. To make a donation online please visit www.autismservicesinc.com and click on the donate button. For more information on Sam's journey email Michelle Helou at s_mhelou@yahoo.ca. **Let's show Sam we support his efforts by making a pledge!**

Harrow K of C BBQ and Elimination Draw

The Knights of Columbus in Harrow will be holding their annual Steak BBQ Dinner and Elimination Draw on Saturday, April 2 at the K of C Hall, 62 King St. E. in Harrow. Dinner tickets are \$25. Elimination draw tickets are \$10 each. Dinner starts at 6pm and the draw will take place starting at 8pm. There will be 16 \$25 prizes, 4 \$100 prizes and 1 \$1000 prize which will be the last ticket drawn. For tickets and details please call 519-738-4141. **All proceeds will go to Autism Services Inc. and Up About Downs.**

Thank You Greenshield for Supporting ASI

A big thank you once again, to the staff of the Windsor office of Greenshield Canada. Last month they held a dress down day and donated all the proceeds to ASI. A total of \$970 was raised on our behalf.

If you or your group would like to organize an event on ASI's behalf please contact the ASI office. Events such as golf or card tournaments, garage sales, 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.

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.

Call for details and schedules for March Break programs.

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

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 Spring and Summer Registration Day

A variety of sports activities are available for individuals with an intellectual disability ages 8 to 88. Register for Spring and Summer sports including Softball, T-ball, Track and Field, and Golf on Saturday, April 16 from 12 to 2pm at Walker Homesites Baseball Park. For information please call 519-250-4024 or 519-790-8714 or visit www.specialolympicswindsor.ca.



March Break With The Realize Community Potential Program

Sunday, March 13 from 10am to 12pm We're Going to the Moon!

The Moon (3090 Dougall Rd.), the newest indoor playground in the area, has been booked just for kids on the spectrum and their families. Ideal for kids from 1 to 13 years old.

Tuesday, March 15 from 4 to 5pm and 5 to 6pm 10 Pin Bowling

At Bowlero (675 Tecumseh Rd. W.) There will be 12 lanes available and 8 with bumpers. \$5 per family please.

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

March Break Free Events With New Beginnings at the Gino Marcus Centre, 1168 Drouillard Rd.

Wednesday, March 16 from 2 to 4pm Animals Galore

The fur will be flying with Z002You, Windsor Police K-9 Unit and the Humane Society for a fun family event.

Thursday, March 17 from 1:30 to 4pm Movie Matinee

Movie and free snacks and refreshments for ages 12 to 18 years.

To attend and for more information on these and other New Beginnings March Break events please contact Toni at 519-254-2363 ext. 12.

Saturday, April 2, 2011 World Autism Day.

A day established by the United Nations to raise an awareness of issues surrounding people, particularly children, with autism.



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).

You must register by calling 519-966-7283 or 519-250-9410 or email rcpwindsor@autismontario.com.

Wednesday, March 9

Introduction to Autism and Explaining Autism to Your Family

Get answers to your questions about autism. We will go over exactly what autism is and its core characteristics, as well as give you tips on how to disclose the diagnosis to others.

Wednesday, April 14

Eating and Feeding Issues

We will look at the latest research about this topic and look at it from a behavioural perspective.

Daytime Support Group *New Day*

Tuesday, March 8 from 9:30 - 11am

Support Group for parents, grandparents and other family members of children with autism. Meetings usually take place on the second Tuesday of each month at the Gino Marcus Complex, 1168 Drouillard Rd. New group members are always welcome. Please call 519-250-9410 to confirm April's date.

*New Parent Support Group – Leamington

Thursday, March 10 from 6 to 7:30pm

Join others sharing similar joys and challenges that are experienced as a parent of a child with ASD at Mount Carmel Public School, 622 Mersea Rd. Leamington. Please call 519-250-9410 for details.

Autism and Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA)

Sat. & Sun. Mar. 26 & 27 from 9am - 3:30pm

A 2-day workshop for parents (professionals welcome upon availability) at the Summit Centre, 940 Prince Rd. Parents are encouraged to bring someone for support. \$10 per family and \$20 for professionals. To reserve your space please pay by March 18. Call 519-255-1195 for more information.

Summit Centre Parents Group & Sibling Group Monday, March 28 from 5 - 6:30pm

Parents of children with ASD are invited to participate in a round table discussion. 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 519-255-1195. Please call for the April date and discussion topic.

My Home, My Choice

Forging Ahead with Options for People with Disabilities in Windsor and Essex County

Tuesday, March 29 from 8:30am to 12:30 pm

A FREE information session for parents and individuals with a disability. Listen to families share their stories of finding and creating a home. Learn about APPD supports and hear about families that were able to create two different affordable home options. A continental breakfast and a lunch will be provided for attendees. Please contact the Windsor-Essex Family Network at 519-974-1008 or email info@windsorsexfamnet.ca for information.

Life On and Slightly to the Right of the Autism Spectrum: An Inside View Towards Achieving a Fulfilling and Productive Life-Just Like Everyone Else with Dr. Stephen Shore

Two workshops sponsored by the City of Windsor, Children's Services and presented by Dr. Stephen Shore. Both workshops will take place at the Ciociaro Club, 3745 North Talbot Rd.

Wednesday March 30 from 6:30 to 9pm

This will be a free workshop for early learning professionals, resource consultants and JK/SK teachers. Please register by calling 211 or 519-258-0247 or email info@211southwesternontario.ca

Thursday, March 31 from 9 to 3pm

This workshop will look at how people with autism are able to build fulfilling and productive lives. Discussions on practical solutions on education, adult relationships, employment, self advocacy, and more. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch. To register and for details contact Peggy Lowe at 519-255-2500 ext 5377 or email plowe@city.windsor.on.ca.

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