

Family Support Chronicle

Welcome !

The Family Support Center of New Jersey wishes you a very Happy New Year!

To learn about the Family Support Center of New Jersey please visit us on the web: 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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New Jersey**

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Dear Families,

In late December Governor Corzine announced all the mid-year cuts for FY2010. With the exception of a \$5 million reduction to the developmental centers in the area of operating efficiencies and \$54,000 in capital expenditure cuts, the Governor exempted the Division of Developmental Disabilities from cuts. This is phenomenal news! Congratulations to all of you - you made this happen! There is absolutely no doubt that this is the result of our combined advocacy efforts. We still have a tough fight ahead of us for the spring, but this is truly wonderful news.

As good advocates, we need to thank Governor Corzine and Commissioner Velez for recognizing the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. You can do this in less than 5 minutes by clicking [here](#) to visit our Online Action Center. It is important that they hear from us, not only when we have a concern, but also when they do something positive to help our community - so please send them a quick "thank you."

For more information on the budget cuts click [here](#) to read the Governor's press release.

DDD Presents County Based Forums

**The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) cordially invites you to attend the
Monmouth County Family Forum scheduled for
January 21, 2010 from 6:30 - 9:00 PM**

LOCATION

The Arc of Monmouth, 1158 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07712

FORUM MODERATOR

Anita Kneeley from the LADACIN Network

At the Family Forum You Will

Meet other families and service providers

Learn about services/supports

Create a vision for your child's future in Monmouth County

Please call Janice DeLorenzo at (609) 689-1794 to register for the event.

When you RSVP, kindly inform Janice if you require the following:

Transportation

American Sign Language interpretation

On-site forum respite services for your adult child

Spanish/English translation

**Wrightslaw Special Education Law & Advocacy Conference
Led by Peter Wright, Esq.
Thursday, April 15, 2010**

Registration & Breakfast 8am - 9am Event Ends at 4:30 pm
Wrightslaw Special Education Law & Advocacy Conference
Led by Peter Wright, Esq.
Maggiano's Little Italy - Hackensack, NJ 07601

Early Registration until Monday February 1st \$125.00

Regular Registration until Monday April 12th \$150.00

Please Note: Each registrant will receive breakfast and lunch at Maggiano's, and two books, ***Wrightslaw: Special Education Law and Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy***

Click [here](#) to register online today! If you have any questions, please contact Dana Goldberg at (732)262-8020 or email DGGoldberg@familyresourcenetwork.org.

**Pfizer MAINTAIN Program - Patient Assistance Program for Unemployed
Americans**

What is the Pfizer MAINTAIN Program?

MAINTAIN is a patient assistance program that can help eligible people in financial need continue to get their Pfizer medicines if they are unemployed and do not have prescription coverage. There are more than 70 Pfizer primary care medicines available through the program. Once accepted into **MAINTAIN**, patients will remain enrolled for up to one year or until they become insured, whichever comes first.

Who is eligible for MAINTAIN?

Individuals and their immediate family members are eligible for the Pfizer **MAINTAIN** program if they

*Became unemployed on or after January 1, 2009

*Were prescribed and taking Pfizer medicines for at least 3 months prior to becoming unemployed and enrolling in the program

*Lack prescription drug coverage

*Can attest to financial hardship

How to apply for MAINTAIN?

The application process is easy and straightforward. People who think they may qualify should

*Get the application form by calling (866)706-2400 or visit www.PfizerHelpfulAnswers.com.

*Complete the easy, one-page application

*Gather the required documents (proof of unemployment)

*Mail in all documents with the completed application

Pfizer will typically process the application within 2 to 3 weeks. If approved, Pfizer medicines will be sent directly to the patients' home.

Other options for those who do not qualify for MAINTAIN

For those who do not qualify for the Pfizer MAINTAIN program, there may still be help available through Pfizer Helpful Answers, a family of patient assistance programs for the uninsured and underinsured who need help getting Pfizer medicines. To find a program that may be able to help, call toll-free (866)706-2400 or visit www.PfizerHelpfulAnswers.com.

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. We also invite families and caregivers to view the trainings available in their area.

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

SIBSHOPS

providing brothers and sisters of children with special needs an opportunity to meet others, discuss common joys and concerns, and learn how to handle situations while having fun!

A support and education program for siblings (ages 8-13) of children with special needs.

LOCATION

The Cape Center
327 East Ridgewood Ave., Suite 212 Paramus, NJ 07652

DATE/TIME

January 13, 20 & 27
February 3, 10, & 24
March 3 & 10
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

REGISTRATION FEE

\$36.00

For more information or to register call and ask for IRA at:
201-837-9090 or Email IRA@jfsbergen.org

Jewish Family Service
of Bergen and North Hudson
1485 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
201-837-9090 Phone
201-837-9393 Fax

Navigating the DDD System

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) system can be complex. Workshop highlights include the steps to establish eligibility for DDD services and what services may be available. Funding strategies will also be discussed. This workshop is for parents of children of all ages.

DATE/TIME

January 19 - 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Burlington County (Westampton)

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER FOR THIS WORKSHOP TODAY!

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation Public Policy

Fellowship Program 2010 - 2011

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation is seeking exemplary professionals and/or family members of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are currently working or volunteering in the field of inclusive services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for an intensive one-year Public Policy Fellowship in Washington, D.C. Application deadline is March 5, 2010. Click [here](#) to download and print application.

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, and check back on a weekly basis to see what is going on. We also welcome suggestions and comments that might help others as well. [Click this link to be redirected to our "blog spot"!](#)

FSCNJ is on facebook!

The word "facebook" in its characteristic white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a dark blue rectangular background.

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. 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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