

Family Support Chronicle

Welcome !

2010 is going to be a great year and a very busy one for the Family Support Center!

This month's ezine is filled with many educational, informative and fun opportunities. We look forward to seeing you at our events!

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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**Family Support
Center of
New Jersey**

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FSCNJ IS ON FACEBOOK

Sign Our Online Petition Today!

The Family Support Center of New Jersey is working diligently to spread the word about how beneficial the resources are that they offer to the New Jersey disability community. If you support our programs and services please consider signing this online petition. Please click [here!](#)

**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 DGoldberg@familyresourcenetwork.org.

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

Wednesday, March 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



WOMEN'S CAREGIVER RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE!

**6th Annual Women's Caregiver Retreat
Thursday, May 13th, 2010
RWJ - Hamilton Center for Health and Wellness
Mercerville, NJ**

Visit www.fscnj.org for updates - online registration will be available soon!

Walk for a Brighter Tomorrow - Shore Area Walk



**Sunday, May 16, 2010
Seaside Park, New Jersey
Registration 11:00 am
Walk 12:00 pm**

Please join the Family Support Center of New Jersey for a 5k walk on the beautiful Seaside Boardwalk as we raise much needed funds and awareness for individuals and their families living with developmental disabilities and chronic illness.

For more information please visit www.walkforabrightertomorrow.org!

PASS Presents An Afternoon of Fun at The Bowling Alley

P.A.S.S. is a coalition of parents & agencies in NJ dedicated to supporting siblings of children with different abilities in an environment that is encouraging, supportive and ongoing. P.A.S.S. offers opportunities for these siblings to meet each other and obtain mutual support while having fun.

**DATE/TIME
Friday, March 19
4:00 - 6:00 pm**

**LOCATION
THE LANES AT SEA GIRT
2106 STATE HIGHWAY 35
SEA GIRT, NJ 08750**

Click [here](#) for an information flier or call Ramona Carmeci (732)528-8080 with any questions!

Collaborating Agencies: Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)/NJ Parent to Parent (NJ P2P) • Family Support Center of New Jersey (FSCNJ) • Parents of Autistic Children (POAC)

Article Headline



SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday, October 26, 2010
Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel Iselin, NJ

Keynote Speaker:
JOHN CROWLEY, CEO AMICUS THERAPEUTICS

John Crowley, the pharma exec who quit his job to form a company dedicated to finding a cure for the life-threatening illness faced by two of his children, will keynote the National Caregivers Conference. Crowley's story is the premise behind the current film "Extraordinary Measures" starring Harrison Ford. The target of Crowley's endeavors: the rare neurological condition, Pompe's disease.

Visit www.fscnj.org regularly for up to date conference information!

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 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.

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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