

Parent Education and Resources for the Bucks County Area – 4/18/05

Ascend Group Inc

www.ascendgroup.org

An Asberger Syndrome Information Alliance for Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Autism – PDD Aspergers St. Isidore's Parish Center Quakertown PA 18951

Linda 215-538-3824
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Parent support group. Meetings 1st Monday of each month.

Autism Spectrum Support Group Meeting Autism Resource Center 503 Washington Ave Suite 2A Newtown PA 18940

Elsie McHale 215-230-9264
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Support group for parents that have children on the spectrum (ages 10 and under). Cover a wide range of topics including, biomedical approaches, supplements, ABA, school issues and community involvement. Meets on the 1st Thursday of every month. \$5 dues payable at the door.

Autism Support Network Sellersville PA 18960

215-453-9021
www.autismsupportnetwork.org

Support group for parents that have children on the spectrum. Meetings are held Sept-June the first Monday of every month 7:00pm to 9:00pm

BCHIP Adult Health Clinic Bensalem, Bucks County

215-633-8397

Free primary medical care for adults. Must meet financial guidelines. By appointment

Bensalem Family Resource Center Samuel K. Faust Elementary School 2901 Bellview Drive Bensalem, PA 19020

215-244-4820
Fax: 215-244-2973

Services and activities available to all families of Bensalem Township (children may be birth to 5 years and children may attend nonpublic schools); Parent Education series for parents of children of all ages; Parent As Teacher program providing in home services focusing on early childhood development; case management and social work services; resource materials on student, parent, and school issues; a collaboration of the Bensalem School District and many private and public community agencies.

BILY – Because I Love You Woodside Presbyterian Church 1667 Edgewood Rd Yardley PA

Contact Lynda at 215-813-4880
www.becauseiloveyou.org

Parent support group for parents with troubled children of any age. Quakertown contact – Sandy at 888-443-4481.

Bucks County Department of Health 7321 New Falls Rd Levittown PA 19055

Kim Everett
215-949-5805

Immunizations, home safety check-ups, car seat distribution and safety checks, health and safety education programs available for parents and young children.

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Bucks County Free Library

A variety of programs and parenting resources are available as well as programs for young children. Internet access is available to find a world of information about child growth and development, parenting, and related topics of interest.

Bucks County Schools Intermediate Unit #22
705 N. Shady Retreat Road
Doylestown PA, 18901

215-348-2940
www.bucksiu.org

Special services and educational information for parents.

CHADD
Frankford Hospital Bucks County
Oxford Valley Rd
Langhorne PA 19047

215-736-1541

For children and adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactive disorder.

Child, Home & Community
144 Wood St
Doylestown PA 18901

215-348-9770
www.CHCinfo.org

Mission is to help young parents to build a better future for themselves and their children through childbirth, parenting, and prevention education to ensure families' stability and to promote self-sufficiency.

Family Friends

Contact Sandy Rotenburg at
800-770-4822 x1729
srotenbe@bucksiu.org

This program matches volunteers (age 50+) with school age children who have special needs such as autism, developmental delays and multiple disabilities. Volunteers visit their assigned child once a month at school and they visit the family at home weekly.

Family Resource Center at the Children's Health Center
St. Mary Medical Center
Bensalem Square Shopping Center
Knights Road
Bensalem, PA 19020

215-245-8875
Fax: 215-245-8895

Aims to provide variety of services to help build healthy families in the Bensalem area; emergency housing and case management for education on permanent, affordable housing opportunities in collaboration with the Bucks County Housing Group; on-site individual, family, and marriage counseling; a range of children and adults groups, including life skills to reduce the threat of homelessness and increase employment potential; parenting education; access to health care and transportation if needed.

Family to Family Education Program (NAMI)

Help line 1-866-399-NAMI(6264)

Free 12 week course for families of person diagnosed with a serious mental illness. In this program, family members provide emotional support and practical help to one another through a structured, problem-solving environment.

Gilda's Club
200 Kirk Rd
Warminster PA 18974

215-441-3290

Networking groups for people with cancer and their families and friends

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Hand to Hand Education Program (NAMI)

Help line 1-866-399-NAMI(6264)

Free 8 week program for families of children and adolescents with mental and behavioral difficulties. Focuses on mental illness, their treatments, available medications and how to navigate the mental health system designed for children.

Hopes and Dreams Foundations

www.hopesanddreamsfoundation.org

A Bucks County, nonprofit organization for children with disabilities and their families with a goal to create programs for children in the areas of art, music and drama.

Latino Leadership Alliance of Bucks County

229 Mill Street
Bristol, PA 19007

215-788-4452
Fax: 215-788-4623
www.llabc.org

Prevention: Alcohol, drugs & violence, Abuse and neglect, Health issues, and Tobacco cessation

Educational Enrichment Programs: English as a second language for adults (ESL). After school enrichment program for children grades 1st thru 6th. Computer classes. Life skills. Summer day camps with recreational and educational activities for children ages 6 to 12.

Services: Career and employment information. Community resource information and referrals. Educational information. Health fairs. Social services. Translations for clients (Spanish/ English).

Cultural enrichment activities and workshops, which provide education and information to promote sharing and understanding of Latino family values, traditions and heritage.

Montgomery County ASCEND Parent/Caregiver Support Group Meeting

Eileen McDermott 215-887-5396

Parenting Center
1130 Old York Rd
Abington PA

Meetings are held 3rd Tuesday of every other month 7:30pm

NAMI-CAN

Warminster Recreation Center
1010 Little Lane
Warminster PA 18974

Debbie Moritz (215)682-9724
Lynne Plewes (215)675-0199
E-Mail: cyberdeb@erols.com

Young family support group meeting for families who have a child or adolescent with a mental illness. Meeting is held 4th Thursday of each month.

Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA)

16 N. Franklin Street, Suite 105
Doylestown, PA 18901

Hotline: 1-800-675-6900
215-348-5664
www.novabucks.org

NOVA offers a variety of community programs that promote personal safety awareness and increase understanding of victim issues and services. Any program or topic area can be tailored to meet the specific needs of your group.

Parents Anonymous of Pennsylvania

Family Service Association
Contact: Dorothy Thomas

Bristol: 215-781-6602
Langhorne: 215-757-6916
www.parentsanonymousofpa.org

Parents Anonymous® Support Groups are free, weekly, ongoing meetings, which provide parents with support in making positive changes in their parenting. Support groups are located throughout Pennsylvania. Meetings are informal and child care is provided at most locations. With the help of a trained facilitator, parents take the lead in setting the agenda and helping themselves and others find solutions for their own families. Any parent searching for a better relationship with their children is appropriate for this mutual support program. Some parents come to Parents Anonymous® after they have responded in anger toward their children and through Parents Anonymous® they can learn how to respond in new and different ways. Other parents come to Parents Anonymous® because they feel like they are on the edge and don't want to respond to their children with spanking and yelling. Through Parents Anonymous® these parents make changes in their families before a crisis occurs. That's Parents Anonymous® - help for parents from parents.

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The Peace Center
102 W Maple Ave
Langhorne PA 19047

215-750-7220

Programs and resources focused on conflict resolution and bullying behaviors available for parent and caregivers of children.

Penn State Cooperative Extension
Neshaminy Manor Center
1282 Almshouse Rd
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-345-3283
Fax: 215-343-1653
bucks.extension.psu.edu

Gives local residents easy access to the resources and expertise of the Pennsylvania State University. Through educational programs, publications, and events, cooperative extension agents deliver unbiased, research-based information to Bucks County citizens.

Quakertown Community Parenting Center
10th & Juniper Steets
Quakertown, PA 18951

215-538-4797

A safe and nurturing place where parents can learn about emotionally healthy parenting while sharing and connecting with other parents.

Quality Child Care Coalition of Bucks County
705 Shady Retreat Rd
Doylestown PA 18901

800-770-4822 x2952
email: qcc@bucksiu.org
www.qcccbucks.org

Information and connections related to broadening and bettering early care and education in Bucks County is available.

Robert M. Kelly Family Center of Bristol Borough
Family Service Association of Bucks County
408 Mill Street
Bristol, PA 19007

215-781-6602
Fax: 215-781-6611
Email: kellyfc@aol.com

One-stop social service community center providing comprehensive, integrated education, health, welfare and employment services for all residents of Bristol Borough; residents can easily access a variety of services through on-site family development specialists/case managers and repositioned staff from public and private agencies. Adult Education Program including Adult Basic Education/GED, English as a Second Language, and computer training.

8:30am to 8:30pm, Monday to Thursday; 8:30am to 5:00pm, Friday.

Free services; free child care is provided.

S&C Sib Shop

Sandy Rotenburg- 1800-770-4822
x1729
E-mail: srotenbe@bucksiu.org

Support group for siblings of children with Autism, PDD, and other developmental delays. Meetings are for children ages 7-15. Group meets Oct., Nov, Jan, Feb, March, and April.

Sharing and Caring Parent Support Group
Community Education building located at the rear of
St. Vincent de Paul Church parking lot
Richboro PA 18954

Holly Druckman 215-321-3202
Ambry Ward- ambryw@aol.com or
ambry.w@verizon.net

Provides information and support for children, of all ages with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:00 until 8:45pm Sept.-May except December.

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**Sib Shop Autism Support Network
Sellersville PA 18960**

215-453-9021
www.autismsupportnetwork.org

For children ages 6-12 who have a sibling with Autism. This meeting is held at the same time and location as the Autism Support Network meetings.

**St. Mary Medical Center
Langhorne-Newtown Rd
Langhorne, PA 19047**

215-710-2204
www.stmaryhealthcare.org

The **Educational Services Department** at St. Mary Medical Center is committed to provide general, medical and health-related education to employees, volunteers, physicians and members of the community/industry. Programs are created and provided to meet needs related to staff, patient population, technology and information learned through various assessment activities.

**St. Mary Parenting Center
Langhorne-Newtown Rd.
Langhorne, Pa 19047**

Kelly Pagliei 215-710-5976

The parenting center offers an array of programs to the community. Leadership training for youth and teens, in addition to Life Skills training for young children. Community outreach programs, training for Sean Coveys "7Habits of Highly Effective Teens", Applebee Pond puppet shows and parenting workshops.

Daytime interactive parent and child programs with the opportunity for parents to network and receive support from other parents. Evening workshops focus on teaching essential skills that help to promote the parent/child bond, decrease conflict within the home and increase confidence levels among parents.

**Tourette Syndrome Support Group
St. Mary Hospital
Langhorne PA 19047
Classroom #4**

Mary Brennan 215-860-1325
Debbie Massa 215-741-1044

Meeting is held 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm

**VITA Educational Services
8 E Court Steet
Doyelstown PA 18901**

Doylestown - 215-345-8322
Bensalem – 215-968-3484
www.vitaeducation.org

**2546 Knights Rd
Bensalem, PA 19020**

Vita Education Services has been offering free literacy and decision making programs to Bucks County residents since 1971. These programs include Basic Literacy, English as a Second Language, GED Preparation and Personal Decision Making. Vita's two programs - the Literacy Center of Bucks County and the Regional Center for Personal Decision Making - administer services through trained volunteers and professional staff.

**YWCA Family Centers
2425 Trevoise Road
Trevoise, PA 19053**

215-953-7793
Fax: 215-396-1765
Email: ywabc@erols.com

Four Family Centers are at the following locations: Colonial Gardens Apartments in Morrisville, Country Commons and Creekside apartments in Bensalem Township, and Glen Hollow Apartments in Bristol Township. A range of services include employment and computer training, GED preparation, English as a Second Language, Citizenship Class, Parenting classes, professional clothes closet, and more.