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Autism Awareness Display

Thank you to Tara Oathout and Sara Myers for partnering with us to create a beautiful display at the Helen Matthes Library in Effingham. Your time and dedication is very much appreciated! When in the Effingham area, stop by and check it out! If other parents would like to take the initiative to set up resources in the library please contact us at 217.348.3869 x206.



Autism Awareness Egg Hunt—Nine families totaling 31 individuals came out for TAP's Egg Hunt, April 12 at Kiwanis Park in Charleston, IL. The children found candy-filled eggs and participated in activities such as creating a butterfly, rolling down the hill in a tunnel, and hula hooping! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped both before and during this event! Looking ahead...we will be having another autism awareness event in June. Watch your inbox for details!



Autism Walk—Teen Connect and YAC in Champaign participated in the 2014 C-U Autism Network-Autism Walk, Safety, Resource and Fun Fair at Hessel Park. The goal was to increase community awareness and understanding of ASD. Thanks to all who participated!

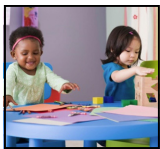
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May 4—Sibshop—Two Roads Counseling, 712 West Fairchild, Suite 4, Danville—1:00—3:00 p.m.—ages 8-12 who are siblings of a child with special needs. Sibshops provide recreation, peer support, and information for brothers and sisters of children with special needs through game playing, sharing personal stories, journal writing and so much more! **Held simultaneously with Sibshop—Parent Connect** which allows parents to discuss their needs, supporting siblings of children with special needs, sibling rivalry, and enhancing family dynamics. Register online at <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/bAaBv6N5xc1> or call Cheryl at 217.348.3869 x206 or Lori at 217.840.5627.



May 5—Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP) - Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, Education Center, 1000 Health Center Drive, Mattoon—9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.—Presented by Janie Cirlot-New, M.S., CCC-SLP—LAMP is a therapeutic approach based on neurological and motor learning principles. LAMP gives individuals who are non-verbal or have limited verbal abilities a method of independently and spontaneously expressing themselves with voice output AAC device. This workshop is designed for speech language pathologist, teacher, occupational therapists, parents and anyone who supports individuals who are nonverbal. ASHA CEUs and EI credits available. Cost: \$79. Register at: www.aacandautism.com/trng (A 50% discount is available for parents and students. Email susan@aacandautism.com to register with discount).



Looking Ahead to Summer...Beginning in June, Play Group will be the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

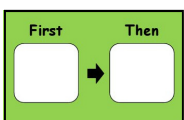
May 8—Play Group —The Autism Program—6081 Development Drive, Charleston—1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Play group meets the second Thursday of each month, for children ages 2-5. Most of the play session is structured play activities that promote positive interactions amongst the children. To register and for more information contact Cheryl at cherylsowers@ctfillinois.org or 217.348.3869 x 206.



May 9—Adult Social—McDonalds, 12 West Lincoln Avenue, Charleston—11:00 a.m. This group is for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder ages 18 and older. We will use this opportunity to practice social etiquette while enjoying a meal and time with others. Each person is responsible for his/her cost of meal, tip (if applicable) and transportation to and from the restaurant. To RSVP or for more information contact Cheryl at cherylsowers@ctfillinois.org or 217.348.3869 x206.



May 12—New Diagnosis Family Orientation—Christ Church, 2511 South Veterans Drive, Effingham—12:30—2:00 p.m. Get a jump on the autism journey! Join us for a new diagnosis training. This is an opportunity to meet other parents, ask questions, and learn about resources and your child's diagnosis.



May 15—Day Care Training (for childcare providers)—First Christian Church, 902 North 6th Street, Marshall—5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Childcare providers may be the first professional to notice unusual patterns of development among the children they serve. This early identification and intervention is the key to a more positive prognosis for individuals with ASD. Topics covered will include: communicative deficits, sensory challenges, social impairment, and behavioral issues. Visual supports will be provided and training is free. Registration required at: <http://daycaretrainingmarshall.eventbrite.com>



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Teen Connect/YAC of Champaign—Girls Day Out!

May 3—A girls day out for female members of YAC and Teen Connect and their mothers, grandmothers, or sisters. Lunch at Red Lobster, 1903 Prospect Avenue, Champaign from 1:00—3:30 p.m., then manicures at Millennium Nails at Market place Mall—Cost: \$12. There will be time to shop in the mall. Then meet at the Food Court at 6:00 p.m. to head to the Virginia Theatre, 203 West Park Avenue, Champaign. We will watch CU Ballet: *Sleeping Beauty* at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$7 for Teen Connect and YAC members, \$11 for adults. You may attend all events or pick and choose what to attend.

May 24—Dad's Day Out at Hot Slots, 1809 South Philo Road, Urbana. If we have at 12 people attend we will rent the back room, afterwards dinner at Sunny's China Buffet or La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant. More information to follow at a later date. Contact Cathy at 217.722.4482 for more details.



Young Adult Club of Champaign—Party at Daniel Krein's home.

May 17—6:00—9:00 p.m. Enjoy games, snacks, puzzles, and Wii. Bring a snack to share with everyone! Call or email Sheila Krein at 217.398.8124 or sfkrein@gmail.com for address and/or directions.

For more information about YAC or Teen Connect events contact Cathy Testory at 217.722.4482 or cathytestory@ctfillinois.org



TAP & SIU School of Medicine—Telehealth with Dr. Bennett

Leventhal—8:30—9:30 a.m.—Available to parents and providers at the following locations unless otherwise stated:

TAP at CTF ILLINOIS—6081 Development Drive, Charleston

Helen Matthes Library—100 East Market Avenue, Effingham

CTF ILLINOIS—511 East Main, Olney

May 8—Case Consultation from HICF (not available in Effingham; professionals only)

May 22—Case Consultation from Kreider (not available in Effingham; professionals only)

June 5—Case Consultation from FASTT (not available in Effingham; professionals only)



ECI Autism Connect



ISTAC-IATTAP—Autism Parent & Professional Learning Webinars—A series of free webinars. CPDUs and Certificates of Attendance available. To view these and other topics and/or register visit: www.illinoisautismproject.org

For Parents:

May 7—Now What? My Child with ASD—11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

May 17—Strategies & Tips for Toileting a Child with ASD—10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.

May 23—The Social Scene: Early/Elementary—4:30—6:30 p.m.

For Professionals:

May 1—Basic FBA/BIP for Students with ASD

May 5—Video Modeling/Social Stories/Social Narratives

May 6—Evidence Based Practices for Students with ASD

May 8—Language is Behavior too! Using a Verbal Language Approach: What it is and why it is Useful

May 12—i-What? Technology-Based Supports for Students with ASD

May 13—Including Students with ASD

May 19—Discrete Trial Instruction

May 20—Family Centered Support for Students with ASD

May 22—Ten Steps to Classroom Management for Students with Asperger Syndrome





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YMCA—Autiswim Camp (swim lessons for kids with autism or special needs). Autiswim is a 5 week structured program, for children with Autism or other disabilities and with their parent or caregiver assisting in the water. Class focuses on pool safety, developing swimming skills, and being confident in or around the water using visual and sensory aids.

Session 1: May 30—June 27—5:00—5:45 p.m.—Registration: April 11—May 24

Session 2: July 11—August 8—5:00—5:45 p.m.—Registration: June 10—July 5

Cost is \$20 for members—\$40 for non-members

For more information contact Jill Rohr at jrohr@mattoonymca.org or 217.234.9494 x230.

Other Activities of Interest



Every Tuesday—Story Time—Helen Matthes Library—100 East Market Avenue, Effingham—Ages 0-5 years—10:00 a.m.—Stories, songs, and lots of fun! No registration required.

May 13—Teen Volunteer Training—6:00 p.m. & May 14—4:00 p.m.—ages 13-18—Helen Matthes Library. Volunteers needed to help with the Summer Reading Program. Please attend a volunteer training session if interested. Visit www.effinghamlibrary.org or call 217.342.2464.



May 3—Sensory Friendly Film—Orpheum Theatre, Hillsboro—1:00 p.m. Escape from Planet Earth—Admission: \$3. You may bring your own snacks. Contact tascillinois@gmail.com or 217.710.3598 for more information.

May 10—A Night to Remember: A Prom for Students with Special Needs—Free—6:00—9:00 p.m.—First Baptist Maryville, 7110 State Route 162, Maryville, IL—Complete with Red Carpet treatment, paparazzi, the classic "prom photo-opp," and finger foods, students ages 16-22 with special needs will get to experience prom at its best. If caregiver is needed, one must attend along with the student. Register at register.fbmaryville.org

May 14—Supporting People with Disabilities Who Experience Trauma—Blue Towers Training Webinar—1:00—2:30 p.m. Learn the effects of trauma in the lives of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, learn strategies to help someone cope with triggered memories and how you can make a difference in the lives of the people you support and care about. Cost: \$25. To register, please contact Susan Urquhart by **May 8** at 217.875.8891 or surquhart@maconresources.org

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for Special Needs now forming. The new group will need 5 boys in each group to begin. The VFW Men's Auxiliary will sponsor a Boy Scouts pack and the VFW Women's Auxiliary will sponsor a Cub Scouts pack. If interested or for more information contact: tricialblack@yahoo.com or 443.670.4908 or 410.382.2404.

May 31—Sensory Friendly Movie—Mattoon AMC Theatre—10:00 a.m. Maleficent—Tickets can be purchased on the day of the screening for \$5. Movie dates are subject to change. To verify showing of movie, dates, and time please visit: www.amctheatres.com/SFF/



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