

# Family Support Chronicle

## Welcome !

We hope you are enjoying your summer so far! Online Registration for the National Caregivers Conference is available. Just visit [www.nationalcaregiversconference.org](http://www.nationalcaregiversconference.org) and register today!



**Family Support  
Center of  
New Jersey**

Also in this month's ezine we are featuring some additional great opportunities starting with a DDD Informational Session at the Cape Center and Disability Awareness Night where our very own Eric M. Joice, Executive Director of The Family Resource Network will be awarded with the EP Maxwell J. Schleifer Award. Read on to learn how you can be a part of these great events and much more!

To learn about the Family Support Center of New Jersey please visit us on the web: [www.fscnj.org](http://www.fscnj.org) or call (800)372-6510 and a friendly staff member will be more than happy to assist you.

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### The CAPE Center Invites You to Attend a Free DDD Information Session/Workshop for Families of Children with a Disability

#### DATE/TIME

Wednesday, July 15, 2009 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

The CAPE Special Services Resource Center  
 Community Services Building  
 327 East Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 212  
 Paramus, New Jersey 07652

A panel of representatives from the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) will be at the CAPE Resource Center to provide current information on the many programs and services offered by the Department. The following DDD programs will be discussed: Real Life Choices, Family Support, Intake, Self-Directed Services, Community Care Waivers, Residential Placement, and Olmstead.

**Panelists Include:**

Clarke Gensler-Self-Determination Coordinator/Self-Directed Day Coordinator  
Kecia Carkham-Bergen County Family Support Coordinator  
Linda Mortimer-Bergen County Intake Specialist  
Michelle Whitmore-Bergen County Habilitation Plan Coordinator (Case Manager)

**RSVP by July 13, 2009**

**Connie Pellechia (201)343-6000 ext. 4076 or email - [conpel@bergen.org](mailto:conpel@bergen.org)**

**DO YOU NEED HEALTH CARE?**

**The Family Support Center of NJ and AMERIGROUP Community Care  
Will Be Conducting Health Care Coverage Enrollment Days!**

**DATE/TIME**

Thursday, July 16th  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**LOCATION**

The Family Support Center of NJ  
2516 Route 35 North - Manasquan, NJ 08736  
Call (800)372-6510 with any questions

***Please bring copies of the following documents for all applicants:***

Birth Certificate  
Social Security Card  
Passport or Visa  
Proof of Employment (check stub or unemployment check)  
Proof of Address (electric, gas or cable bill to home)

AMERIGROUP is a culturally diverse company. We welcome all eligible individuals into our health care programs, regardless of health status. If you have questions or concerns, please call (800)600-4441 or TTY (800)855-2880 and ask for extension 34925 or visit [www.myamerigroup.com](http://www.myamerigroup.com)

**Disability Awareness Night with The Trenton Thunder!  
Sponsored by Exceptional Parent Magazine and  
Faulkner Financial/MassMutual**

**July 30th, 2009  
5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.**

**Disability Resource Fair**

Providers from the area will be available to speak to families and provide them with resources and information prior to the game

**Game Time - 7:05 p.m.**

Trenton Thunder vs. Harrisburg Senators  
Tickets are free to the first 100 People that register to attend!  
Kids 12 and under eat for free (Hot Dog, Chips and a Soda)

**Special Presentation**

Eric M. Joice, Executive Director of The Family Resource Network and Caregivers of New Jersey will be awarded with the EP Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award. This award named after the founder and former Editor-In-Chief of Exceptional Parent Magazine, is awarded to an individual who has displayed remarkable accomplishments and dedication in the care and advocacy of individuals with disabilities/under difficult circumstances. Pre-game ceremony held at Waterfront Park, home of the Trenton Thunders Minor League Baseball team.

[Click here to register online!](#)

[Click here to download an informational flier!](#)

## **The Training Calendar Offers a Clearinghouse of Community Events**

In an effort to spread awareness about workshops, conferences and other training opportunities the Family Support Center of New Jersey has launched The Training Calendar. We invite professionals to post information on activities, lectures, trainings, or other events for caregivers and the people they are caring for on [www.thetrainingcalendar.org](http://www.thetrainingcalendar.org). We also invite families and caregivers to view the trainings available in their area.

The concept is simple. Pick an available date and plan any type of event that focuses on either training for the caregiver, awareness, advocacy, support of anything you think that would assist caregivers in New Jersey. Through a partnership of the Family Support Center of New Jersey and your organization, we will work together to promote your event on our website, in our print publications as well as with the assistance of local and statewide sponsors. By participating you will have the opportunity to spread awareness of your upcoming activities and provide support for the individuals you work with and for others around the state.

Previously The Training Calendar had been administered by the Progressive Center for Independent Living. We applaud their foresight in developing this clearinghouse program.

## ATTENTION PARENTS FREE OR LOW-COST HEALTH INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR NJ CHILDREN!

In early July, parents of about 96,000 children in Essex and Hudson counties will get in the mail a yellow envelope marked: **NJ FamilyCare Express Lane Application for Health Insurance.**

You work hard to keep your children safe, healthy and happy! Take advantage of this opportunity so your kids can get the checkups they need to stay healthy and see the doctor when they're sick or injured.

***You will get this mailing if your household checked a box on the New Jersey tax return that you have a child without health insurance. Please open the envelope right away and complete the application to get free or low-cost insurance for your children!***

Your privacy is assured. NJ FamilyCare is committed to covering uninsured children and protecting families' privacy. Information provided to NJ FamilyCare is used only to enroll children for health insurance.

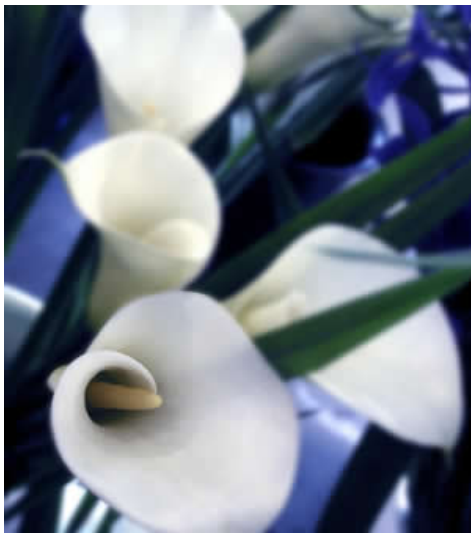
If you need help or information, contact NJ FamilyCare at [www.njfamilycare.org](http://www.njfamilycare.org) or 800-701-0710. You may also call the Association for Children of New Jersey at (973)643-3876 for further assistance.

## FSCNJ Introduces the DDD Family Forum

The County-Based Family Forums are designed to share and exchange information with individuals who are near the top of DDDs' Priority and Priority Deferred Community Services Waiting List (CSWL) as well as enrollees of Real Life Choices (RLC) and Self-Determination (SD).

Check this feature for information on the forum in your county.

[Click here to learn more!](#)



**Seaside Soiree  
Friday, September 11th, 2009**

**Ocean Place Resort & Spa  
Long Branch, NJ  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**Join us for an oceanside affair including dinner, cocktails, silent auction, music, dancing, and a beachside bonfire.**

**Featuring Entertainment by The Billy Lawlor Band**



For more information call (877)237-4377

## ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THE BEACH BASH IS OPEN!



Autism Family Services of New Jersey proudly announces  
Beach Bash 2009

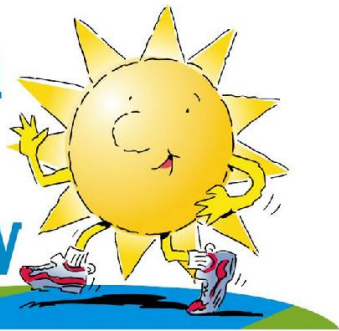
Sunday, September 13, 2009 - Belmar, New Jersey

Featuring a surf camp, music, beach activities and arts and crafts!

[To register online for the Beach Bash please click here!](#)

If you have any questions or concerns please call (877)237-4477

# Walk for a Brighter Tomorrow



**BENEFITING THE FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK**

Join Us on Sunday, October 11th, 2009  
Roosevelt Park - Edison New Jersey

Call your family, friends and co-workers and start a  
walk team today!

Visit [www.walkforabrightertomorrow.org](http://www.walkforabrightertomorrow.org) for more  
information and to register online today!

This will be a fun filled day for families and friends.  
Entertainment and refreshments will be just a few of the day's highlights.  
If you have any questions please call (800)376-2345.

**NJ Lifespan Respite Summit**  
has been postponed to October 28th, 2009 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Woodbridge Hotel & Conference Center - Iselin, NJ

For more information call Dana Goldberg (732)262-8020  
or email [DGolberg@njcaregivers.org](mailto:DGolberg@njcaregivers.org)

## ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE IS OPEN! CLICK HERE AND REGISTER TODAY!



**Thursday, October 29th, 2009**  
**Woodbridge Hotel & Conference Center - Iselin, NJ**

We hope that you will join us for the National Caregivers Conference, where you will have the opportunity to learn and collaborate with speakers, providers and caregivers from around the country.

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

## Over 1,000 People Have Signed Our Petition - Have You?

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

1,022 New Jersey residents have endorsed the Family Support Center of New Jersey's petition. 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.

## 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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## 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!

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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