



Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training

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- 01/05/13 Presentation: Improving Social Skills and Social Thinking for Children Diagnosed with Asperger's and High-Functioning Autism. 10 AM- 12 PM at 55 North Church Lane, Broomall, PA 19008. Ryan Wexelblatt, MSS, founder of Camp Sequoia, will present. This presentation will help you to understand the foundation of social learning needs and what can be done to improve social cognition. RSVP requested but not required. Contact office@camp-sequoia.com for directions or to RSVP.
- 01/07/13 Making Sense of Autism: A Workshop for Grandparents. Join ABOARD's Autism Connection of PA at 35 Wilson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15223, 10 AM – 12 PM (free parking in lot or on street) for this FREE training designed just for grandparents. Learn about: the brain basis of autism, the gut-brain connection, and behaviors of autism. To register, contact Luciana Randall at (412)781-4116 or <http://autism-support.org>
- 01/09/13 Speech Therapy for Young Children with Autism, What YOU Can Do! 6 – 8 PM at Elwyn Seedlings at the Falls Center, 3300 Henry Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19129. Learn skills, techniques and new ways to understand your child's communication needs. Philadelphia Autism Network offers FREE workshops for all families and professionals helping children with Autism. Childcare is available for all trainings. No registration needed. ACT 48 credits are available by registering at www.solutionwhere.com/elwyn. For more information contact Karen Krivit at (267)784-2009 or krivitz@elwyn.org
- 01/15/13 ABA Training/Workshop 9 AM – 4 PM at Behavior Interventions, 583 Shoemaker Road, #230, King of Prussia, PA 19406. This is an introductory course. Register at (484)324-8307 or <http://behaviorinterventions.org/workshoptraining.html>
- 01/18/13 Autism Friendly Indoor Playground Event, 5-7 PM at My little Outback: Indoor Play Center, 1936 Murray Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. ABOARD's Autism Connection of PA is hosting this indoor event full of climbing, tunnels, slides, arts and crafts, bounce house and social fun. To register: <http://autism-support.org> or (800)827-9385.
- 01/26/13 Special Kids Camp Expo. 1-4 PM at Valley Forge Educational Services, 1777 North Valley Road, Malvern, PA 19355. This event is FREE and will include: presentations on recreational and educational summer programs for children with learning differences, demonstrations, and "hands-on" activities. Expo featuring: Part-day and Full-day Programs from throughout southeastern PA, Academic Programs, Day Camps, Therapeutic Programs, and Community Resources.
- 01/27/13 Transition in Northwestern PA. Autism Society of Northwestern PA is hosting Jack Hewitt, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation from 6-8 PM to answer all of your transition questions. For more information visit their website: www.nwpa-asa.org or call (814) 455-3540.
- 02/02/12 ABOARD's Autism Connection of PA's 9th Annual All Abilities Camp Fair. 10AM – 3PM Ross Park Mall, 1000 Ross Park Mall Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Exhibitors include: Programs for children with disabilities, Inclusion-friendly programs, and Information regarding Extended School Year (ESY). FREE and open to all.



- ❖ Philhaven's Autism Resiliency Program will be holding their FREE Autism Parent Training Series. There will be 5 sessions on Wednesday evenings (5:30pm to 7:30pm) starting 1/9. Spring Sessions to be held on 2 Saturdays 3/2 & 3/9 9 AM-2:30 PM. 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.
- ❖ AHEADD is a college support program offered by the Autism Education and Research Institute (AERI)/AERI Behavioral Health Services. AHEADD is specifically designed to address challenges with social, communication, and organizational skills, and help students develop individualized strategies to manage their transition to post-secondary education. The AHEADD model is tailored to meet the unique needs of each student. www.aheadd.org Contact them by phone 1-877-AHEADD-1 or email admin@aheadd.org.
- ❖ Beginning 02/04/13 Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support in Philadelphia will be running an Adult Life Skills Program for Adults with Autism. The program is designed for adults with autism to learn daily living skills to enable them to live the most independent lives possible. Specifically, the program focuses on increasing independence in areas such as money management, meal preparation and food management, personal hygiene and health, housekeeping, and emergency and safety skills. Each week, participants will participate in a group lesson, prepare dinner in the Kinney Center kitchen with their peers and practice individual skills. On the last day of the program, participants will go into the local community for a final dinner together. Instruction will emphasize generalization of skills and long-term maintenance of skills following the conclusion of the program. Visit their website for more information: http://kinneyautism.sju.edu/services/adult_life_skills.html

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3/20 Pittsburgh, PA - Autism & Behavior

3/21 State College, PA - Assistive Technology

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Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) Announcements

The BAS Mission Statement

The mission of the Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) is to develop and manage services and supports to enhance the quality of life of Pennsylvanians living with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and to support their families and caregivers. The Bureau will carry out its mission through the creation and administration of adult service delivery models, the development of resources to support individuals with autism and their families across the lifespan and by collaborating with and providing technical assistance to other Department of Public Welfare (DPW) offices and government agencies.

BAS Values

- Support those living with autism throughout the lifespan
- Support those living with autism across the spectrum
- Support families of individuals living with autism
- Every person living with autism can have an improved quality of life given the right supports delivered by trained staff
- Increased independence and self-sufficiency of individuals living with autism
- Explore innovative, collaborative models of service delivery
- Professional and program accountability

