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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE HOME FRONT AT PARENTS PLACE?

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FLYERS ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

—Calendar of Events
—Information Fair &
Festival

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Our staff is very busy preparing for our 18th annual Information Fair & Festival on Sunday, April 25th (flyer enclosed). It's hard to imagine that 18 years ago this was a small potluck picnic. The founders and original organizers of the first Information Fair have to be very proud of how this event has grown. This year's Fair promises to be a very special day once again, with a number of new vendors and all of our regulars attending, so mark your calendars and plan to be there. We're looking forward to welcoming all our families of children with special needs for YOU are what makes this day a success!

Be sure to check out the enclosed Calendar of Events. We have scheduled monthly trainings on IFSP/IPP (Individual Family Support Plan/ Individual Program Plan) as well as IEP (Individual Education Plan). Being well informed on your child's rights and your responsibilities regarding the processes included in these programs makes you a stronger advocate for your child. So be sure to sign up before all spaces are taken.

If you were able to come to our Open house in February, you had your first look at our brand new DVD titled "Safeguard 101." This is a comprehensive training video on the procedural safeguards document that outlines your child's rights, and is given

to you at your IEP meeting. We have three copies in our library for you to borrow, but we think that once you've seen the DVD, you'll want one for yourself, and with a small donation of \$20.00, you can have one for your own library. This is a great reference tool to have on hand, and we think you may even recognize some of the people who took part in the filming of this DVD.

We are presently looking for someone who has experience in fund development for the not-for-profit industry. This is a new and exciting position at Parents' Place and we're excited to be able to post it (see page 15). The Parents' Place family is growing, and growing in the right direction. We recognize that by creating new funding sources, we can be assured of continuing our mission of, "Providing hope and support for families with special needs through education and resources." So if you or someone you know has experience in this area, please have them contact us by mail, fax or e-mail.

As we approach the end of our fiscal year in June, we want to thank all of you for your support throughout the year. We've had some tough times, may have more, but it's your stories and calls that keep us inspired and wanting to do more. We greatly appreciate your trust in us.

QUE ESTÁ PASANDO AHORA EN EL LUGAR DE LOS PADRES?

por Sona E. Baghdassarian, Directora

Nuestro personal está bien ocupado preparando nuestro 18 aniversario de la Feria y Festival Informativa anual que será el día Abril 25, 2010 (folleto incluido). Es difícil de imaginarse que hace 18 años esta feria era solamente un picnic en el parque. Los fundadores y los organizadores originales de la primera feria informativa deben de estar muy orgullosos de como este evento ha crecido. Este año la feria promete ser un gran evento una vez mas, con la asistencia de nuevas agencias y agencias regulares, así que marques sus calendarios y planeé estar ahí. Esparemos darle la bienvenida a todas las familias que tienen niños con necesidades especiales porque son ustedes los que hacen que este día sea un gran éxito.

Asegurese de mirar nuestro calendario de eventos que está incluido. Tenemos entrenamientos mensuales acerca de IFSP/IPP (Plan de Servicios Familiares del individuo y Plan de Programa Individual) así como IEP (Plan Educacional del Individuo). Estar bien informados de los derechos de sus niños y sus responsabilidades acerca de los procesos necesarios para estos programas le hace a usted ser un mejor defensor de los derechos de sus niños. Asegurese de registrarse para estos talleres.

Si usted tuvo la oportunidad de venir a nuestra apertura de casa en Febrero, usted tuvo la oportunidad de ser uno de los primeros en mirar nuestro DVD titulado "Safeguard 101." (Protecciones 101). Este DVD es un entrenamiento comprensivo en el documento al procedimiento de protección que delinea los derechos de sus niños, y que se le da cada vez que usted tiene una junta de IEP. Tenemos tres copias en nuestra librería para que usted se beneficie y los pueda tomar prestados, pero creemos que una vez que usted mire el DVD usted querrá una copia para su casa. Con una pequeña donación de \$20.00 usted puede tener una copia para su propia librería.

Esta es una muy buena referencia que sería de gran ayuda para tenerla a la mano. Quizas pueda reconocer a algunas de las personas que filmaron este DVD.

Estamos buscando por una persona que tenga experiencia acerca de fondos para desarrollo para la industria de agencias no lucrativas. Esta es una nueva y excitante posición en El Lugar de los Padres (favor de mirar la página 15). La familia de el Lugar de los Padres está creciendo y está creciendo en la dirección correcta. Reconocemos que buscando nuevos fondos podremos continuar con nuestra misión que es, "Proveer esperanzaa y apoyo para familias con necesidades especiales por medio de educación y recursos." Si usted o alguien que usted conoce tiene experiencia en esta area, por favor digale que se comuniquen con nosotros por medio de fax, correo, o correo electronico.

De la manera que nos estamos acercando al final de nuestro año fiscal en Junio, queremos agradecer a todos ustedes por su apoyo durante todo el año. Hemos tenido momentos difíciles, y quizas tendremos mas, pero son sus historias y sus llamadas las que nos mantienen inspirados y nos motivan a seguir adelante. Apreciamos su confianza en nosotros. Gracias.



***We Are Shaped & Fashioned
By What We Love***

Joann van Goethe

REQUESTING COVERAGE FROM A THIRD PARTY PAYER FOR SPEECH, OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR A CHILD UNDER AGE 3

From an article provided by San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center

The California Department of Managed Health Care requires your health plan to provide speech, occupational and physical therapy to your child if it is medically necessary. The plan is prohibited from excluding children with a developmental delay or specific diagnoses from receiving these therapies. It is also prohibited from arbitrarily limiting the number of therapy sessions that may be provided.

If you believe your child needs one of these therapies you should:

- Ask your health plan to provide the service to your child. If you are told that the services are not medically necessary, ask for your child to be assessed.
- If the health plan denies your request for an assessment or for the service, you should appeal the denial. Information about how to appeal will be included in the letter informing you of the denial.
- If the health plan denies your appeal or does not respond to your appeal within 30 days, you should request an independent medical review (IMR) from the Department of Managed Health Care. Information about the IMR process will be included in the denial letter. You can also obtain information about the process at www.hmohelp.ca.gov or by calling 888-HMO-2219.
- If the health plan authorizes one of these therapies for your child they may do periodic assessment of his or her progress to see if the treatment continues to be medically necessary.

The Department of Managed Health Care regulates all HMO plans and PPO plans provided by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. If your health plan is not regulated by DMHC, you may request independent medical review from the Department of Insurance. You may call 800-927-4357 or visit their website,

More about Third Party Coverage for Speech,
OT and PT

This document offers guidance to parents who wish to request coverage under their health plan for speech, occupational or physical therapy for their son or daughter under the age of 3. (For children over 3, these therapies are usually provided by the school district.) The information applies to health plans that are regulated by the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC). These include all Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) in California as well as Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plans offered by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

What therapies does my health plan cover?

Services and supplies that your health plan covers and excludes from coverage can be found in a document called the Evidence of Coverage, or EOC. You should receive an EOC from your employer or directly from your health plan on an annual basis. If you do not have one, you should request a copy. These documents may also be available on your health plan's website.

Third party health plans are generally required to cover *health services* that are *medically necessary*. Since PT, OT, and speech are health services, they should be covered by your health plan if they are medically necessary for your child.

Until now, many California health plans have specified that these therapies are covered only for the purposes of *rehabilitation*. Typically, this means that if a health plan member suffers an event, such as a stroke or traumatic head injury, these therapies may be provided to

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return him to his previous level of functioning – i.e., to rehabilitate him. For a child with a developmental delay, the purpose of these therapies is typically not rehabilitative since they would be intended to help the child develop new skills.

The Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) which regulates a majority of health plans in California has made the decision that health plans will no longer be allowed to categorically exclude speech, PT and OT for children or set arbitrary limits on the number of sessions, since these services qualify as health services. The Department has stated that they will be directing health plans to change their EOCs to make it clear that these therapies are available to children *when medically necessary*.

What does this mean for me and my child?

This means that if you believe your child needs speech, OT or PT you should request an assessment for that therapy from your health plan. The health plan is obligated to do an assessment. If the assessment determines that your child needs therapy, the health plan must provide it. Once services have begun, however, the health plan may institute a *utilization review* process. This means that they may periodically evaluate your child's progress in therapy to see if continuation is warranted – in other words, to determine if your child is making progress and if the services continue to be medically necessary.

What should I do if my health plan refuses?

If you request speech, OT or PT for your child and the health plan refuses to provide it, you should appeal that decision. Information on how to appeal will be included in the letter that you receive informing you of the health plan's decision not to cover the therapy.

Generally, a health plan must respond to your appeal within 30 days. If they deny your appeal or if you have not received a response to the appeal

within 30 days, you may request an Independent Medical Review (IMR) from the Department of Managed Health Care. Information about the IMR process and how to get help is available at www.hmohelp.ca.gov or by calling 1-888-HMO-2219. The letter informing you of the denial of your appeal should also include information about the IMR process.

If your health plan is point of service (POS), an exclusive provider organization (EPO), or a PPO other than Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, it is not regulated by DMHC. Such plans also offer an independent medical review process, but it is provided through the California Department of Insurance. You may get information on this IMR process by calling 800-927-4357, or by visiting the Department of Insurance website, www.insurance.ca.gov.

SUMMER IS COMING

SLEEP LATE ...



HAVE FUN!



**JUST REMEMBER THE SUNSCREEN
IF YOU'RE OUT IN THE SUN!**

Solicitud de Cobertura de un Pagador de Terceros **para**
Terapia de lenguaje, Terapia Física y Ocupacional
Para niños menores de 3 Años

El Departamento de Control de Cuidado de Salud de California requiere que su plan de salud provea a su niño(a) con terapia de lenguaje, física y ocupacional siempre y cuando esta sea una necesidad médica. El plan tiene prohibido el excluir a niños(as) con retrasos del desarrollo o con un diagnóstico específico de que reciban estas terapias. También tiene prohibido el limitar arbitrariamente el número de sesiones de terapia que pueden ser proveídas.

Si usted cree que su niño(a) necesita una de estas terapias usted debe de:

- Solicitar al plan de salud que le provea el servicio a su niño(a). En caso de que la respuesta sea el que su niño(a) no tiene una necesidad médica para el servicio, solicite el que le hagan una evaluación.
- En caso de que el plan de salud rechace su petición por una evaluación o por el servicio, usted debe de apelar la negación. Información referente a como usted puede apelar estará incluida en la carta que le informe la negación.
- En caso que el plan de salud niegue su apelación o no responda a su apelación a no más tardar 30 días de usted haber enviado la petición, usted tiene que solicitar una Revisión Médica Independiente (IMR) de parte del Departamento de Control de Cuidado de Salud de California. La Información referente al proceso de IMR será incluido en la carta de negación. Usted también puede obtener información referente a este proceso al visitar la página Web al www.hmohelp.ca.gov o al llamar al número de teléfono 888-HMO-2219.

En caso de que el plan de salud autorice alguna de estas terapias para su niño, puede que se soliciten evaluaciones periódicamente para evaluar el progreso y necesidad de las terapias.

El Departamento de Control de Cuidado de Salud de California regula todos los planes de HMO y PPO que son proveídos por medio de Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. En caso de que su plan de salud no es regulado por DMHC, usted puede solicitar una revisión médica independiente por medio del Departamento de Seguros. Usted puede contactar al Departamento por teléfono al 800-927-4357 o al visitar la página Web www.insurance.ca.gov.

Información más detallada de las responsabilidades de su plan de salud y lo que usted puede hacer para recibir servicios para su niño(a) puede ser encontrada en las siguientes páginas.

Más información sobre la cobertura de un
 Pagador de Terceros
 para Terapia de lenguaje, OT y PT

Este documento ofrece una guía a padres que desean solicitar a su plan de salud que pague por servicios de terapia de lenguaje, terapia ocupacional o física para su niño(a) menores de tres (3) años. (Para niños mayores de tres (3) años la escuela usualmente paga por estas terapias). Esta información es aplicable para planes de salud que son regulados por el Departamento de Control de Cuidado de Salud de California (DMHC). Estas incluyen a todas las Organizaciones de Mantenimiento de Salud (HMOs) en California al igual que Organizaciones de Proveedores Preferidos (PPO) planes que son ofrecidos por Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

¿Qué tipo de terapia ofrece mi plan de salud?

La información referente a servicios y materiales que su plan de salud cubre y excluye puede ser encontrada en el documento titulado Evidencia de Cobertura (EOC). Usted debe de recibir una copia del EOC de parte de su empleador o directamente de su plan de salud cada año. Si usted no tiene una copia, debería de solicitar una copia. Estos documentos también están

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Solicitud de Cobertura ... (continuación)

disponibles en la página Web de su plan de salud.

Planes de salud de terceros fondos (third party) generalmente son requeridos para cubrir los *servicios de salud* que son *necesarios médicamente*. Ya que PT, OT, y terapia de lenguaje son servicios de salud, estos deben de ser cubiertos por su plan de salud, si es que su niño(a) tiene una necesidad médica.

Hasta el momento, muchos planes de salud de California han especificado que estas terapias están cubiertos únicamente para los fines de la rehabilitación. Típicamente, esto significa que si un miembro del plan de salud sufre de un evento, como un accidente cerebro vascular (infarto) o traumatismo craneoencefálico, estas terapias pueden ser proveídas para ayudar al miembro a regresar al nivel de funcionamiento parecido o similar de antes del trauma, en otras palabras para rehabilitarlo. Para un niño(a) con un retraso de desarrollo, el propósito de estas terapias es típicamente no de rehabilitar ya que el propósito es ayudar al niño(a) a desarrollar nuevas habilidades

El Departamento de Control de Cuidado de Salud de California (DMHC) el cual regula la mayoría de planes de salud en California, ha tomado la decisión de que los planes de salud ya no se permite excluir categóricamente la terapia del lenguaje, OT, PT para niños(a) o para fijar límites arbitrarios sobre el número de sesiones, ya que estos servicios califican como servicios de salud. EL Departamento de Control de Cuidado de Salud de California (DMHC) ha indicado que le pedirán a los planes de salud que hagan cambios necesarios en el EOC para que se haga claro el hecho que estas terapias están disponibles para niños(as) cuando es médicamente necesario.

Qué significa esto para mí y para mi niño(a)?

Esto significa que si usted cree que su niño(a) necesita terapia de lenguaje, OT o PT usted debe solicitar una evaluación a su plan de salud para que *¿evalúe a su niño(a)*. El plan de salud está obligado a hacer una evaluación. En caso de que la evaluación indique que su niño(a) necesita

terapia, el plan de salud tiene que proveer la terapia necesaria. Una vez que los servicios empiezan, el plan de salud puede instituir el proceso de *revisión de utilización de servicios*. Esto significa de que el plan de salud haga evaluaciones del progreso de su niño(a) en terapias periódicamente para determinar si el servicio continua siendo necesario – en otras palabras, para determinar si el niño(a) está progresando y el servicio continua siendo una necesidad medica.

¿Qué puedo hacer si mi plan de salud reusa servicios?

Si usted solicita terapia de lenguaje, OT o PT para su niño(a) y su plan de salud reusa proveer el servicio, usted debe de apelar la decisión. Información en como apelar estará incluida en la carta que le indicara la decisión de su plan de salud de no cubrir por la terapia para su niño(a).

Generalmente, un plan de salud tiene que responder a su apelación a no más tardar 30 días de que usted somete su apelación. Si el plan de salud rechaza su apelación o si usted no recibe una respuesta después de 30 días, usted puede solicitar una reunión de Revisión Medica Independiente (IMR) de parte del Departamento de Control de Cuidado de Salud de California (DMHC). Información referente al proceso de IMR y como recibir ayuda esta disponible en la pagina Web www.hmohelp.ca.gov o al llamar por teléfono al 1-888-HMO-2219. Una carta informándole de la negación de su apelación también debe de incluir información referente al proceso de IMR.

En caso de que su plan es un Plan de Punto de Servicio (POS), una Organización de Proveedores Exclusivos (EPO), o un PPO aparte de Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, no esta regulado por DMHC. Tales planes también ofrecen un proceso de revisión médica independiente, pero es proveído por medio del Departamento de Seguros de California. Usted puede obtener información referente al proceso de IMR al llamar al numero de teléfono 800-927-4357 o al visitar la pagina Web del Departamento de Seguro, www.insurance.ca.gov.



SUMMERTIME CAMPING



If you're thinking about camp for your child this summer, now is the time to start planning.

Choosing the right camp is not a simple matter. Homework is necessary. Spend time checking out any camp thoroughly before you send your child. After all, you want to be certain that the camp is appropriate for your child's special needs and most of all, you want your child to have a *great* experience. Do not be afraid to ask questions such as: Can the camp make the proper modifications to meet the needs of your child? Do they have trained staff? Have the staff personnel been with the camp for a long time, or is their counseling experience limited? Is there a proper ratio of staff personnel to the number of children each counselor is responsible for? Is the camp management as well as the staff familiar with your child's particular disability, able to react to your child's special needs like food requirements and medical attention?

And then...visit the camp yourself to meet the staff, tour the facility and to see exactly what they offer. You can also check with the American Camping Association (www.acacamps.org) to find out more about the camp you're considering.

So get busy now if you're thinking about camp for your child this summer. Here are just a few suggestions for your child's summer experience:

Ability First - Camp Paivika

(909) 338-1102

Website: abilityfirst.org/campaivika

American Camping Association

(Ages: 3 to 17 yrs.)

22231 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas

(213) 483-4300

Astro Camp (Ages: 8 to 18 yrs.)

P.O. Box 1360, Claremont

(909) 625-6194

Camp Bloomfield in Malibu

(Foundation for the Junior Blind)

(323) 295-4555

Camp J.C.A. Shalom

ADD, LD, Adjustment, Anxiety

(818) 889-5500

Casa Colina Outdoor Adventures

(909) 596-7733

Delhaven Community Center

(626) 917-9789

Camp Harmon

Eastern Seals-Jennifer Johns

(831) 684-2380

Camp Laurel

HIV-AIDS

800-327-3509

Epilepsy Foundation Camps

(800) 564-0445

Joni and Friends Retreats

(818) 707-5664

Lions Wilderness Camp for Deaf Children

925-625-4874

National Kidney Foundation

(Ages: 9 to 22)

(818) 783-8153

Quest Day Camp

Huntington Beach

(631) 331-5351

The Painted Turtle

Children with Different Medical Needs

(310) 451-1353

**PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE (626) 919-1091 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
ON OUT-OF-STATE CAMPS.**

Note: The San Gabriel/Pomona Parents' Place does not endorse any of the groups, services or programs shown in this newsletter. The organizations are presented for information purposes only.



USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Alliance of Genetic Support Groups

www.geneticalliance.org

American Sign Language Browser Site

<http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm>

Ask a Specialist About Your Child

<http://pediatrics.about.com/od/askaspecialist/>

Autism Society of America

www.autism-society.org

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

www.bazelon.org/

California Department of Education

www.cde.ca.gov

Calif. Child Care Resource/Referral Network

www.rrnetwork.org

Center on Budget & Policy Priorities

www.cbpp.org/

Center for Law & Social Policy (CLASP)

www.clasp.org

Children's Defense Fund

www.childrensdefense.org/

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

www.cshch.org/

Council of Parent Attorneys & Advocates

<http://www.copaa.org>

Disability Rights California

www.pai-ca.org

Disability Solutions

www.disabilitysolutions.org

Families USA

www.familiesusa.org

Help Us Learn (home/school training)

www.helpuslearn.com

I Am Your Child

www.iamyourchild.org

National Center of Medical Home Initiatives for Children with Special Needs

www.medicalhomeinfo.org

Institute for Child Health Policy (ICHP)

www.ichp.ufl.edu/ichp

Kaiser Family State Health Facts Online

www.statehealthfacts.kff.org

Kids Health

www.kidshealth.org

Lanterman Act & Other Statutes

dds.ca.gov/consumercorner/lantermanactguide.cfm

Los Angeles Child Care and Preschool Directory

www.lachildcare.com

Mothers from Hell 2

www.mothersfromhell2.org

MUMS (parent support)

www.netnet.net/mums

Nat. Assoc. for Children's Hospitals

www.childrenshospitals.net

Nat. Assoc. for Education of Young Children

www.naeyc.org

National Library of Medicine Medline

Medlineplus.gov

Nat. Info Ctr. For Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

www.nichcy.org/

National Council on Disability

www.ncd.gov

NORD (Nat. Organization for Rare Disorders)

www.rarediseases.org

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights

(PACER) www.pacer.org/

PARENTS, Inc.

www.parentsinc.org

Tools for the Journey

<http://toolsforthejourney.org/>

Useful Web Sites for CSHCN

www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/websites.html

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APRIL-MAY-JUNE 2010 CALENDAR

The San Gabriel/Pomona PARENTS' PLACE ACTIVITIES

(626) 919-1091 or (800) 422-2022
e-mail: empower@parentsplacefrc.com

The San Gabriel/Pomona PARENTS' PLACE BOARD MEETING

Board Meetings are normally held on the 3rd Thursday of each month between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. Meetings are held at the PARENTS' PLACE Family Resource & Empowerment Center, 1500 S. Hyacinth Ave., Suite B, West Covina. Call our office (626) 919-1091 to verify actual date and time each month.

The San Gabriel/Pomona PARENTS' PLACE Family Resource Center Advisory Council and the LOCAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATING AREA (LICA) meet every 2ND Thursday of each month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center. For information, call our office at (626) 919-1091.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

(Facilitated by Office of Clients Rights Advocacy)

IFSP/IPP Trainings (English/Spanish)

Friday, April 2, 2010—10:00a—12:00n (English)

Friday, May 7, 2010—10:00a—12:00n (Spanish)

June 4, 2008—10:00a—12:00n (English)

IEP Trainings (English/Spanish)

Friday, April 16, 2010—10:00a—12:00n (English)

Friday, May 21, 2010—10:00a—12:00n (Spanish)

Friday, June 18, 2010—10:00a—12:00n (English)

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

18th ANNUAL INFORMATION FAIR & FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010

1:00—4:00pm

(See Flyer Enclosed)



REACH

Parent Support Group
the First Thursday of Each Month
7:00-8:30 pm

No Meetings in July & August

For more information, call

El Lugar de Los Padres
LE INVITA A UNIRSE A NUESTRO GRUPO DE APOYO EN ESPAÑOL
NUEVO DÍA

CADA SEGUNDO MIERCOLES DE EL MES 10:00 a 11:30 am
PARA MAS INFORMACIÓN, llame a: Elena Sanchez a (626) 919-1091

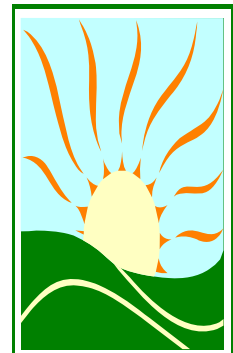
Parents' Place

Invites You to Attend our Spanish-Speaking Support Group

NEW DAY

Every Second Wednesday of the Month 10:00 to 11:30 am

For More Information, call Elena Sanchez at (626) 919-1091



APRIL–MAY–JUNE 2010 CALENDAR—CONTINUED

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS/ CONFERENCES SCHEDULED

(For detailed information on any of these events/
conferences, call (626) 919-1091

April 6-7: Autism Partnerships sponsors Developing an ABA Curriculum, presented by Marlene Driscoll, M.A., MFT, Seal Beach, CA. Fee.

April 7: Cariño Partnership & Eastside Child Abuse Prevention Council present Resource Fair for Community Providers. El Monte, CA.

April 9-11: Abilities Expo, workshops, assistive technology, products, entertainment, Los Angeles Convention Center. Free.

April 10: Impact Spring Symposium—Educational System, Social Issues & Parent Links Support, Fresno, CA. Fee.

April 14-15: Autism Partnerships sponsors Advanced Behavior Management, presented by Jennifer Styzens, M.S., BCBA. Seal Beach, CA. Fee.

April 15-16: The California MHAC conference on Together Towards Hope & Dignity, Freeing Our Communities from Stigma & Discrimination, Los Angeles, CA. Scholarships.

April 17: Club 21 presents 2010 Tools for the Journey, “Behavior & Social Skills for an Inclusive Life.” Pasadena, CA. Fee.

April 22-24: IDA of California: Early Intervention: Practice that Make a Difference, Riverside, CA.

April 24: Walk Now for Autism Speaks, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, CA.

April 28-29: Autism Partnerships sponsors Teaching Interactions, A Conversational Approach to Intervention, presented by Michele Jessner, M.A., MFT. Seal Beach, CA.

April 30-May 1: ASA of Los Angeles: Transition to Adulthood Conference, Los Angeles Valley College.

May 20: Strategies sponsors Creating Invincible Youth Workshop, Bakersfield, CA.

May 27: A good Idea That’s Hardo to Do: Merging early childcare inclusion & early intervention, sponsored by IDA-South Chapter, Los Angeles, CA. Fee.

June 7—11: Tutoring People with Dyslexia, presented by Bright Solutions, Susan Barton, Santa Clara, CA. Fee.

June 21-24: Diagnosing Dyslexia Refresher Course, presented by Bright Solutions, Susan Barton, Santa Clara, CA. Fee.

June 25-26: Case Studies Course, only Certified Dyslexia Testing Specialists may attend, presented by Bright Solutions, Susan Barton, Santa Clara, CA. Fee.

Out of State

April 15—18: Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc. 2010 National Conference, Alexandria, VA.

May 2-5: LRP’s National Institute 31st Annual Conference on Legal Issues, held at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL. Fee.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/ COLLABORATION OPORTUNITIES

Autism Society of America—Greater Long Beach/San Gabriel Valley Chapter ASA. P.O Box 15247, Long Beach, CA 90815-0247. Call (562) 943-3335 for dates and location of support meetings or information regarding Chapter activities.

East San Gabriel Valley SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC). CAC meetings normally held monthly, 7:00pm—9:00pm, at the ESGV SELPA office (across from Fairvalley School), 1400 Ranger Drive, Covina. For exact dates and information, call ESGV SELPA office (626) 966-1679.

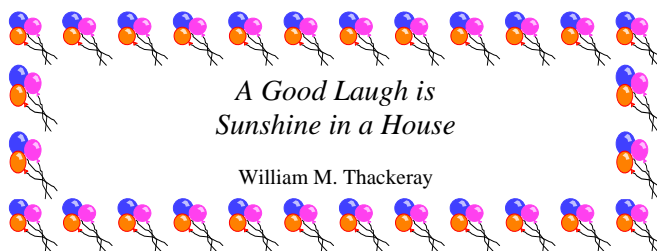
Pasadena USD SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC). CAC meetings normally held monthly, 7:00pm—9:00pm, at Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene (next to Field Elementary), 3700 E. Sierra Madre Ave., Room 112, Pasadena, CA 91107. Call for exact dates (626) 568-4531 and to reserve free childcare and translation.

Pomona USD SELPA CAC meetings are being set up. Contact the Pomons USD SELPA office (909) 397-5090 X-3843 for further information.

Puente Hills SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC). CAC meetings normally held monthly, 9:30a—11:30am, for Hacienda/Rowland USD’s. For exact dates and location information, call Puente Hills SELPA office (626) 964-7458.

West San Gabriel Valley SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC). CAC meetings normally held monthly, 7:00pm—9:00pm, at WSGV SELPA office, 159 E. Live Oak, Room 203, Arcadia, CA 91006. Call for exact dates and information (626) 254-9406.

AREA BOARD 10 Board of Directors Meeting – First Thursday of each month, 4:30pm. For location information, call (818) 543-4631, or check website for changes and agenda www.areaboard10.org.



APRIL-MAY-JUNE 2010 CALENDAR - CONTINUED

REGIONAL CENTER (SG/PRC) Activities
909) 620-7722
 Internet Site: www.sgprc.com

SUPPORT GROUPS CONTINUED

Board Meeting: Held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Location: SG/PRC. For further information, call Linda Derosiers at SG/PRC (909) 868-7512.

Chinese—Korean Parent Support Group: Call Maggie Lang at SG/PRC (909) 868-7526 for meeting times and dates.

P.A.T.H. (Parents Acting for the Handicapped): For details, call Joanne East at (626) 919-4983.

ALIANZA & LUCERO—Spanish-Speaking Parent Support Group: Meets second Thursday of each month. Call Violeta Escobar at (909) 868-7524.

Filipino Support Group: Contact Violeta Escobar at SG/PRC, (909) 868-7524, for information and details. Meeting held in English; however, most parents speak Tagalog.

SUPPORT GROUPS MISCELLANEOUS

A.B.L.E. Academy for “Mommy or Daddy and Me” - 0—3 years old with caretaker. Ongoing Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays between 10:15-11:30am. Held in Glendora and Hacienda Hgts. Call 626-812-0055 for info.

CH.A.D.D. – Foothill Chapter 920: 4th Friday of each month, 7:15-9:00pm, at The Frostig Center, 971 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena. TEL: (626) 943-3100.

CPAD (Chinese Parent Assoc. for the Disabled) - San Gabriel, CPAD holds support group meetings and trainings for Chinese-speaking parents. Call Rose Wang (626) 576-8649 for dates and times. Hot Line: (626) 307-3837

DIR@/Floortime™ Parent Support Group—for parents of children with all types of disabilities to support each other in using DIR@/Floortime™ strategies at home. Meets 2nd Tuesday each month, 6:30-8:00pm at Pasadena Child Development Associates, 620 N Lake Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101. Call Felicie Standley at (626) 793-7350, Ext 257, for more information or e-mail to Felicie@pasadenachilddevelopment.org.

Down Syndrome Association of L.A., Pomona: Sub Group – “Up for Down.” Meets third Thursday every other month at 7:00-8:30pm. For information, call Carol Anten at (909) 268-6344.

Epilepsy Foundation of Los Angeles County – Call for date and time (310) 670-2870.

Fiesta Educativa: Spanish-speaking Support Group for all Disabilities. Meets twice monthly on different topics. Call Laura Ruesga at (323) 221-6696 for dates, times and topics.

Foothill Autism Alliance: For information concerning upcoming meetings, time and place, please call (818) 66-AUTISM, or visit their website at www.foothillautism.org

FUERZA – Spanish-speaking Support Group for Down Syndrome & Cerebral Palsy – Call (800) 200-4323 or (310) 391-7153.

Parenting Preemies—A 10-week educational support group held at San Antonio Hospital, for parents with recently—discharged pre-mature babies, low birth weight babies or babies with special needs. Call Valerie Willis (909) 985-2811, Ext. 23677 for schedule and sign up.

Pomona Valley Learning Disability Assoc. — Meetings held 3rd Thursday of each month, 5:30-8:00p.m., at Rancho Cucamonga Family Resource Center, 9791 Arrow Route, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. For further info, call (909) 621-1494, or e-mail us at PVLDA@aol.com.


**PARENTS' PLACE CONTINUES TO RAISE FUNDS
WITH THE HELP OF OUR PARENTS!
WE HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE THE LAST FEW
MONTHS. OUR PARENTS HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN
OUR FUND RAISING PROGRAMS. BY THEIR
PARTICIPATION, THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN HELPING OTHER
PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.
SO, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!
IF YOU WANT TO HELP, JUST JOIN IN TO ONE OR ALL OF
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All you need to do is add our number to your savings card and every time you shop a portion will go to Parents' Place. Connect your card at the store, or do it on line as follows:

1. Go to www.ralphs.com
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3. If you have registered before, use your email and password to sign in. Ralph's requires that you re-register once a year.
4. Go to "Community Contribution" to link to our Organization # **84755**.

2. You can also help us by bringing in your used inkjet and laser cartridges or your old cell phones. Just drop by anytime between 9:00am and 3:00pm, Monday through Friday. We receive all proceeds when we turn these in for recycling.

3.  For you Internet Users—Parents' Place is registered in the *Good Search Program*. For every search you want to make on the internet:

- a) Go to: www.goodsearch.com
- b) Place our name in the favorite charity box (we are listed as San Gabriel Pomona Parents' Place) and then start your search. All searches are done through Yahoo and we receive credit every time you search.

We also receive a percentage of all purchases you make through their "Good Shop" link. After you're signed in, choose "Good Shop" and go to your favorite store...Sears, Target, etc. ...make a purchase.

4. ***And of Course.....
Your check or money donation is ALWAYS welcome!
Thank You for Your Support.***

AWARDING THOSE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN—TIME TO RECOGNIZE THOSE SPECIAL PEOPLE IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE. PARENTS' PLACE CAN HELP WITH THEIR ANNUAL FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN THAT ASSISTS YOU AND US.

It has often been said that “it takes a village to raise a child,” and we who are raising a special needs child know that philosophy better than anyone. Often, however, those persons who are assisting us in our daily journey do not receive the appreciation they deserve. Parents' Place wants to help you recognize those special people who make a difference in your child's life. It may be a teacher, a speech or occupational therapist, or anyone you feel deserves some recognition. For a small fee of \$5.00, we will provide a certificate, similar to the one shown the backside of this page, that you can present to your deserving person. Your family name will appear on the certificate as well so that your person will always be reminded that you cared. All you need to do now is, complete the application on the back and mail it to us along with your \$5.00 (check, money order or cash), and we will mail the certificate(s) back to you. (Allow two weeks for return of your certificates.) And remember, your participation in this project will also assist Parents' Place in building funds for special activities ... a win-win situation for both of us. This is a great time to remember those

PREMIANDO A AQUELLOS QUE HACEN DIFERENCIA EN NUESTRAS VIDAS

VIENE ESTE TIEMPO UNA VEZ MAS – EL TIEMPO PARA PREMIAR A ESA GENTE ESPECIAL EN LA VIDA DE SU NIÑO. EL LUGAR DE LOS PADRES PUEDE AYUDARLE CON NUESTRA CAMPAÑA DE RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS DE ESA MANERA LE AYUDA A USTED Y A NOSOTROS.

Muy seguido se há dicho “se necesita una aldea para crír un niño” y nosotros los que críamos niños con necesidades especiales sabemos esta filosofía mejor que nadie. Sin embargo muy seguido, esas personas que nos ayudan en nuestro viaje diario no reciben la apreciación que merecen. El Lugar de los Padres quiere ayudarle a darle reconocimiento a esas personas que hán hecho diferencia en la vida de su niño. Puede ser una maestra, una terapeuta ocupacional o de el habló, o cualquier persona que usted crea merece ese reconocimiento. Por una minima cuota de \$5.00, nosotros le proveeremos un certificado, parecido al que se muestra al reverso de esta pagina, y usted se lo dará a esa persona que se lo ha merecido. El nombre de su familia aparecerá en el certificado así como el de esa persona especial, de esa manera recordará por siempre que a usted le importa. Todo lo que tiene que hacer en este momento es llenar la aplicación que está al reverso y mandarla por correo con su cheque, giro postal, or dinero en efectivo, y nosotros le mandaremos el certificado de regreso por correo. Y recuerde, su participación en este proyecto tambien ayudará a El Lugar de los Padres en acumular fondos para esas actividades especiales...una triunfo para los dos, usted y nosotros. Esta sería una muy buena oportunidad para recordar a esas personas que son importantes para usted, así que mande su aplicación ahora!

The *YOUR FAMILY NAME*

hereby recognizes

John Doe
“A Friend in Deed”

**For demonstrating outstanding commitment
toward children with special needs and their families.**

Awarded : DATE

Parents’ Signature



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Yes, I want to recognize a special person that has made a difference in my child’s life. Enclosed is my donation of \$5.00 or more for each certificate.

Family Name I Want to Appear on Certificate: _____

Our address: _____, _____, _____
Number & Street City Zip Code

Our Telephone in case you have questions: _____

Name of First Special Person: _____

Name of 2nd Special Person: _____

Name of 3rd special person: _____

**Mail this application to: Parents’ Place, 1500 S. Hyacinth Ave., Suite B, West Covina, CA 91791
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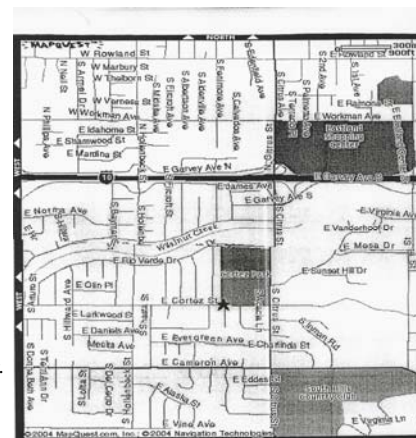
For children and young adults with special needs from Birth to 22, their families, and the professionals who work with them.

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West Covina 91791



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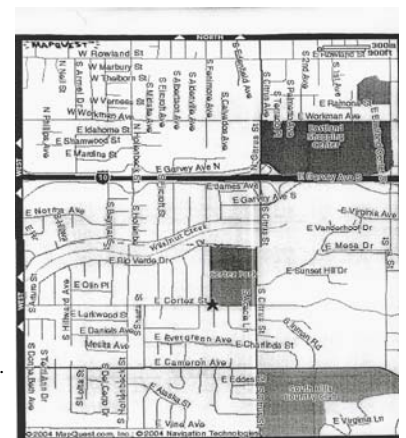
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The San Gabriel/Pomona **PARENTS' PLACE** IS LOOKING FOR A FUND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Under the direct supervision of the Director, cultivates and solicits gifts through grants foundations, corporations and individuals; conducts research of viable funding sources in both public and private sectors; prepares and submits grant proposals; manages tracking systems and procedures to report on progress status of grants proposed and received; provides management reports summarizing funding outreach activities; assists with planning and implementing fundraising activities and other events; maintains working knowledge of current fundraising and marketing practices in the not-for-profit sector and maintains professional contacts/memberships in the field.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: BA or BS degree; preferred to have a minimum of three years experience working for a not-for-profit fundraising organization; must have some knowledge of and familiarity with the Southern California region; must have a track record of soliciting donations on a personal basis. This individual will be involved in one-on-one solicitations, providing professional leadership for lay board and committees and identifying and developing major gift prospects; requires exceptional interpersonal and communication skills, as well as excellent computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel and database).

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES: Demonstrated desire to work within a not-for-profit and working knowledge of general development practices in a non-profit environment; knowledge in the areas of grant writing, fundraising and fund development; ability to adapt to changing needs by acquiring new skills and knowledge; ; excellent written and verbal communication skills; creative thinker, persuasive interpersonal and communication style; strategic thinker; ability to edit for content; analytical skills; ability to initiate new contacts and develop long-term relationships with foundations and representatives of companies that might provide support; strong personal computer skills including preparation of spreadsheets, word processing and presentation software; experience with donor software preferred.

OTHER: Full use of an automobile, possession of a valid driver's license and automobile liability insurance for the minimum amount prescribed by law; or ability to provide independent transportation.

APPLICATION INFORMATION: Your application should clearly demonstrate that you meet the minimum requirements of this position. Upon review of your application and supportive information, the most qualified candidates will advance to the interview. You will be contacted by phone should this occur. The interview will cover experience, personal suitability, education and general ability to perform the duties of the position. Please mail your resumé to:

Sona E. Baghdassarian, Director
The San Gabriel/Pomona PARENTS' PLACE
1500 S. Hyacinth Ave., Suite B; West Covina, CA 91791
or FAX your resumé to: (626) 919-2784, or E-mail to humanresources@parentsplacefrc.com
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