

# Family Support Chronicle

## Welcome !

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.



### Family Support Center of New Jersey

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## Family Support Center of NJ announces the Spring 2010 Training Schedule!

The FSCNJ Training Department has been conducting information sessions for New Jersey's families since May 2004, 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 collaboration with the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities, they are:

### Life Line for the Journey

an interactive training session assisting families of children from infancy through age 14. At this stage, families are typically wondering and worrying about what the future holds for their child with a developmental disability. The information presented includes vision building, as well as, the different systems that they may encounter, and the scope of service provision for each including eligibility criteria. Networking time is built into the sessions so that families have an opportunity to connect with other families facing similar concerns. Click [here](#) to register for this session.

### Pathways to Adult Life

dedicated to the needs of children between the ages of 14 and 19. The purpose of this training is to assist students and their families with making informed choices during the transition process from school to adult life. At these sessions, a representative from each agency provides an overview of responsibilities and their services to transitioning students. Families have an opportunity to meet their local contact

representatives and follow-up with individual concerns. Click [here](#) to register for this session.

### **Preparation for Life After 21**

a two-part training series designed to specifically address the concerns of students with developmental disabilities ages 19 through 21 and their families as they quickly approach the end of their education entitlement. This training provides detailed information on DDD Traditional Day Programs and Self-Directed Day Services option, DDS programs and services, DVRS resource information, and participants receive information on NJWINS (specifically for SSI/SSDI beneficiaries to make informed decisions about employment). Click [here](#) to register for this session.

If you have any questions please contact Laura Kay, Assistant Director or Debra Egan, Coordinator of Training and Education at 1(800)372-6510.

## **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

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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

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](mailto: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

## Annual Give Kids A Smile! Day Friday, February 5, 2010



Friday, February 5, 2010, will mark the seventh year of Give Kids A Smile! (GKAS) National Children's Dental Access Day. The New Jersey Dental Association has been a participating state since the program's inception in 2003. Since then, more than 13,000 children age 12 and under have come through the program and have received nearly \$2.4 million in free dental services at more than 80 locations across the state. And, the program continues to grow!

Parents, guardians, school nurses and community leaders have taken advantage of this incredible opportunity to have free dental care for children in need as well as introducing children to dentistry via a positive, fun-filled day of learning about the importance of oral health.

This website contains all the information necessary for both volunteers and children to take part in the exciting day. If you need more information, please contact the New Jersey Dental Association GKAS Hotline at (888) 576-9278 or via email at [eelmore@njda.org](mailto:eelmore@njda.org). For more information on the participating locations in your area click [here](#)!

## 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 Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters 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!

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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  
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