

Family Support Chronicle

Welcome!

The Family Support Center of NJ proudly presents Sibshops! Sibshops are for kids between the ages of 8-12 years old who have a sibling with special needs.

The group will meet once a month read below for more information!

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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**NATIONAL
CAREGIVERS
CONFERENCE**

Changing the Face of Caregiving

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel Iselin, NJ

Keynote Speaker:

JOHN CROWLEY, President and CEO of AMICUS THERAPEUTICS
Father of the family that inspired the movie "Extraordinary Measures"

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

Family Support Center Salutes New Jersey Office of Nutrition and Fitness



The Family Support Center of New Jersey presented its 2010 "Community Partner Award" to the New Jersey Office of Nutrition and Fitness. Peri Nearon, Director of the Office accepted the award in Holmdel, NJ at the Family Resource Network's Annual Awards Ceremony from Jacqui Moskowitz, FSCNJ's Executive Director.

The award was presented in recognition of the office's participation over the past six years to the Annual Women's Caregiver Retreat which FSCNJ holds each May during Women's Health Week.

The Family Support Center of NJ presents....Sibshops!

Sibshops are for kids between the ages of 8-12 years old who have a sibling with special needs. FSCNJ will host Sibshop meetings once a month on a Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Each session costs \$25.00 per child.

Meeting Schedule

October 16, 2010

November 20, 2010

December 18, 2010

Sibshops will take place at
The Family Resource Network - Shore Office
Lions Head Office Park
35 Beaverson Blvd. Bldg. 11
Brick, NJ 08723

Please Call the Family Support Center of NJ to Register: 1-800-372-6510. Click [here](#) to download a registration form and follow instructions to ensure proper registration.

****SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE****

FSCNJ presents...Pressure Points in Special Education!

As state and local budgets for special education services shrink, parents have to advocate harder in order to simply preserve the supports that are important to their child with a disability. In this 2 hour program, disability law experts from Hinkle, Fingles and Prior will discuss the changes that have resulted from budget cuts, and describe what parents and educator/advocates need to know in order to preserve services for students who need them.

Meeting Schedule:

October 21, 2010
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
The Millburn Library
200 Glen Ave.
Millburn, NJ 07041

Registration is required. Please RSVP to Cheryl at 800-372-6510.

SIBSBOWL

The Family Support Center and POAC are supporting siblings of children with different abilities in an environment that is encouraging, supportive and ongoing. SIBSBOWL offers opportunities for these siblings to meet each other and obtain mutual support while having bowling.

DATES/TIME

November 5
December 3
January 7
February 4
March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3

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

Location: SIBSBOWL will be held at Sea Girt Lanes Rt. 35, Wall, NJ

"Snapshots Of Our Lives" Campaign Needs Your Story

In December 2009 The Family Support Center launched the "Snapshots of Our Lives" campaign with 40 real life stories of New Jersey Families in the developmental disabilities community. FSCNJ has been meeting with legislators of family support services through the words of "snapshots" families.

Now, we need your story too. You can leave your real life story by going to the Family Support Center of New Jersey website (www.fscnj.org) and clicking the "snapshots" bubble. You can also read the original 40 "snapshots" stories.

Join our expanding Family of "Snapshots" Families.

Health Care Reform Information in Spanish

A new federal government website managed by the U.S Department of Health & Human Services provides information about implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Spanish. www.CuidadodeSalud.gov is the partner site of www.HealthCare.gov. It includes a database of health coverage options including public programs (Medicare and the new Pre-Existing Condition Insurance plans) and over 1,000 private insurance plans. Consumers can compare plans in terms of their life situation and location. Links to quality rankings for health care providers and preventive services are also provided. [Visit the site.](#)

Over 100 Trainings Listed for Oct-Nov on the FSCNJ's Training Calendar

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.

Seventy five trainings are listed on the training calendar for October with another 27 occurring in November.

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.

Sign Our Online Petition Today!

The Family Support Center of New Jersey provides a wide array of services and resources 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!](#)

Donate your car to support FSCNJ!

Are you thinking of selling or trading in that old car? Why not donate it instead? As a charitable contribution your vehicle donation could make a big difference. Our process is simple, quick and convenient and we will provide free and timely pick-up of your vehicle donation. Our program is simple ... The better the car, the greater your tax deduction.

To inquire about a donation please contact Samantha Griffiths at (609) 392-4900.

Respite Workbooks Now in Stock 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!

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.

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
The Family Support Center of NJ

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