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### Events

- 03/05/13 Sensory Friendly Tuesdays at the North Museum, 400 College Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603. [www.northmuseum.org](http://www.northmuseum.org).
- 03/07/13 Exceptional Families of Exceptional Children Support Group Meeting. 6-9 PM at Greater Plymouth Community Center, 2910 Jolly Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA. For more information email [exceptionalfamiliesandchildren@gmail.com](mailto:exceptionalfamiliesandchildren@gmail.com).
- 03/07/13 Autism York Support Group Meeting. 7-8 PM at Rebecca's Place, LLC, 1805 Loucks Road, York. [www.autismyork.org](http://www.autismyork.org).
- 03/08/13 Council for Exceptional Children Chapter 909: Parent's Night! 7-9 PM at 562 Independence Road, East Stroudsburg, PA. Babysitting provided by volunteers. RSVP to Chelsea Peralta [clp4744@live.esu.edu](mailto:clp4744@live.esu.edu) or (646)402-3588.
- 03/09/13 Celebrating Differences Art, Music, and Film Festival. 10-3 PM at Delaware County Community College. Free to the public. This event is being held in conjunction with the 'Celebrating Differences' Conference. [www.thearcofdelco.org](http://www.thearcofdelco.org).
- 03/09/13 Rekindle, Revive, Refresh Marriage Retreat from Joni and Friends. 1-8 PM at Manor Church, 530 Central Manor Road, Lancaster, PA. [www.joniandfriends.org](http://www.joniandfriends.org).
- 03/10/13 Variety's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "AWARE WALK". 8-11 at the Plymouth Meeting Mall, 500 W. Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. [www.varietyawarewalk.com](http://www.varietyawarewalk.com).
- 03/13/13 Palmyra Area School District Agency Fair. 5-7 PM at Palmyra Area High School, 1125 Park Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078. Meet with local agencies and learn first-hand how they can help. Free and open to all. [www.pasd.us](http://www.pasd.us).
- 03/14/13 Story time. 6 PM at Valley Community Library, 739 River Street, Peckville, PA 18452. [www.stepbystepusa.co/services](http://www.stepbystepusa.co/services).
- 03/16/13 Sensory-Sensitive Cinema from Aaron's Acres. 10 AM at Penn Cinema, 541 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA. Showing Escape From Planet Earth and Oz: The Great and Powerful. [www.aaronsacres.org](http://www.aaronsacres.org).
- 03/16/13 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children with Autism (and their friends and family). 11 AM at Kutztown University, 15200 Kutztown Road, Kutztown. RSVP to Kimm Sterner at [ksterner3@gmail.com](mailto:ksterner3@gmail.com) or (610)301-1834. There will be a separate area designated for those with sensory needs.
- 03/22/13 My Little Outback Autism Friendly Indoor Playground Event from ABOARD's Autism Connection of PA. 5-7 PM 1936 Murray Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. <http://autism-support.org>.
- 03/26/13 Wesley Spectrum Service's Monthly Parent Advisory Committee Meeting. 7-9 PM at Wesley Spectrum Services, 5499 William Flynn Highway, Gibsonia, PA 15044. Free and open to ALL. RSVP to Kristen Mahoney at [kmahoney@wesleyspectrum.org](mailto:kmahoney@wesleyspectrum.org) or (412)706-2597. [www.wesleyspectrum.org](http://www.wesleyspectrum.org).
- 03/29/13 Lancaster County Autism Mommies Support Group Meeting. 7-8 PM at Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center, 625 Community Way, Lancaster, PA. <http://lcamonline.org>.
- 04/06/13 Autism Society of Greater Harrisburg Area's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Logan's Run and Walk for Autism. Registration begins at 9 AM at City Island, Harrisburg. <http://autismharrisburg.org>.
- It's time to start thinking about summer camps and activities. Contact us for a guide to selecting an appropriate camp for your child's needs and things to consider before you sign your child up!
  - Questions about Extended School Year (ESY)? Contact us for helpful information and tips.

**Please see the reverse side of this newsletter for important  
Bureau of Autism Services updates  
and other upcoming events/trainings for families and professionals!**



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## Bureau of Autism Services Updates

### ❖ BUREAU OF AUTISM SERVICES (BAS) 2013 FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL MINI-GRANTS

**Deadline for applications: 04/05/13**

The Bureau of Autism Services, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, is pleased to announce the availability of mini-grants to support children and adults with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and families that include an individual with ASD. The full application packet including directions, frequently asked questions and answers, and the application is available for downloading and printing off of the BAS website:

[www.dpw.state.pa.us/foradults/autismservices/index.htm](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/foradults/autismservices/index.htm).

If you do not have internet access or printing capabilities, requests for paper applications can be made by calling (866)539-7689.

### ❖ SAVE THE DATE! 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PA AUTISM TRAINING CONFERENCE (PATC), Lancaster

**June 11-13, 2013:** Presented by the Bureau of Autism Services

Featuring critical topics identified in the ASERT Needs Assessment reports and offering practical strategies and solutions for professionals that can improve the quality of life for people with autism and their families. Information will be posted to [www.autisminpa.org](http://www.autisminpa.org) as it becomes available.

### ❖ BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST LICENSURE TRAININGS

During the month of March, BAS will post a series of virtual trainings in the areas of Crisis Intervention and Specific Skill Deficits. Each training will include a content-based post-test that must be passed prior to the certificate of completion being granted. These trainings were developed by **ASERT** in support of the Bureau's commitment to making enough training options available in each of the eight licensure content areas. Visit: <http://bastraining.tiu11.org/>

**PLEASE NOTE: UPDATED BS LICENSE APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE! DATED VERSION: MARCH 1, 2013**

The requirements for obtaining a license are not changing. However, **a revised application is now available** on the Board website: [www.dos.state.pa.us](http://www.dos.state.pa.us). Select "Licensing"; "Health-Related Boards"; then "State Board of Medicine."

The 3/01/2013 version of the application includes updated instructions and revised forms. Special consideration was given to addressing the concerns that have been communicated by families and providers.

- Questions related to licensing specific to the application process can be emailed to [ST-MEDICINE@pa.gov](mailto:ST-MEDICINE@pa.gov)
- Questions related to training requirements can be emailed to [RA-BAStrainings@pa.gov](mailto:RA-BAStrainings@pa.gov)
- Additional questions can be emailed to DPW at [RA-policyoffice@pa.gov](mailto:RA-policyoffice@pa.gov)



**We are launching a new look and website in April 2013.**

Visit [PAautism.org/soon](http://PAautism.org/soon) for a sneak peek.

## Save the Dates

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- 04/06/13 Logan's Run and Walk for Autism – Harrisburg
- 04/13/13 Autism Institute Conference – Gwynedd Valley
- 04/13/13 Edge of Autism Walk – Lancaster
- 04/13/13 Autism York Walk and Expo – York
- 04/25/13 Life Long Learning Conference – Lebanon
- 04/27/13 ASA NWPA Walk for Autism – Erie
- 04/27/13 Connecting the Dots: Navigating Autism Resources for your Child – Hershey Medical Center
- 05/01/13 Westmoreland IU Conference – Greensburg
- 07/10/13 National Autism Conference - Pittsburgh

## Training Opportunities

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- 03/05/13 What to do While You Wait - Harrisburg
- 03/06/13 IU 13 Transition to Post-Secondary Ed. Fair – Lanc.
- 03/06/13 – 03/08/13 PDE Annual Conference – Hershey
- 03/06/13 Eating & Sleeping Problems and Solutions – Phila.
- 03/07/13 Managing Behaviors: I CAN DO IT! – Pittsburgh
- 03/08/13 Use of iPad for People with Disabilities – Allentown
- 03/09/13 CPARC Conference – Mechanicsburg
- 03/09/13 Parent Training – Mount Gretna
- 03/13/13 Integrating the iPad in Education – Richboro
- 03/18/13 What App is there for THAT? – Hatboro
- 03/19/13 PEAL Center Conference – Erie
- 03/19/13 Planning for Life After High School – Worcester
- 03/20/13 PEAL Center Conference – Pittsburgh
- 03/20/13 Customized Employment – Johnstown
- 03/21/13 Customized Employment – Wilkes-Barre
- 03/22/13 Customized Employment – Harrisburg
- 03/23/13 BCASC 6<sup>th</sup> Autism Conference – Doylestown
- 04/04/13 Practical Approaches to Managing AUTISM in the School Aged Child – West Lawn

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