



## ASI Summer Program Update

Successful applicants for the 2009 Summer Program will be notified within the first two weeks of May. The program will run at the same two locations as last year: Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School at 2751 Partington Avenue in Windsor and Holy Name Catholic Elementary School at 200 Fairview Avenue West in Essex. The program will begin Monday, July 6 and run until Friday, August 21.

In 2008, ASI expanded its program by adding an additional classroom and conducting a pilot project. Two classrooms at the Windsor location worked with a 2:1 ratio rather than the normal 1:1 ratio. This allowed us to serve more families. We're happy to say that we will be implementing this again this year. Two classes will be set up at the Windsor location with a 2:1 ratio with a maximum of eight children in each classroom.

## Fundraising Initiative for all ASI Summer Program Families

In response to the ever-increasing waiting list and some major financial challenges faced by ASI regarding its Summer Programs a meeting was held in February with ASI families to discuss options to address these issues. It was concluded that the preferred direction was to raise revenues through increased fundraising and to accomplish this a formal parent's fundraising association would be established.

Families wanting to see the current level of service continue as well as reducing, or preferably eliminating, the waiting list are encouraged to get involved in fundraising. A meeting date to discuss innovative fundraising ideas and ways families can be involved will be announced soon. Please watch for this important announcement.

## PASTA DINNER

*Thank You!*

Thank you to the 300 guests who came out to support our first Pasta Fundraiser Dinner on April 18th. All money raised will go towards ASI's Summer Program. ASI greatly appreciates everyone who volunteered their time to help with this special event, including all the summer staff, Kristen Anglin and especially Michelle Helou whose effort and energy made it all possible.

For those who brought desserts, wow! The amount and variety was incredible. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Kutz and her daughter Jennifer for the beautiful autism cake and Joseph Produce for their donation of fresh fruit. At the end of the evening all leftovers were sent over to the Salvation Army where they were gratefully accepted.

ASI would like to acknowledge the generous donations from the following businesses and individuals:

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 143  
RCL Branch 143 Ladies Auxiliary  
Don's Disc Jockey Service  
Essex Laser Studio (Debbie Eyraud Owner)  
Helou's Sports Cards & Collectables  
Howie and Partners Chartered Accountants  
Loblaw's Superstore (Dougall)  
Bubi's Awesome Eats  
Phone Booth (Devonshire Mall)  
Refresh Day Spa  
Winners (Dougall)  
Tim Horton's (525 University Ave. W.)  
BDO Dunwoody - Windsor  
Monkey Town  
Scholar's Choice

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SliverCity  
Kit Fit  
Sew Personal (Gail Millson Owner/Designer)  
Kelcom  
Salon Utopia  
Paints and Partners  
Solutions in Health Inc. (2354 Eugenie St. W.)  
Sage Salon  
Dak's Flowers  
Shoppers Drug Mart (3155 Howard)  
Joanne Glandon  
Jan Grouix  
Dorothy Unis  
Ginny Rounding  
Sabrina Ferrara  
Suzanne Osborne  
Donna Larsh  
Jason Hull  
Ferruccio Da Sacco  
Cheryl Huczel  
Christine Loebach  
Laura Stark-Helkie  
and all the anonymous donors.

*News from the Board*

*Welcome*

The Board of Directors of ASI would like to welcome its newest member, Dr. Elaine Williams. Dr. Williams is a Psychologist who specializes in Autism Spectrum Disorder at the Windsor Regional Children's Centre. Her experience and expertise in autism issues will be an asset to ASI.

*New Members*

We currently have openings for Board Directors preferably with legal or financial experience. If you are interested in being a member of the Board please contact us. Meetings take place monthly on the second Monday starting at 5:30 in the ASI Library.

*Board of Directors 2009*

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*Mission Statement*

Our mission is to identify, coordinate and assure delivery of quality supports while advocating for individuals with Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorder, to enable them to reach their maximum potential within their community.

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## PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO SEE

**Wednesdays from 4:30 - 8 pm**

### **Autism Ontario Windsor Essex Pasta Dinner**

First Wednesday of every month at the Caboto Club. Dinner includes rolls, salad, pasta with meat sauce and pasta with tomato sauce. Take-out orders: \$8.00. Eat-in: Adults \$7.50, Children 5 to 10 \$5, Under 4 Free.

**Saturday, May 23 & Sunday, May 24  
Gymnastics at Windsor Vistas**

The RCP Program has arranged for a couple of sessions to try out this fun sport at Windsor Vistas Gymnastics, 2996 Denziel Dr. Sessions are May 23 from 2 - 3 pm for children ages 3 to 9 and from 3 - 4 pm for children ages 10 and up, and on May 24 from 10 - 11 am for children ages 3 to 9. Children must have a parent or a worker with them at all times. Call 519-250-9410 or email [rcpwindsor@autismontario.com](mailto:rcpwindsor@autismontario.com) to register.

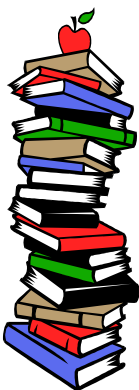


**Sunday, May 24 at 1 pm  
Let's Go to the Movies**

Join us at the Novelletto Rosati Complex for Movie Day featuring Bedtime Stories with Adam Sandler. Cost is \$4 per person and includes pop and popcorn. Please RSVP at 519-977-8900 by May 15.

**Sunday, May 31 starting at 9 am  
Fishing Derby**

The seventh annual HandiCapable Fishing Derby will take place at Assumption Park along the Detroit River. There will be special guests and live entertainment. Children require a life jacket. For more information or to register call 519-977-8900.



### **ASI Lending Library**

**Monday – Friday**

**8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**(Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00)**

Stop in and check out our books, toys, and specialized computer software to create choice boards, schedules, social stories and more!!

**\*\*Please Note\*\***

**Library Hours will not change as announced in the March/April newsletter.**

**Saturday June 6 at 1 pm**

### **Oz For Autism Golf Tournament**

The 5th annual golf tournament will take place at Dominion Golf and County Club. Cost is \$115 per player and includes 18 holes (4-person best ball scramble), power cart, dinner, gift bag, and contests. Please register by May 15 by contacting Kruno Ozvald at 519-979-3840 or Gerry Bennett at 519-978-1850.



**Sunday June 7 from 3 - 4:30 pm & 4:30 - 6 pm  
5-Pin Bowling**

The RCP Program has rented the Playdium Lanes on Wyandotte Street East for two sessions of bowling. Bumpers will be available and there will be no music or flashing lights during both sessions. Call 519-250-9410 or email [rcpwindsor@autismontario.com](mailto:rcpwindsor@autismontario.com) to register.



**Every Friday from 1 to 2 pm  
Windsor Water World**

Swimming for individuals with disabilities. Cost for swimmer \$2.00. Caregivers are free. Call 519-253-3806 for more details. (Please note that due to the work stoppage at the City of Windsor this program has been suspended and will resume after the strike has been settled.)

### **Monkey Town**

Safe playspace designed for children 7 and under. Playhouse town, playground equipment, Velcro wall and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission \$6.50 per child. Located at 3181 Marentette (behind Devonshire Mall). Call 519-969-0707 or visit [www.monkeytown.ca](http://www.monkeytown.ca) for more information.

### **Special Olympics Windsor**

Sports opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Register now for spring and summer sports programs in Softball, T-ball, Track and Field, and Soccer. For information call 519-250-4024 or for a complete list of sports, times, locations and program information visit [www.specialolympicswindsor.ca](http://www.specialolympicswindsor.ca).



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

# MAY and JUNE Workshops

## Thursday Evenings from 6 - 8 pm

### Social Group for Adolescents with Aspergers

A RCP Program that brings together adolescents with Aspergers ages 12 to 16 with A Place of Our Own Teen Group. Activities include video games, cards, pool, and ping pong. Located at the Gino Marcus Complex, 1168 Drouillard Rd. New members welcome. Call 519-250-9410 for more information.

## Thursday, May 7 and June 11 from 9:30 - 11 am Daytime Support Group

Support Group for parents of children with autism. Meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month at the Family Respite Services, 3295 Quality Way, 519-972-9688. All are welcome.

## Tuesday, May 12 from 6:30 - 9 pm or Wednesday, May 13 from 9:30 am - 12 pm Create-A File Workshop

Presented by Ensemble and Children First. Get help organizing and creating a personalized filing system for your child. Participants receive a binder and supplies so bring your reports and papers with you to 3295 Quality Way, Suite 102. Cost is free, space is limited. Please call Dianne at 519-250-1850 ext. 201 to register.

## Thursday Evenings from 6 - 7:30 pm Sibling Group

Starting May 21 and ending June 18, this RCP Program will address the needs of children who have siblings on the Autism Spectrum. This 5 week program is for kids ages 7 to 10 years and takes place at the Gino Marcus Complex, 1168 Drouillard Rd. It is fun but structured so a commitment to attend is necessary. To register call Catherine at 519-250-9410 or email [rcpwindsor@autismontario.com](mailto:rcpwindsor@autismontario.com).

## Monday, May 25 and June 22 from 5 - 6:30 pm Summit Centre Parents Group & Sibling Group

On May 25 parents of autistic children are invited to a round table discussion on Coping with Stress. Siblings (ages 4-12) are invited for games and crafts. Pizza and snacks provided. RSVP by May 20. On June 22 all Parents Group families are invited to a family barbeque. Join us at the Summit Centre, 940 Prince Rd. Childcare available for children with autism. Call Jackie at 519-255-1195.

## Saturday, May 30 from 9 am - 12 pm

### Autism Expo

Brought to you by Ensemble, Family Respite Services, RCP Program, Regional Children's Centre and Thames Valley Children's Centre. Presentation topics include: Individualized Education Plans, Behaviour, Peer Mediation, Sexuality, Life After School, and Toys that Stimulate the Senses. The event will take place at 12050 Arbor Street in Tecumseh and is free but you must pre-register by May 22 by calling Debbie at 519-972-9688. Please inquire about childcare when registering.

## Tuesday, June 2 from 6:30 - 8 pm Preparing for a Change: Tips for a Positive School Experience

Presentation topics include: Your Role in Your Child's Education, Helping Your Child Learn, Talking to Your Child's Teacher, Team Meetings, Special Education, and Getting to Know the School. Presented by Ensemble at the Superstore Community Room, 4371 Walker Rd. To register call 519-776-6486, ext. 225 or email [ensemble@communitylivingessex.org](mailto:ensemble@communitylivingessex.org).

## Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 pm

### All About Autism: Play

Presented by Laurie Wright, Senior Therapist, The Summit Centre. Workshop will take place at the ASI Library. Please call 519-966-7283 or email [allaboutautism@cogeco.ca](mailto:allaboutautism@cogeco.ca) to register.

## Saturday, June 13 from 9 am - 5 pm First Aid Training for Parents

First aid training for parents of autistic children. The cost of this training is \$35 per person which was made possible by a RCP Program subsidy. Training will take place at Place Concorde, 7515 Forest Glade Dr. To register call 519-250-9410. Please register early as there are only 20 spots available.

## Saturday, June 20 from 9:30 am - 12 pm

### Sibling Issues: Presentation for Parents

A discussion and interactive workshop for parents to help their neuro-typical children understand their siblings with special needs. A RCP Program at the Gino Marcus Complex, 1168 Drouillard Rd. To register call Catherine at 519-250-9410 or email [rcpwindsor@autismontario.com](mailto:rcpwindsor@autismontario.com).

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