

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

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Welcome to the first issue of the new CARD Newsletter. With this newsletter we hope to keep you informed about recent CARD activities and upcoming events, while providing useful information to you and your family.

If you have suggestions for upcoming issues please email them to us at anthony.rhodes@jax.ufl.edu.

Clinics

In addition to providing referral services, home visits, school visits, psychiatric, counseling, genetic consultation, and regional workshops, CARD has recently



added individualized training clinics.

Plav Clinic

Focuses on facilitating child play skill development in home and community settings. Contact: candice.rosenberg@jax.ufl.edu

Transition Clinic

Focuses on preparing for life as an adult, such as employment, post-secondary education, and full participating in community life. Contact: anne.wilson@jax.ufl.edu

Upcoming Events

05/22 - Constituency Board Meeting 06/07 - Self-determination & Person-Centered Planning Workshop 06/08 - Quality Measures Workshop 06/12 - Lunch & Learn Series: The

Central Florida Parent Center 08/02-03 - Regional Workshop: **Business of Employment**

Download flyers for these events at

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ABA Clinic

Focuses on the principles of Applied Behavior Therapy using the *ABBLS-R* to asses functional level, identify and collect data on challenging behaviors, and use positive reinforcement to increase desired behaviors. Contact: marlena.fuller@jax.ufl.edu

Potty Training Clinic

After completing the potty training group presentation, this clinic will provide individualized training about how to schedule train, collect data, prevent frequent accidents, and make potty training more fun. Contact: mae.barker@jax.ufl.edu

Language Development Clinic

Focuses on facilitating child language skill development during everyday activities, at home and in the community. Contact: mae.barker@jax.ufl.edu

Keeping in Touch

Have you moved recently, changed your phone number, or gotten a new email address since registering with CARD? Well, we don't want to lose you! If you're not receiving this newsletter by email or receiving regular announcements and notification of upcoming events, please contact us.

Email your new contact information to anthony.rhodes@jax.ufl.edu or by phone at (904) 633-0760

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Autism Awareness: Family Fun Day!!!



On, April 21, 2007, nearly 150 children and their families enjoyed participating in an Autism Awareness - Family Fun Day hosted by CARD and the Autism Society of America - Greater Jacksonville chapter. The event took place at W.E. Cherry Elementary School in Orange Park.

Food, prizes, fun activities, and jump houses were available free of charge. The event also provided a variety of informational booths by local service providers, book authors, and legendary comic illustrator, Don Perlin.

JUNE Regional Workshops

Quality Measures 2005sm: Focusing on Progressive Leadership, Building Social Capital and Integrating Quality Management Systems.

Presented by **Anne Buechner**, from The Counsel on Quality and Leadership (CQL).

This workshop will promote the connection between personal outcomes and community quality of life. Participants will be informed about the research and practices associated with social capital. Additionally, participants will be provided with strategies and systems management designs which provide a solid footing for a person-directed approach to building social capital and Community Lifesm for all people. The workshop will offer local organizations strategies for integrated quality management applications for quality assurance, organizational performance improvement, and quality of life design, measurement and improvement.

Self-Determination and Person-Centered Planning

Presented by **Sheila Gritz**, from The Transition Center at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

This workshop will provide participants with an overview of varying practices in the area of selfdetermination and person-centered planning for students with significant disabilities. Participants will learn strategies that foster self-determination and how to teach these skills to children with disabilities. Curriculum and methods to be covered include: Standing Up for Me, Group Action Planning (GAP), Making Action Plans (MAPs), Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope (PATH), My Dream Portfolio, and other relevant tools.

Both Workshops will be held at the **Regency Church of God**, just South of Atlantic Blvd on Southside Blvd. Heading North on Atlantic, the church will be on the right.

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