

## 2007 STATISTICS:

- 13,646 People attended Family Support Center of New Jersey presentations and exhibits.
- 5,290 Information and Referral Intakes
- 6,000 Options Manuals were distributed
- 1,353 New resources were added to the database

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## Welcome to the

# Family Support Chronicle!

Welcome to the first issue of the Family Support Chronicle! Although the Family Support Center of NJ has been producing an ezine for a couple of years we have updated our look. We want to thank our regular subscribers and welcome some new readers.

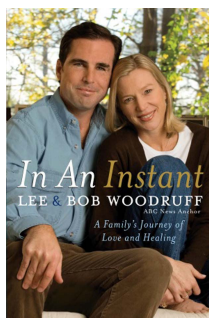
Family Support Chronicle is a monthly email newsletter that will highlight aspects of family support and feature some of the fantastic events the Family Support Center has to offer.

The Family Support Center is a clearinghouse of up-to-date information on national, state and local family support programs, services and disabilities. The Center offers a "one-stop-shopping" approach to individuals seeking information on disabilities and services by providing them with easy access to a comprehensive array of services such as: The Resource Database, NJ Statewide Parent to Parent Program in collaboration with SPAN, Lending Library, Private Provider Respite Network, Options Manual (a family friendly guide to resources and services) and a multitude of educational training opportunities. To learn more about us call (800)FSC-NJ10 or visit our new website at: [www.fscnj.org](http://www.fscnj.org)!



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## National Caregivers Conference - October 29th, 2008



The National Caregivers Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 29th at the Woodbridge Hotel & Conference Center formerly, the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place in Iselin, New Jersey.

This annual event provides educational and networking opportunities to professionals and caregivers. The day begins with a continental breakfast, hosts over 20 workshops and 30 exhibit booths, focused on a

various topics such as healthcare, mental health, autism, aging and much more.

This year we proudly announce our keynote speaker, Lee Woodruff a freelance writer and wife of Bob Woodruff. Together they authored the book *In an Instant: A Family's Journey of Love and Healing*, the New York Times best-seller about their family's difficult journey during Bob's critical injury in Iraq while anchoring a broadcast for ABC News.

To learn more about this fantastic event call (800)FSC - NJ10 or visit our website at: [www.nationalcaregiversconference.org](http://www.nationalcaregiversconference.org)



## Learn More about the **Lending Library!**

The Lending Library hosts over 3,500 books, videos, newsletters and reference materials on specific disabilities, family support programs and other resources. Information is available on topics, including disabilities, respite care, parenting issues, education, recreation and much more. Materials may be borrowed for one month. Return postage is prepaid.

To visit our Lending Library feel free to stop by our office. We are open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or call 1(800)372-6510 for a list of books on the topic you are interested in.

## Would you like to be a **Private Respite Care Provider?**

The Family Support Center of NJ has created the **Statewide Private Provider Respite Network** to assist families in finding responsible and loving individuals to provide care to their family member with a developmental disability. The Network allows interested individuals to post a free listing and families can search the directory for the provider they wish to interview.

Help give a family caring for a loved one with a developmental disability a break from their daily caregiving responsibilities by becoming a **Private Respite Care Provider**.

Please call the **Family Support Center of NJ** for more information **(800)FSC-NJ10**.

## Take Advantage of Our Online Resource Database

The New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities is using the Resource Database as a tool for families participating in self-directed services. Families will be able to not only find resources but also to see the agencies that have been qualified by the Division of Developmental Disabilities to provide and receive payment for services. Families and professionals can visit our website to search for information based on their specific needs. The service provider, contact information and any eligibility or financial requirements will be included in the information given.

To access our online database follow these short tips:

- Visit our website: [www.fscnj.org](http://www.fscnj.org)
- Click on tab entitled "Services". Then on click the subtab entitled "Resource Database"
- If you are a Real Life Choices participant or are participating in another form of self-directed services click on the "Qualified Providers" button otherwise choose "Entire Database".
- You can now begin to search by location, topic and services.

If you experience any difficulty with your search or wish to speak with a support coordinator please call the Family Support Center at (800)FSC - NJ10 and a staff member will be more than happy to assist you.