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- 12/06/12 Works for ME Training- An Introduction to Work Incentives & Ticket to Work. FREE. 6-8PM at the ARC of Westmoreland, Atrium Conference Room, 316 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA . For more information and/or to register call (866) 865-7170.
- 12/06/12 The Center for Independent Living of Bucks County wants to hear your life experiences. 10AM-1PM. 1226 Veterans Highway, Bristol, PA. The Pennsylvania Statewide Independent Living Council (PA SILC), in partnership with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) is providing opportunities to hear directly from you about what your life experiences are as Pennsylvanians with disabilities. For more information contact Nancy Hess at (215) 781-5070.
- 12/07/12 UCP Central PA Family Craft Night. 6-8 PM. Families who have children with disabilities are invited to join in on some holiday fun. There will be supplies to make a variety of crafts for children of all ages & abilities. Parents are encouraged to assist their children as needed. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call (717) 975-0611 x248.
- 12/08/12 Lancaster County Public Library new ARTISM program. 10:30-11:30AM 125 N. Duke St., Lancaster, PA. This is an art program at the Lancaster City branch for children on the autism spectrum. Our goal is to raise awareness and give children both on and off "the spectrum" opportunities to interact and experience the benefits of socializing with someone who experiences the world differently. Artism will meet twice a month. For more information contact (717) 394-2651 x124
- 12/12/12 Toilet Training for Children with Autism & other Disabilities. 6-8PM at 3300 Henery Ave, Philadelphia, PA. FREE. Child care is available for all trainings. No registration needed for families. ACT 48 credits are available by registering at www.solutionwhere.com/elwyn. For more information call Karen Krivit at (267) 784-2009 or email krivitz@elwyn.org
- 12/12/12 Free Webinar Series for Students with Intellectual Disabilities & their families. 2-3PM. This webinar covers many different topics on post-secondary education options for students with intellectual disabilities (ID). Families, professionals and students with ID can learn about strategies to prepare for college-based transition programs, work and community-based participation. Information will also be provided about legislative and policy changes that affect post-secondary education for students with ID. To register visit www.thinkcollege.net
- 12/14/12 Join the Sarah Lynn Strohman Foundation's Holiday Art Class for Teens & Adults with Special Needs. 7-8 PM. The crafts include wooden holiday themed pins or magnets! Carlisle Arts Learning Center, 19 N. Hanover St., Carlisle, PA. For more information contact Francine (717) 691-1457.
- 12/19/12 PaTTAN webinar Tier 2 Supports: Beyond Check In/Check Out. 4-6PM. The purpose of this session is to provide information on Tier 2 supports to teachers and other school personnel who are implementing School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports with fidelity at the universal level. This session will include an overview of a variety of supports typically offered at Tier 2 with a focus on Check and Connect. Check and Connect is a research-based intervention designed to enhance student engagement at school for students in grades K-12. To register visit www.pattan.net



- ❖ Philhaven's Autism Resiliency Program has new dates scheduled for their next FREE Autism Parent Training Series. There will be 5 sessions on Wednesday evenings (5:30pm to 7:30pm) starting January 9 through February 6, 2013. Philhaven's Grace M. Pollock Training & Community Center, 283 S. Butler Road, Mount Gretna, PA. Parents can register online at www.philhaven.org/AutismEvents or call (717) 279-2764.
- ❖ The Family Guide to Inclusive Early Learning in Pennsylvania is designed to be a quick and easy resource to inclusive early childhood learning programs in PA. Inside, they describe each program and describe who is eligible & how to apply. They provide parent tools, problem-solving tips, and information about legal rights. The guide links you to websites & other resources to help you navigate the full range of early childhood opportunities in PA and to get necessary services & support your child may need to grow and develop. Visit <http://www.elc-pa.org/FamilyGuidetoEarlyLearningFinal.Nov.2012.pdf> to download a copy. You may also call the ASERT Autism Resource Center (877) 231-4244 to receive a copy if you do not have access to a computer .
- ❖ Pennsylvania's Yellow Dot Program was created to assist citizens in the "golden hour" of emergency care following a traffic accident when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves. Placing a yellow dot in your vehicle's rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need. For more information visit www.yellowdot.pa.gov



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Sensitive Santa Locations

- 12/02/12 Colonial Park Mall, Harrisburg, PA 9-11AM
- 12/08/12 Eastern Monroe Public Library, Stroudsburg, PA 10:30AM- noon Please RSVP (570)839-0895
- 12/08/12 St. Columbkille's Social Hall, 103 Church Road, Imperial, PA 1-3 PM. Please RSVP to Rachel Kyle at (412)788-4224
- 12/09/12 100 Barber Place, Erie, PA- (gymnasium) RSVP (814)455-3540
- 12/09/12 (Steinman College Center, F&M College) 637 College Ave, Lancaster, PA 3-7PM

Happy Holidays from the ASERT Autism Resource Center Staff!!

Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) Announcements

The Bureau of Autism Services is pleased to announce the availability of BAS-approved trainings on the Virtual Training & Resource Center (VTC) that can be completed toward the *Act 62 Behavior Specialist License* training requirements. Visit www.bastrainings.org and you will find:

- ❖ A catalogue of live and virtual trainings, with course numbers, that count toward each of the eight categories within the 90 hours of BS License training requirements
- ❖ Virtual trainings that can be completed to meet the requirements
- ❖ Information about the BAS-approval process for trainings that are developed or provided by other organizations

BAS continues to accept applications for the Adult Autism Waiver & the Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP). Applications will not be sent until the capacity to support additional participants is available. Once either program is able to begin accepting additional applicants, requests for applications for that program will be processed in the order they were received. To request an application, please call (866) 539-7689.