

Family Support Chronicle

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 of New Jersey (FSCNJ), 2516 Route 35 North, Manasquan, a clearing house for disability information, is offering the parents and caregivers of the developmentally disabled an opportunity to schedule free computer drop-in hours for employment searching and research.

Interested individuals may plan an appointment to use the center's computer workstations while doing research at the Lending Library. Job seekers also may speak to a knowledgeable resource coordinator and make an appointment to learn how to best utilize FSCNJ's comprehensive database. To schedule an appointment call 1(800)FSC-NJ10. To learn more about the Family Support Center of New Jersey please visit us on the web: www.fscnj.org.

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Hundreds Have Endorsed the Family Support Center of NJ's Petition

Thousands of families in New Jersey's disability community know how beneficial the resources are at the Family Support Center of New Jersey.

Hundreds have endorsed the Family Support Center of New Jersey's petition entitled "Support the Ongoing Funding of the Family Support Center of New Jersey" and we are hoping we can count on your support to help us in our effort. [Click here to sign this petition in support of FSCNJ.](#)

Thank you for your assistance and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call (732)528-8080 or (800)FSC-NJ10 and a friendly staff member will be more than happy to assist you.

WELCOME OUR LATEST FEATURE

FSCNJ Introduces the Olmstead Housing List

A listing of residential preferences for individuals moving into the community. [Click here for more information!](#)

Spring 2009 Training Dates Are Available

The FSCNJ Training Department has been conducting information sessions for New Jersey's families since May 2006, and has developed exciting, interactive sessions intended to assist families of children with developmental disabilities targeting different age ranges in order to address unique needs.

Within each of the training sessions, families are exposed to appropriate advocacy strategies and are encouraged to develop a person centered approach to planning for their child. FSCNJ encourages and empowers families to create solutions that are right for them.

FSCNJ currently conducts three trainings through the collaboration of the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities, they are: ["Life Line for the Journey"](#), ["Pathways to Adult Life"](#) and ["Life After 21"](#). To learn more or to register please click on the training that interests you.

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"!](#)



Blogger™

FSCNJ is on facebook!

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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.

Respite Workbook for Families & Care Providers



The Family Support Center is distributing comprehensive patient information tools that can be entrusted to a temporary care or respite provider. "About Our Family - A Respite Workbook for Families & Care-Providers" is a product of the Child Neurology Foundation and is distributed free of charge by the Family Support Center. Call (732)528-8080 or (800)FSC-NJ10 and a friendly staff member will mail you a free copy today!

The Value of Early Dental Care 13th

Friday, March

The Family Support Center of New Jersey presents
Young H. Pak D.D.S. - Children's Dental Arts, P.A.
Specializing in Pediatric Dentistry



Date/Time
Friday, March 13th 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Family Support Center of NJ 2516 Route 35 North
Manasquan, NJ 08736

RSVP is required call Cheryl Guaimano (732)528-8080

Light refreshments will be served
[Click here for an informational flyer!](#)

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



**NATIONAL
CAREGIVERS
CONFERENCE**

Changing the Face of Caregiving

Thursday, October 29th
Woodbridge Hotel & Conference Center
formerly the Sheraton of Woodbridge
Iselin, NJ

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

What every family needs to know about major changes to DDD services

COME JOIN THE REGIONAL FAMILY SUPPORT PLANNING COUNCIL #3
AS THEY HOST AN EVENING OF INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 29, 2009 / 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
MIDLAND SCHOOL 94 READINGTON ROAD, NORTH BRANCH NJ

GUEST SPEAKER
KENNETH RITCHEY
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
Division of Developmental Disabilities

Mr. Ritchey will discuss valuable information about coming changes to DDD including:
family support/services, new case management system, Community
Care Medicaid Waiver, closure of Developmental Centers, residential waiting list
and cash stipend

Open Forum - To discuss concerns and issues will follow the presentation

RSVP on or before April 22, 2009 by emailing: RFSPC3@yahoo.com
or call Bonnie Brien (908)369-0888 for any questions or concerns

WANTED

Family Members of People with Developmental Disabilities to Serve on Regional Family Support Planning Council #5

- The opportunity to be a part of the total system change occurring in the State of New Jersey.
- Learning about the Family Support Act of 1993 and what it means.
- A chance to assist and advise The Division of Developmental Disabilities as to how resources can best meet the needs of families and individuals living in your region.
- Reimbursed for reasonable and customary expenses for travel, childcare/respite and communication.
- Making a difference, becoming a volunteer.

If you have any questions or want more information please contact:

Regional Family Support Planning Council #5
P.O. Box 715 - Old Bridge, NJ 08857
Contact: Nelly Shoham (732)679-6790 or via email: ncshowman@aol.com

COUNCIL #5 SERVES: HUNTERDON, MERCER & MIDDLESEX COUNTIES

Public Forum & Provider Fair 12th

Thursday, March

Family Support Planning Council #6
will hold a Public Forum & Provider Fair
Thursday, March 12, 2009 / 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
The Children's Center of Monmouth County
1115 Green Grove Rd. Neptune, NJ

Learn about the legislation to close the institutions, how to get family support services and voice your concerns at this open discussion.

For more info call 1-800-216-1199 Option #1

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. 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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