

April 2010 Autism Awareness Month



For more information on the early detection of autism, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site, "Learn the Signs. Act Early."

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>

4/1/10 "Autism in Infants and Toddlers: Implications for Families and Policy" A Seminar for medical professionals (only). Sponsored by Westchester Institute for Human Development, 5:30 – 8 pm, Barid Auditorium, Cedarwood Hall, Valhalla, NY. For more information, call (518) 442-2574.

4/6/10 "Preparing for College: Considerations for Students with Asperger's Syndrome" A Seminar for parents. Sponsored by the Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at the University at Albany. Free. 6-8 pm, Columbia-Greene Community College, 4400 State Route 23, Hudson, NY. For more information, visit http://www.albany.edu/psy/autism/family_programs.htm.

4/10/10 - "Autism Awareness Day" To bring families dealing with autism together with the community resources in the area. Guest speakers, panel discussion, community building, social skill building, play groups and childcare will be provided. Lunch will also be provided. 9:30 am-3:00 pm Joseph Tower Auditorium, Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Reade Place, Poughkeepsie, NY. For more information or to RSVP, call Katie Rapp at (845) 454-8500 X. 72384.

4/10/10 "Effective Strategies to Administer Oral Medication" A Live, Online workshop for parents of children with and without developmental disabilities. 9 – 11 am. Fee: \$10. Online registration is required. To register, visit www.centerforautism.com/workshops. To watch the webinar, you'll need a PC with Internet Explorer (MAC may not be compatible.) To download Internet Explorer visit www.microsoft.com/windows/internet-explorer. After registering, a confirmation E-mail with further instruction will be sent to the E-mail address you provide.

4/11/10 "Advances in Autism Conference – New Insights in the Etiology, Diagnosis, Neurobiology, Genetics, and Treatment of Autism" Presented by Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Seaver Autism Center for Research and Treatment. 8 am – 4:15 pm. Stern Auditorium, Mount Sinai Medical Center, 1468 Madison Ave. (at 100th St.) New York, NY 10029. Fees range from \$75 - \$150. For conference and scholarship information, E-mail Natasha.ludwig@mssm.edu or call (212) 241-2826. For registration information, email jeanette.cotto@mssm.edu or call the Office of CME at (212) 731-7950. Or register online at <http://cmetracker.net/MSSMCME/>.

4/12/10-4/14/10 "Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis" A 3-part workshop focusing on the methodology and theory of Applied Behavioral Analysis. Sponsored by Life's WORC. 5:30-7:30 pm at Life's WORC, 1501 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530. Fee: \$50 per workshop or \$125 for entire series. For registration, E-mail gleon@lifeswork.org or phone Gisela Leon at (516) 741-9000, ext. 336.

4/13/10 "Working with Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders – Understanding and Supporting the Parent Perspective" Part One of the Center For Spectrum Services' 3-part Spring Workshop Series. 4-7 pm. 70 Kukuk Lane, Kingston, NY 12401. Free for Family Support Staff; Fees for other professionals and families (\$40/20 for single workshop-\$100/50 for all three workshops). For registration information, call (845) 336-2616.

4/14/10 - "Demystifying Autism: An Inside-Out Perspective" with William Stillman. Sponsored by Ulster-Greene ARC. 8 am – 4 pm Anthony's Catering Hall, Route 23B, Leeds, NY. \$35 for family members/\$55 for professionals, price includes continental breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks. Some scholarships are available through the Autism Society of the Hudson Valley. To RSVP or for additional information, contact Janine Prisco at janinep@ugarc.org or (845) 338-1234 X721.

4/15/10 - "Autism: Education and Interventions for Richer Lives" The 4th Annual Elizabeth A. Connelly Memorial Conference. Sponsored by NYS OMRDD, Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities, and the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene. 8 am – 4 pm The Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Staten Island, NY. Fee: \$75. Registration and more information available at www.regonline.com/2010-Connelly-Conference or call Martha Soto at (718)494-5116 or E-mail: Martha.Soto@omr.state.ny.us.

4/16/10 - "Center for Autism and Related Disabilities' 4th Annual Statewide Conference" 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. OnCenter Complex Convention Center, Syracuse, NY. For more information visit: http://www.albany.edu/psy/autism/Statewide_conference.htm

4/17/10 "The Asperger's Difference: A film for and about young people with Asperger Syndrome" A screening of a new educational documentary produced for young people with Asperger Syndrome, followed by a panel discussion with the filmmakers and featured people with Asperger's. 10 – 11 am at SUNY Orange, Harriman Hall, Lecture Room 111, Middletown, NY. Free. RSVP is required, by calling (845) 565-8575, ext. 238. To view the DVD trailer, visit www.centerforspectrumservices.org.

4/20/10 "The Asperger's Difference – Supporting Teens and Young Adults with their Diagnosis" Part Two of the Center For Spectrum Services' 3-part Spring Workshop Series. 4-7 pm. 70 Kukuk Lane, Kingston, NY 12401. Free for Family Support Staff; Fees for other professionals and families (\$40/20 for single workshop-\$100/50 for all three workshops). For registration information, call (845) 336-2616.

4/21/10 "Make and Take Workshop" Sponsored by the Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at the University at Albany. Parents and professionals are invited to learn about social stories and power cards. Free to New York State residents. Four 2-hour sessions starting at 10 am – 4 pm. The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, NY. Registration is required. For more information, visit <http://www.albany.edu/psy/autism/autish.html> or phone (518) 442-2574.

4/21/10 - "Mental Health Disorders in Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders: Issues and Considerations for Assessment and Intervention" Presented by Vincent Pandolfi, PH.D., Rochester Institute of Technology, 8:30 am – 12 noon. RIT Inn and Conference Center, 5257 West Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14586. \$25 Fee. For registration materials, visit www.urmc.rochester.edu/childrens-hospital/autism or call (585) 273-1613 or toll-free (888) 806-9526.

4/22/10 "Emerging Into Young Adulthood with Autism: Community Responses to Urgent Needs" Third Annual UJA-Federation of New York Autism Symposium Organized in Collaboration with the Hilibrand Foundation. 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, UJA-Federation of New York, 130 East 59th Street, New York City, NY 10021. \$25 per person. For registration and additional information, contact Diane Scherer at schererd@ujafedny.org or (212) 836-1604.

4/23/10 "Annual Autism Breakfast" Sponsored by Anderson Center for Autism and the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce. Keynote presentation by Ani Shaker of The Good Dog Foundation and Austin D. Rynne, from the Anderson Center for Autism. 7:30 – 9 am. Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, 40 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY. Seating is limited. For reservations, call (845) 454-1700, ext. 1000. Please reply by 4/12.

4/23/10 - "No More Meltdowns: Handling Challenging Behaviors and Teaching Social Skills" Presented by Jed Baker, Ph.D., Director of the Social Skills Training Project in Maplewood, New Jersey. 8 am – 3:30 pm Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, 600 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211. \$125 if registering before March 16. \$140 after March 15. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.spectrumtrainingsystemsinc.com/albany.html>.

4/27/10 "Understanding Challenging Behaviors – Using Positive Behavioral Supports and Strategies for Intervention" Part Three of the Center For Spectrum Services' 3-part Spring Workshop Series. 4-7 pm. 70 Kukuk Lane, Kingston, NY 12401. Free for Family Support Staff; Fees for other professionals and families (\$40/20 for single workshop-\$100/50 for all three workshops). For registration information, call (845) 336-2616.

4/28/10 "Preparing for College: Considerations for Students with Asperger's Syndrome" A Seminar for parents. Sponsored by the Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at the University at Albany. Free. 6-8 pm, Courtyard Marriott – Saratoga Springs, 11 Excelsior Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY. For more information, visit http://www.albany.edu/psy/autism/family_programs.htm.

4/28/10 - "Autism and Transition: Preparing for Life After High School" Presented by Christine R. Peterson, Ph. D., University of Wisconsin-Stout. 8:30 am – 12 noon. Holiday Inn Elmira Riverview, 760 E. Water Street, Elmira, NY 14901. \$25 Fee. For registration materials, visit www.urmc.rochester.edu/childrens-hospital/autism or call (585) 273-1613 or toll-free (888) 806-9526.

New York State Autism Summit