

# Family Support Chronicle

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## Welcome !

Welcome to the latest edition of Family Support Chronicle! We hope that you enjoy our new look and are eager to hear your feedback. We'd like to take the time to thank our "repeat readers" for their support but also welcome our new subscribers.



**Family Support  
Center of  
New Jersey**

The Family Support Center was founded in 1993 as a result of families asking for a comprehensive information source on available family support services. The Epilepsy Foundation and Division of Developmental Disabilities collaborated to create the Family Support Center. Fifteen years later, we touch approximately twenty thousand families throughout the state of New Jersey. We are present in all of New Jersey's twenty-one counties.

If you are in need of resources, we strongly encourage you to call (800) FSC-NJ10 and speak with one of our knowledgeable, friendly and helpful resource coordinators

To learn more about the Family Support Center of New Jersey please visit us on the web:[www.fscnj.org](http://www.fscnj.org).

## Bill Introduced to Close Five Developmental Centers in NJ

By Susan K. Livio  
Star-Ledger

Five of the seven state institutions for people with developmental disabilities would close within five years and the money now spent on them would be used for community housing under a bill a prominent lawmaker is expected to announce today.

Assembly Budget Chairman Louis Greenwald (D-Camden) expects a fight from state labor leaders, who represent nearly 8,000 workers, and families who prefer the around-the-clock care provided by the developmental centers.

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## PASS BOWLING EVENT

Friday, February 13th  
4:00 -6:00 p.m.  
The Lanes at Sea Girt  
Sea Girt NJ

RSVP is Required  
Call Ramona Carmeci  
(732)528-8080

[Click here to view event flier!](#)

## NJ Devils Special Ticket Offer....

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Proceeds benefit programs of  
the Family Support Center of  
New Jersey

NJ Devils vs  
Florida Panthers

Saturday, February 28th  
1:00 p.m.  
Prudential Center Newark NJ

[Click here to view event flier](#)

## Give Kids A Smile! 6th

## Friday, February



### New Jersey Dental Association presents "Give Kids A Smile!"

This one day of free dental care for children 12 years old and under Friday, February 6th. [Click here for a list of participating locations and make your appointment today!](#)

## Task Force on Adults with Autism Needs You!

In September 2007, Governor Corzine signed legislation establishing the New Jersey Adults with Autism Task Force (NJAATF). The purpose of the NJAATF is to develop a comprehensive and actionable plan for meeting the various needs of adults with autism living in the State of New Jersey. The link below is a survey which will provide valuable insight in forming the recommendations included in this plan.

If you reside in New Jersey and are:

- 1) an individual with autism over 12 years of age, or
- 2) a parent or guardian of an individual with autism over 12 years, please consider taking a few minutes to answer the survey.

This is an anonymous survey and because of the many databases the Task Force is using to distribute it you may receive it more than once, please respond to the survey only one time.

Quoting the Task Force, "We ask that you complete the survey by Saturday, February 28, 2009 in order for the results to be compiled for our final report. However, the survey will remain available online until May 30, 2009 as we will continue to collect information for future considerations."

[\\*Click here to view the NJAATF Survey](#)

## FSCNJ is on facebook!



The Family Support Center of New Jersey has joined cyber space and we want to connect with you! Click on [Facebook](#) to become our "fan" to receive bulletins and messages. Our goal is to keep people updated on news, legislation, and other activities important to the community we serve..

## Keeping You Connected!

Everyone is social networking, and FSCNJ will not be left behind. Our goal with blogging is to keep you informed of the latest hints, trends and resources that may pass our way. We encourage you to tag this as a favorite, to check back on a weekly basis to see what is going on, and to make suggestions and comments that might help others as well.

[Click this link to be redirected to our "blog spot"!](#)



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## SAVE THE DATE



*WOMEN'S*  
CAREGIVER RETREAT

Thursday, May 14th  
Robert Wood Johnson Hamilton  
Health & Wellness Center - Mercerville, NJ  
This event is no cost to caregivers

[Visit www.fscnj.org regularly for event updates!](http://www.fscnj.org)

Thank you for reading Family Support Chronicle! If you have any information you would like included in our e-zine, please email me at [enza.jacobowitz@fscnj.org](mailto:enza.jacobowitz@fscnj.org). To receive regular publications click "Join Our Mailing List" located on the top of our newsletter.

Additionally, the Family Support Center of NJ is dedicated to keeping you informed and sharing resources with the community, so we invite you to utilize the "Forward Email" button at the bottom of this email.

Sincerely,

Enza Jacobowitz, Website Operations Manager  
[Family Support Center of New Jersey](#)

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