

THANKS

The Autism Workshop Series is made possible through a grant from The Catalyst Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain.

The Catalyst Fund is comprised of a group of community-minded citizens interested in improving the quality of life in Greater New Britain. Members gather three times a year to learn about an issue facing the community and to consider funding requests from charitable organizations addressing the issue.

The identified topic for the 2018 grant award was finding the best ways to provide help and information for families of adolescents and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as they transition beyond their secondary education. While young people with ASD are able to attend public school until age 21, the big question is what happens next? Some students with ASD will be able to attend college and live independently, while others will need more ongoing oversight and vocational direction.

These workshops will be designed to empower families with knowledge of the considerations they will need to address in coming years, what services are available to help them, and how to access the most appropriate supports for their



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Autism Workshop Series

For families with
children ages 14-21

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Workshop Series

MARCH 21, 2019 5:00PM-6:30PM

RSVP BY: FRIDAY MARCH 15th

GOALS & OBJECTIVES OF TRANSITION: IS YOUR CHILD RECEIVING THE OUTCOMES THAT YOU WANT?

Dr. John Molteni, PhD. BCBA-D, Psychologist

Autism Center at the Hospital for Special Care



The Autism Center is a specialized interdisciplinary program for children and adolescents experiencing symptoms of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The outpatient and inpatient programs work closely with families to diagnose, assess and treat children's behavioral, medical and communication needs.

Dr. Molteni is a Doctoral Level Board Certified Behavior Analyst and a Licensed Psychologist. His areas of expertise are in assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning for children, adolescents and young adults with autism spectrum disorders.

April 10, 2019 5:00PM-6:30PM

RSVP BY: FRIDAY APRIL 5th

LEVEL UP PROGRAM AND BEYOND

Allison Kopie, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor with the Department of Rehabilitation Services

DORS Level Up is all about providing students with the tools, training and resources to work competitively and forge a path to independence. Working together we are building relationships with schools, families and the community and have created a collaborative partnership that introduces students who have an IEP, 504 plan or related challenges to new possibilities. Their goal is to help students be prepared to go out and find their place in the world.



MAY 14, 2019 5:30PM-7:00PM

RSVP BY: FRIDAY MAY 10th

HAVING FUN IS ESSENTIAL

Jackie Procyk, Director of Programming and Leah Moon, Board President from Autism Families CONNECTicut



Autism Families CONNECTicut's Mission is to provide recreational and social activities for families affected by autism that promote growth and meaningful social connections. Programs are designed by expert professional therapists. The programs support children's fine and gross motor skills, sports skills, and social interactions. Jackie Procyk's son, Jack, was diagnosed with Autism at the age of two and currently attends the Gengras Center in West Hartford. Leah Moon was most recently the Executive Director of the Boston Globe Foundation, where she developed innovative community initiatives in the city of Boston. Leah has volunteered for the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism.

JUNE 12, 2019 5:00PM-6:30PM

RSVP BY: FRIDAY JUNE 7th

AUTISM'S FOREVER JOURNEY: STAYING IN THE LOOP

Cathleen A. Calway, MS, BCBA, LPA and Nathaniel Calixto, MA Autism Support & Resource Specialists with the Department of Social Services, Autism Spectrum Disorder Services

The Department of Social Services Waiver for Persons with Autism provides home-and community-based services to individuals with autism who do not have an intellectual disability (a full IQ score of 70 or higher). The following services and supports are available under the waiver: Clinical Behavioral Supports, Social Skills Group, Job Coaching, Life Skills Coach, Community Mentor, Individual Goods and Services, Personal Emergency Response System, Respite, Assistive Technology, Interpreter, Non-Medical Transportation, Specialized Driving Assessment, and Live-in Companion.

August 29, 2019 5:00PM-6:30PM

RSVP BY: FRIDAY AUGUST 23rd

PLANNING FOR YOUR CHILD'S FINANCIAL FUTURE

Atty. Colleen Masse is with the Law Firm Czepiga, Daly, Pope & Perri; Chair, Special Needs Planning Department

There are ways to ensure that your child with special needs will stay financially secure – now and later, when you're no longer able to provide support. Learn strategies to qualify for public benefits, protect income, and put a financial plan in place to secure your child's future. What is a special needs trust and how does it work? What is an ABLE account and how does it differ from a special needs trust? How can your child qualify for Social Security Disability Insurance, Supplemental Security Income and health insurance through Medicaid and Medicare? What are funding options for the trust and who can you select as trustee? And when your child turns 18, learn what steps need to be taken. Are guardianship, conservatorship, powers of attorney, and healthcare directives necessary?

IMPORTANT INFO

All workshops are free to attend and will be held at CCARC, 950 Slater Road in New Britain.

Respite services will be provided during all workshops if needed. Please indicate when registering if you will need these services.

Light refreshments will be served.

****You MUST RSVP to attend****

Please contact Julie Erickson at 860-229-6665 ext. 173 or by email jerickson@ccarc.com to confirm your attendance.

MORE WORKSHOPS TO COME IN THE FALL