



Parent to Parent Of Sheboygan County

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Family Support Program Update Winter

To date, there have been 49 applicants for next year's program. We are also in the process of wrapping up and closing out funding for 2010. The program has met the needs of everyone who received allocations for this calendar year and have also been able to serve some additional families.

To receive information on the Family Support Program or to apply for funding, please call 920-459-0320. Anyone with a disabled child under the age of 18 and living at home may be eligible for the program.

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Parent to Parent is wondering if Parents would like to get together, for coffee, once a month. It can be at a agreed-to establishment/business (where coffee is served—natives might plan a coupe if there's no coffee) or at someone's home. If interested please E-mail Sonji Thurs at sonji@thurs.net





2011 Family Support/Birth-3
Advisory Committee
Health and Human Services Committee
Room 416
Sheboygan, WI 53081
Thursday, February 10, 2011
10:30 a.m. Room 416

1. Call to order/introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 2010 meeting
3. Statistical information on FSP-2010 Nov. – Jan.
 - Number of children served – **49 – total (those who did not use their funding were deleted from the count)**
 - Number of applications sent out since last meeting – **5**
 - Number of applications returned/assessed/eligible – **3 returned and are in the process of assessment, 1 returned from previous quarter and was found ineligible**
 - Served those on the Wait List: **N/A – the Wait List was eliminated prior to the last meeting**
 - Number of children on FSP Wait List – **0**
 - Money allocated for 2011 – **\$88,918**
4. B-3 update – Diane L./Public Health
5. B-3 Appeal
6. B-3 2010 Satisfaction Survey results/Federal Indicators
7. FSP Annual Plan Review
8. FSP application process
9. Other



World Autism Awareness Day is April 2nd

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Parent

" Consider the following four dead-end kids. One was spanked by his teachers for bad grades and a poor attitude. He dropped out of school at 16. Another failed remedial English and came perilously close to flunking out of college. The third feared he'd never make it through school--and might not have without a tutor. The last finally learned to read in third grade, devouring Marvel comics, whose pictures provided clues to help him untangle the words. These four losers are, respectively, Richard Branson, Charles Schwab, John Chambers, and David Boies. "



Community Support

Family Resource Center

<http://www.familyresourcesheboygan.org/frc@excel.net>

Plymouth Site for FRC

1209A Eastern Ave.
Plymouth, Wisconsin 53073
920.892.6706

Sheboygan Satellite Site for FRC

2508 S. 8th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081
920.457.1888

Camp Evergreen

Week long Summer Camps and weekend Camps for Children and Adults with developmental disabilities. Contact: Mark Ellis at 920 452-4221

WI Easter Seals Respite Camp

<http://camp.eastersealswisconsin.com/content/elks-respite-camp-sessions>
Or call 1-800-422-2324

WI Head Start Association

<http://www.whsaonline.org/>
608-442-6879

Katie Becket Program

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/kbp/>
(608) 261-6836
Medicaid for Child with disability

Friends of The Developmentally Disabled

(FODD) Diane at 920 458-3089 or Kathy at 920 458-7353
Parties, dances and bowling for Adults with developmental disabilities.

Victory Junction Gang Camp

4500 Adam's Way
Randleman, NC 27317
877-VJG-CAMP

WI Family Ties

<http://www.wifamilyties.org/>
608-267-6888 or 800-422-7145 (parents only please)
info@wifamilyties.org

WI Facets

<http://www.wifacets.org/>
877-374-0511

Disability Rights of Wisconsin

<http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/>
<http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/contact-us>

Lakeshore Autism Society Chapter

<http://www.asw4autism.org/ASWinfo.htm>
(920) 652-0964 or autismlakeshore@att.net

Family Connections

<http://www.familyconnectionscc.org/index.html>
Kathy Winter
920-208-5902
Medical mileage reimbursement through Medicaid

Reach for the Stars

The Sheboygan Area School District Community Recreation Dept. has activities for Adults and Children. 920-459-3773

YMCA Reduced Memberships

Anyone who is receiving Social Security or SSI benefits should be eligible for a membership for a very small monthly fee.
920 451-8000

Friendship Club

Religious education and fellowship at First Christian Reformed Church.
Sheboygan 920-457-5955
Oostburg 920-564-2709

Paragon Activity Club

262-782-3360



2011 Family Support/ Birth-3 Advisory Committee Dates

Thursday, May 12th

Thursday, August 11th

Thursday, November 10th

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SO I KNOW TO HAVE
ADDITIONAL SEATING

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Inspiration

[excerpt - Copyright © 1993-2004 The Condé Nast Publications Inc.] UCSF Neurologist Dr. Kirk Wilhelmsen :

" ... If we could eliminate the genes for things like autism, I think it would be disastrous," says Dr. Wilhelmsen. "The healthiest state for a gene pool is maximum diversity of things that might be good."

One of the first people to intuit the significance of this was Asperger himself - weaving his continuum like a protective blanket over the young patients in his clinic as the Nazis shipped so-called mental defectives to the camps.

"It seems that for success in science and art," he wrote, "a dash of autism is essential."

Temple Grandin, Ph.D., is inarguably the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world.

Dr. Grandin didn't talk until she was three and a half years old, communicating her frustration instead by screaming, peeping and humming. In 1950, she was labeled "autistic," and her parents were told she should be institutionalized. She tells her story of "groping her way from the far side of darkness" in her book *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, a book which stunned the world because, until its publication, most professionals and parents assumed being diagnosed "autistic" was virtually a death sentence to achievement or productivity in life.

"Overcoming difficulties leads to courage, self-respect, and knowing yourself."

-- Alfred Adler

