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Save the Dates:

Annual ASA GGC Conference April 13-14th, 2007
Gwinnett Conference Center, Duluth, GA
Call for Presentations www.asaga.com
**Please note the change in dates*
Check our website for updates

ASA Greater Georgia is pleased to welcome La Toshia Stephens to our office staff. La Toshia, her husband and their three children come here from Oklahoma. After being a stay-at-home mom for eight years, La Toshia is looking forward to assisting families in the autism community and meeting many of you at our future events.

IN GEORGIA:

Dennis Debbaudt's Autism Risk and Safety Management October 19 - October 20
Training for Law Enforcement, First Responders, Parents, Educators, and Care Providers

www.autismriskmanagement.com

Presented by The Matthew Reardon Center
Savannah Technical College, Crossroads Campus –190 Crossroads Parkway,
Savannah

All Attendants will receive a certificate of attendance. CEUs will be available through the Department of Continuing Education of Armstrong Atlantic State University. Law Enforcement Credits will also be available.

For More Information Contact Jennifer McGee @ 355-9098 Or email jennifermcgee4@comcast.net

Georgia Connection Concert "A Decade of Excellence" Oct 21, 7 PM
Lucerne Baptist Church, Hwy. 78, Lilburn, GA
Silent Auction, Refreshments. Benefit proceeds go to ASA Greater GA.
www.gaconnection.org 770-717-4031

Cobb County Schools Transition Conference Looking Towards the Future Fall 2006
Oct 26: 7-9:30 PM, Kennesaw Mountain High School
Transition issues, person-centered planning and adult services for life after High School.
1898 Kennesaw-Due West Rd, Kennesaw, GA 30152
678-594-8190

GA Workforce Conference- Touch the Future
Assistive Technology and Transition Conference and Expo
Oct 30-Nov 3, Emphasizing the importance of providing persons with disabilities a full range of support services and resources to ensure their success in the 21st century workplace.

www.dol.state.ga.us

Partial Scholarships available to persons with disabilities. 1-800-497-8665
The Classic Center, Athens

Healthcare for Kids Rally Nov 4, 9:30 GA State Capitol
For everyone with an interest in the Medicaid system including parents, providers, concerned tax payers.

Issues to be covered:

Eligibility

Access to care and provider networks.

Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Federal Requirements

Burdensome Application, Appeal and Claims Process

Family Friendly event. Children welcome, entertainment will be planned.

Color theme is RED, try to wear red the day of the rally.

For more info contact Heidi Moore heidijmoore@comcast.net 678-357-8200

Health Fair Dekalb Schools Nov 6, 6 - 8 pm. The Premier Dekalb School System Family Resource Center at Avondale Middle will host a Health Fair.
Josephine W. Ellis, Parent Facilitator, Office of School Improvement, DeKalb County School Systems

Avondale Middle School, 3131 Old Rockbridge Road, Avondale Estates, GA 30002
Telephone - (678) 875-0148 Josephine_Ellis@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us

WORKSHOPS

A Strength-Based Approach to Asperger's, Non-Verbal Learning Disorder and High-Functioning Autism

Nov 29 Savannah

Nov 30 Macon

Dec 1 Atlanta

John Ortiz, PhD, Director and Founder of The Asperger's Syndrome Institute

www.health-ed.com 1-800-839-4584

Workshop: "Teaching Communication Skills to Children with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities January 24-26, 2007

presented by Dr. Vince Carbone called "Teaching Communication Skills to Children with Autism & Other Developmental Disabilities: Workshop #1 Introduction to Verbal Behavior" to be held at the Armstrong Center in Savannah, Georgia. The workshop is open to parents, teachers, school administrators, speech therapists, OTs, behavior therapists, and all others working with children with autism & other developmental disabilities.

Pam Williamson

F.E.A.T. of Georgia

Families for Effective Autism Treatment of Georgia

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OUTSIDE OF GA:

ASA Regional Conference 6th Annual

Nashville, TN Oct 20-21

Contact Amanda for more info at 615-385-2077 www.autismmidtenn.org

Organization for Autism Research 2006 Applied Autism and Intervention Conference

October 27 & 28, 2006

Hilton Towers, Arlington, VA

For more information or to register, visit

<http://www.researchautism.org/news/conference/index.asp>

TASH Conference 2006 Nov 8-11 Baltimore, MD

www.tash.org 1-800-482-8274

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:

The Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) recommended 1,970 new MRWP services for the FY08 budget to unlock the waiting lists for home and community based services!...However, they only were able to find a way to pay for 170 new MRWP services! For the remaining 1,800 services, they left it up to the Governor to find a way to fund them. The bottom line...it is up to the Governor!

IF YOU WANT TO SEND A STRONG MESSAGE: Ask the Governor to continue his commitment to people with disabilities waiting for help in Georgia by funding 2,000 new MRWP services in the FY08 budget.

Simply, go to <http://www.unlockthewaitinglists.com/actionalert.html> to make a difference today!

MEDIA and LINKS:

Donated Dental Services (DDS) is a national organization of dental professionals who voluntarily provide their professional services to special needs people with no insurance coverage and no other funding for expensive dental care. This program currently has dentists in 34 states. Contact the National Foundation for Dentistry for the Handicapped in Denver, CO, at (303) 534-5360, www.nfdh.org, or email them at fleviton@nfdh.org

National Donated Dental Services (DDS) Coordinator information:

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Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

New Website

www.gccd.georgia.gov

Georgia Department of Education

New Website

www.public.doe.k12.ga.us

Autism Specialist Resources www.talkautism.org

Unlocking Autism, through its ExpertFind service hosted by TalkAutism, helps families find better local health resources. Input your zip code on our ExpertFind page and you will find a list of medical

professionals in your area trained to work with kids with autism. You can also share resources with others in the autism community.– we're especially interested in finding more developmental pediatricians, ABA therapists and diagnostic specialists across the country. TalkAutism will check for duplicates, and reach out to the experts themselves to confirm the accuracy of the resource information. With your help, families like yours can get one step closer to finding the resources and support they need.

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