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## MO-FEAT E-NEWS

### 2010 Parent-Professional Education Series

#### **Managing Medications at Home and School**

John Pruet, M.D., Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist  
Washington University School of Medicine  
March 9, 2010, 7:00- 8:30pm.  
The Center of Clayton , 50 Gay Ave.- Clayton, MO 63105  
\*RSVP to 314-993-0806 or [info@mofeat.org](mailto:info@mofeat.org)\*

#### **Autism 101 – Effective Intervention**

April, 2010  
We are assembling our panel. More info to follow soon!

#### **Youth with Autism: What Happens After High School?**

Paul Shattuck, Ph.D. Washington University in St. Louis,  
George Warren Brown School of Social Work  
May 25, 2010, 7:00-8:30pm  
The Center of Clayton , 50 Gay Ave.- Clayton, MO 63105

#### **Don't Forget.....Ask the Expert - March 1- March 12**

Sally Morgan-Smith and Marilyn Smith will share information and respond to questions about **Comprehensive School Programs for Student Employment** including: school-based em-

## Additional Resources

ployment/training programs that include paid and unpaid community-based vocational training/employment, paid employment, and VR COOP.

Log into [www.missouritransition.org](http://www.missouritransition.org), go to the Missouri Community of Practice and scroll down to **Ask the Expert**. Read the information provided, participate in the discussion.

U.S. Department of Education Makes Public State-by-State Restraint & Seclusion Information

The U.S. Department of Education has released a summary of state laws, regulations, policies and guidelines regarding the use of restraint and seclusion techniques in schools. This state-by-state summary is a result of U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's letter issued to Chief State School Officers on July 31, 2009, urging a review of current state policies and guidelines regarding the use of restraint and seclusion in schools.

## Missouri Legislation

Keep up with Missouri Legislation for Autism at our website [www.mofeat.org](http://www.mofeat.org). Click on the Advocacy link.

\*The Missouri House Autism Insurance Reform Bill was passed out of the House of Representatives and now goes back to the Senate .

## Events in Other States



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## Eastern Missouri

### Positive Behavior Interventions

March 8, 2010, 6pm – 9pm  
 Special School District  
 12110 Clayton Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131  
 Register by calling 314-989-7807.

### Positive Behavior Interventions

Wed., Mar. 10, 6-9 p.m.  
 Presenter: MPACT staff  
 SSD Central Office, Room 60  
 Participants will be taught to think about problem behavior as a form of communication. You will learn the importance of a Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA), how to reinforce positive behavior and how to develop a Positive Behavior Support Plan.

### Transitioning to Employment: Rights, Responsibilities & Success in the Workplace -

#### A Workshop for Parents, Students & Teachers

Wed., March 10, 7-9 p.m.  
 SSD Central Office, Room 61  
 Panel Members: Vocational Rehabilitation, Governor's Council on Disability, supported employment provider, employer, employee & parent  
 Understand how the job market impacts the hiring and retention of people with disabilities. Learn about job behaviors and attitudes that lead to success in the workplace, employee/employer responsibilities and rights to accommodations under the American's with Disabilities Act.

### Free, Local Workshop Touchpoints of Autism (Intro to Autism)

Thursday, March 25 at 8:30am - 4:00pm  
 Where: Mineral Area College, NCC, rm B & C  
 Mineral Area Community College  
 North College Center Rooms B and C  
 5270 Flat River Road  
 Leadington, Missouri 63601  
 To see more details and RSVP, follow the link below:  
<http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=318247672534&mid=1edeef9G679648e9G51774bG7>

### Parent Empowerment Speakers Series

Session 2: 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 25  
 Howard Park Center 15834 Clayton Road Ellisville, MO 63011  
 Phone: 636-227-2339  
<http://www.howardparkcenter.org/speakers.html>  
 Howard Park Center Occupational Therapist Amy Agasino will present sensory development in children. Hands-on activities will help parents understand how their child's sensory systems impact learning. A second speaker, which is still being confirmed, will discuss topics related to parenting siblings of children with special needs. Details on session two will follow.

### Grade to Grade: Developing Self-Advocacy Skills

Tues., Mar. 30, 7-9 p.m.  
 Presenters: Nancy Martin & Joann Noll  
 SSD Central Office, Room 57  
 Learn tips to help your child transition from grade to grade, while focusing your child's learning at home and school on skills for self-advocacy and independence.

### Understanding Asperger Syndrome – 2 part class

Wed., March 31 & April 7, 7-9 p.m.  
 Presenter: Colleen O'Leary Card  
 SSD Central Office, Room 57  
 Identify and understand the social, communication, sensory and behavioral characteristics of Asperger syndrome and gain an awareness of effective, practical strategies that will support your child in being more successful at home and school. The second session will focus more on strategies, with time for discussion and questions.

### Parent Empowerment Speakers Series

Session 3: 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 22  
 Howard Park Center 15834 Clayton Road Ellisville, MO 63011  
 Phone: 636-227-2339  
<http://www.howardparkcenter.org/speakers.html>  
 It's one of the most frequently asked questions at Howard Park Center: What is RDI™? Certified RDI™ consultants Pat Terrebbonne and Stacy Altrup will lead this session as we explore Relationship Development Intervention™ and how it can benefit your child. While RDI™ is often used with children with autism spectrum disorders, its principles can be applied to any child.



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## Eastern Missouri

### Sharing Our Strengths Parent-to-Parent Mentor Training

April 28th, 6:00 - 9:00pm

Dellwood Recreational Center, 10266 W. Florissant Avenue, St. Louis 63136 Would you like to offer listening and emotional support to another parent? Do you have a couple hours a month to help someone else? Join us for a parent mentor training to become a mentor for MO-FEAT and SOS, the state's mentor matching network for developmental disabilities. RSVP to MO-FEAT at 314-993-0806 or [info@mofeat.org](mailto:info@mofeat.org)

### Dance Together

Meets every month. Usually the fourth Saturday of the month 6:30 to 9:30 pm

2685 Metro Blvd. Maryland Heights, MO 63043  
(East of I-270 at Dorsett Rd.)

DJ, fun, & food open dance for youth with special needs. Next Dance is October 24 at the new location organized and supervised by parent volunteers. More information: [blbits7@aol.com](mailto:blbits7@aol.com) or 314-662-1223.

## Southeast Missouri

### Intro to Autism

March 25, 8:30am to 4:00pm

Mineral Area College, NCC, rm B & C  
TouchPoint Autism Services

This Workshop is Free!

Registration is limited and is taken on a first come, first served basis.

Please call TouchPoint Autism Services at (573) 874-3777.

RSVP Deadline is March 19, 2010 and we need at least eight people to host the workshop.

Mineral Area Community College  
North College Center Rooms B and C  
5270 Flat River Road  
Leadington, Missouri 63601

Please remember to bring paper and pen or pencil for taking notes. There will be an hour break for lunch.

## Central Missouri

### SibShop (for siblings ages 6-12 years)

March 6, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:00 PM

The Thompson Center for autism  
300 Portland Street, Columbia, MO 65211

To Register please complete the registration form on the reverse side of this notice. For more information, you may contact Susan Austin (Family Resource Nurse) at 573/884-5934 or [austins@missouri.edu](mailto:austins@missouri.edu)  
Next sibshop to be held April 24<sup>th</sup>.

### 2-week parent training

Central Missouri 2-week Parent Training offered by Touch-Point Autism Services. Training runs March 8-19 and is held 8 hours/day for 5 days/week. Contact 573-874-3777 for more info or visit [www.touchpointautism.org](http://www.touchpointautism.org)

### 9th Annual Disability Rights Legislative Day

March 23, 2010, 10:30am - 1:30pm

Jefferson City, MO - The Capitol

Presented by the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities, [www.mpccd.com](http://www.mpccd.com)

10:30-11:15 AND 12:00-2:30 Legislator Visits

11:15-12:00 AND 2:30-3:00 Rallies

Lunch on your own

### Autism Intervention Conference

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders

April 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – featuring Keynote Speakers Amy Wetherby, Ph.D. and Dan Coury, M.D.

April 8, 2010 – Preconference Session with Drs. Barbara and John Esch, "Establishing ABA Classrooms in a Public School Setting"

[www.thompsoncenter.missouri.edu](http://www.thompsoncenter.missouri.edu)



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## Southwest Missouri

**Camp Barnabas** is enrolling for the 2010 season and they have openings for boys and girls with Autism or developmental disability. The boy spaces are already very limited, but girls have more open places. The age group with openings is 7-15 so please share this info with all you know and send them to [www.campbarnabas.org](http://www.campbarnabas.org). Scholarships available on an as needed basis.

**Camp Encourage** is also enrolling. For more information check them out on the web ([campencourage.com](http://campencourage.com)), find them on Facebook, and/or contact Elise Sommer (Camp Counselor from MSU) [Elise006@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:Elise006@live.missouristate.edu) and cell phone number is 417 448 7409.

A little known resource is the behavior resource team at the Springfield Regional office. If you are a SPRO or Next Step client, and are having behavioral issues, your service coordinator can make a referral to the team. They will meet with the family and the consumer and try to help with resources and ideas for behavior needs. The Regional Office's phone number is 895-7400.

**Faces of Autism** is a photo project designed to raise autism awareness and promote the annual Southwest Missouri Walk Now for Autism Speaks fundraising event. The goal is to be a mobile exhibit that can serve events such as Springfield's First Friday Art Walk and others throughout Southwest Missouri. If you are a family affected by autism, **you are invited to participate** in the project. There is no cost or obligation, though some families choose to fund their photo for the exhibit (\$20). Please visit <http://bit.ly/FacesOfAutism> for a video description. To sign up now, please contact Freedom Photography [417.860.9663, [hgmiles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hgmiles@sbcglobal.net), <http://www.freedom-photography.com>]. For questions about the project or if you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jason Holcomb [417.818.0215, [jason@jasonholcomb.net](mailto:jason@jasonholcomb.net)] or Linda Barger [417.838.8412, [leenamoore@hotmail.com](mailto:leenamoore@hotmail.com)]. Special thanks to Freedom Photography and Digital River Imaging for donating services and costs.

**Ruth Dunigan** is serving as the Southwest area MPACT rep again and is available to assist parents by phone who have special education questions. Phone: 417-736-2180, Toll Free: 877-466-6236

### Family Bridges Springfield

Tuesday, March 2, 6:00 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month). Evergreen Church on West Bypass about 4 miles from Willard. It is approximately one mile from the I-44 exit. You will find it on the east side of the road. Speaker: Greene County Public Library. Bring a laptop **if you have one**. As always, the Kids Club and Youth Standing Tall (YST) will have the Camp Fire curriculum. For more information contact Family Bridges at 685-4272, email at [dottie\\_wfamilybridgesmo@yahoo.com](mailto:dottie_wfamilybridgesmo@yahoo.com).

### Families 4 Families Meeting

Thursday, March 4, (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month) Tom Watkins Neighborhood Building, 2100 W. High; RSVP by phone 864-7239 or email to Marti Mowery, [marthamowery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthamowery@sbcglobal.net). Make a request for a copy of the Families 4 Families' electronic newsletter to Billie Ridenour at [billiespall\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:billiespall_1@yahoo.com).

### Autism Support Group

Saturday, March 13, meeting (2nd Saturday of the month) at Cox South Hospital. Susan Henderson will provide an update on the status of the Autism Insurance Bill. For more information contact Mary Hines at 724-2693, or email [mmhines1995@hotmail.com](mailto:mmhines1995@hotmail.com).

### Family Bridges Republic Support Meeting

Tuesday March 23 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month), Calvary Baptist Church, Highway 60 Near the Burger King. For more information email Family Bridges at [familybridges@yahoo.com](mailto:familybridges@yahoo.com), or call 863-1605. Children activities and snacks will be provided. Speaker: MPACT on the topic of the IEP Process



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## Greater Kansas City Missouri

**"No Such Thing As Normal!"**

Monday, March 8th, 2010, 7:00 PM

Liberty Performing Arts Theatre, 1600 S. Withers Road, Liberty, Missouri. Musical about autism featuring the fourth graders of Ridgeview Elementary school. Autism Admission is free!

**Lose the Training Wheels (Bike Camp- Learn to ride a 2-wheeler)**

March 15-19, 2010

Johnson County Community College gymnasium  
12345 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS

\$150 Fee per rider. Choose from 5 daily sessions. Contact: David Krug, [dkrug@jccc.edu](mailto:dkrug@jccc.edu)

Visit [www.losethetrainingwheels.org](http://www.losethetrainingwheels.org) for more info on this program

**Midnight Farm Spring Break Day Camp**

March 15-19, 2010, 9AM- 5PM

2084 N. 600 Road  
Baldwin, KS

For info and application form, visit [www.midnight-farm.org](http://www.midnight-farm.org)  
Or call Diane at 785-218-9358 or email [campdirector@clockansas.org](mailto:campdirector@clockansas.org)  
Camp includes activities to address behavior, communication, self-help, and other skills; plus parent training 9am-4pm Wed/Th/Fri. \$250

**IEP Seminars for Parents**

Saturdays 9:30 am – 11 a.m.

Mar 20

“What is a state child complaint?” advocate panel

Apr 17

Topic to be determined—visit website or call for info  
Call 816 680-0070 or e-mail [kcspecial@yaho.com](mailto:kcspecial@yaho.com) to register and to confirm. Limited seating. \$5 fee at the door. If severe weather warnings, it will be rescheduled. Adults only please; no child care available. Building is wheelchair accessible.

**YMCA Young Adult Dance**

Sat. March 27, 5:45 - 8:45pm.

Clever YMCA, 7000 Troost Avenue, KCMO 64131

\$10 per person. Ages 15 - 30 (Inclusive)

\* Deadline to register: Wednesday, March 24.

By phone or in person at any YMCA; online at

[www.kansascityymca.org/adaptive](http://www.kansascityymca.org/adaptive) <<http://www.kansascityymca.org/adaptive>>; (Class code: 53811)

Transportation provided to and from activity through the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation for those that use wheelchairs or other assistive devices. Contact Raegan at [raeganschurr@kansascityymca.org](mailto:raeganschurr@kansascityymca.org) <<mailto:raeganschurr@kansascityymca.org>> to set up transportation.

**Balls, Bubbles, Blocks: Important Early Interactions & Play Skills**

Friday, March 26th 9:00am-12:00pm

Presented by [Amy Naylor, M.Ed.](#) and [Sarah Feldmiller, M.Ed.](#)

UMKC Institute for Human Development, 215 W. Pershing, 6th Floor,  
Kansas City MO 64108

Parents will learn early childhood development and developmentally appropriate practice for teaching play skills. Parents will also be shown how to have fun playing with their child using easy to implement strategies.

[www.ihd.umkc.edu](http://www.ihd.umkc.edu) (Click on "Contact Us" for Directions)  
[Register for this training session](#)

**SABE: National Self-Advocacy Conference**

September 23-26, 2010!!!

Westin Crown Center

The registration cost is \$375 which includes all conference activities and 8 meals (dinner on Thursday, all meals on Friday and Saturday and brunch on Sunday). Travel and hotel rooms are separate. Sign-up at the website for updates about the speakers forms, registration forms, budget worksheet and more at <http://www.sabekc2010.org>. Everyone that signs up will get email updates as details are finalized for the conference.



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## Web-based Conferences

### Communication in Children with Autism

March 1-15, 2010

An online conference for Speech-Language Pathologists  
Location: Wherever you are, with a computer and a web connection

Your registration includes access to:

20 recorded lectures available on demand

Scheduled live chats with presenters

Discussions with participants from all over the world

Earn up to 3.0 ASHA CEUs (30 professional development hours)

Explore issues in assessment and diagnosis, intervention, and service deliver options, with emphasis on practical applications to SLPs' work with children and young adults (ages 2-21) on the autism spectrum.

For more information visit

[www.asha.org/events/autism-conf/default.htm](http://www.asha.org/events/autism-conf/default.htm)

## Additional Information

*Providing education, advocacy, resources and support for families and the autism community since 1997*

Website: [www.mofeat.org](http://www.mofeat.org)

Email: [info@mofeat.org](mailto:info@mofeat.org)

Phone: 314-993-0806

Toll Free: 1-877-275-8988

This calendar features MO-FEAT sponsored events and other autism-related events across our state. For details visit our calendar at [www.mofeat.org](http://www.mofeat.org)

To submit educational or support events, email us at [info@mofeat.org](mailto:info@mofeat.org)

## Additional Information

### MPACT

Want to learn more about special education and how to advocate for your child? Visit MPACT's website for a schedule of free parent classes near you at [www.ptimpact.org](http://www.ptimpact.org)

### MODDRC

For other disability related events and resources statewide, visit Missouri Developmental Disability Resource Center (), [www.moddrc.org/calendar.php](http://www.moddrc.org/calendar.php)

### MIM

Professional continuing education- Missouri Institute of Mental Health, [www.mimhtraining.com](http://www.mimhtraining.com)

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