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*** September is the National Month for Hydrocephalus Awareness ***

IMPORTANT TIDBITS 😊 FOR FAMILIES

Caregiver Day for Rural Nebraska Families in Cass County

O'Hana Kids News is looking to put together a day where caregivers can come for a few hours and have a massage, see a chiropractor, have a great meal, maybe a mani or a pedi, possibly have someone doing hair. Just a day where us caregivers can get done in just a couple of hours, something that makes us happy :). I haven't seen anything in Cass County or south of there, for caregivers. **If any families would be interested in something like this, PLEASE either give me a call or send me an email.** I will base even doing this on how many people contact me about it. I know the need is there. Just let me know. I am interested in any comments you have regarding what you would like in a short day like this also. Is childcare something to look at too? Just let me know, **Heather Ackman 402-227-5304 or ohanakidsnews@yahoo.com**

WANTED: School Art Work by Children touched by Epilepsy

I assume you are experiencing the same effect from the end of the school year, a bombardment of artwork, papers and materials coming home by the backpack load. Well, I have a request. We are planning a fund raising event for our region in November for Epilepsy Awareness Month and I am looking for pieces of artwork created by children with epilepsy and their siblings. If you have a few precious pieces of artwork that you feel would possibly work for an art auction, calendar or Christmas card, please hand onto them and forward them to me over the summer. In August we will be having an art evening for kids in the Omaha area to gather and create new pieces specific for this event as well, but gathering pieces now while they are so easily available is a plus as well as it allows opportunity for kids across NE and IA to participate as well. With your artwork, please include a 5-7 sentence paragraph describing the child (with epilepsy or sibling) and how epilepsy has affected or changed their life. Remember this is suppose to tug the heart strings of buyers so be specific and unafraid. **My contact information is:** Stacey Doty, 15011 Butler Ave, Omaha, NE 68116; Call me at **402-850-7680** or email me at **sdoty77@hotmail.com** THANKS!!!

Vacation Tips for Kids with Autism

For a 15 minute video go to www.americanautismsociety.org/vaction-tips-for-kids-with-autism-or-aspergers-syndrome/ or go to <http://tinyurl.com/autismaction>

Munroe Meyer/ AAP iPad Lending Library

The Munroe Meyer Speech Department in partnership with Autism Action Partnership has created an iPad and iPod lending library. The purpose behind this library is to provide families affected by ASD the opportunity to try iPads and iPods as communication devices before they go to the expense of purchasing their own. If you have a family member or know a family who may benefit from this program, please have them contact me to set up a screening. During the screen, the family will have the opportunity to try the iPad or iPod as well as several communication applications and accessories. If one of the devices is deemed as a viable option for the child, we will set up a 30 day loan of the device and the appropriate application. During the 30 days, the family will be required for 2 follow up/training sessions. One will be scheduled midway through the trial and the other will be scheduled for the end of the trial period. During the last scheduled session, we will determine if the trial was a success and will begin the process of securing funding (insurance, grants or private pay options). This is an incredible opportunity for the community and we are excited to offer this program!!

Project Lifesaver in Sarpy County

The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office implemented Project Lifesaver in 2008 to help locate missing persons. Children with Autism or Down Syndrome, who are at risk to wander, can have their safety greatly enhanced through this program. Project Lifesaver emphasizes relationships between specially trained Sheriff's personnel and individuals enrolled in the program BEFORE the need may arise for a rescue. During an initial home visit, Project Lifesaver enrollees are fitted with a personalized wristband transmitter and family members are provided with a comprehensive overview of the program. Trained in communicating with individuals with special needs, deputies will schedule a monthly home visit to inspect and maintain the equipment and get to know the enrollee better on a more personal basis. The cost to participate in this program is minimal, at \$10 a month.

For more information on Project Lifesaver, contact Lt. Griger at 402-593-2288.

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Angelman Syndrome 2011 Walk

Words cannot begin to express our thanks and gratitude to all of our walk fundraisers, volunteers, walkers and donors for making the 2011 ASF National Walk such a tremendous success! Preliminary walk figures show a total of more than \$1,000,000! Please keep watching the ASF Website for updated figures. Fundraising and donations can continue to support the 2011 ASF National Walk now through September 30, 2011. Continue to spread the word about your phenomenal experience at the 2011 ASF National Walk to all of your contacts and supporters. Follow up with those who have not yet taken the opportunity to support you and make sure to personally thank everyone who has supported your fundraising efforts. For more information: Contact the Angelman Syndrome Foundation at 800-432-6435 or info@angelman.com and the website at www.angelman.org

Nebraska Family Support Network

Provides parent to parent mentoring in the Region 6 area. All of the staff have navigated the system in some way, and are all parents of children with behavior or mental health issues. **See our contact info listed in the Resources for Families section.**

Learn how to adapt toys to use with a switch/button/BigMac

This workshop is for ANYONE!! You will learn how to easily & cost effectively turn the toys that your child already has, & isn't using because of physical limitations, into toys that are adapted to your child!! You will learn how to install a jack into a single function toy & convert it into a toy that is operated with a switch. You will learn how to assemble a switch. You will make a detachable cord that runs from the toy to the switch. You will be able to do this, AND you will go home with a working switch toy & switch. Best of all, your child's toy will look professionally adapted, by YOU!! You have seen that the switch operated toys are sometimes 8x as much to order, than if you could buy the toy & put the switch in for a few dollars, yourself. Classes are held at the NP Dodge Conference Room located at 12050 Pacific Street in OMAHA. Dates/Times will be determined when I have 4 or more people interested in the class. This class is FREE, however donations of any kind are appreciated. **Contact Aaron today at aaronmiller555@gmail.com for more information!**

"I just took this class, with my husband. It was very easy to learn & Aaron helped every step of the way. We went home with an adapted toy, a switch and the entire kit to do it ourselves, again!! I definitely would recommend this class if your child plays with switch activated toys!!! - Heather Ackman

Kids Diagnosed with a Brain Injury Birth - Age 3, Parents Needed

The Brain Injury Advisory Council of Nebraska are doing research that will hopefully help professionals be able to identify a possible brain injury that was undiagnosed. The first focus group is on kids birth - age 3. **If you are a parent or a caregiver of a child that has already been diagnosed with a brain injury, birth to age 3, and would be willing to be contacted regarding filling out about 10 minutes worth of paperwork for the Brain Injury Screening, please contact Tiffany at the information listed at the end.** The screening has already won a couple of national awards through health and human services already. This is a process of validation, and if the study is validated, it will be implemented into schools across the country to help better serve children. Contact Tiffany at (979)492-9412 or tiffany@V2Content.com Tiffany is a mother of a daughter with an acquired brain injury, they live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Little Leaf Learning Center - NEW Special Needs Preschool in OMAHA

Little Leaf was started to help all children with developmental disabilities reach their full academic potential. We will provide early intervention services starting at 18 months through to the start of kindergarten, and also provide tutoring services during the summer and extended school breaks. We will have 2 - 3 hour sessions 50 weeks of the year, using a research based curriculum. We would like to offer our services. Feel free to contact us at lovelearning.omaha@gmail.com

Guild of Volunteers Looking for New Members

Autism Action Partnership has formed a Guild of Volunteers and is looking for new members. Our Guild is comprised primarily of individuals of all ages and talents and we would love to include you!! This is a great opportunity to volunteer your time & talent towards autism awareness & fundraising. **Contact Sam at sarmstrong@autismaction.org or at 402-763-8830 for more information.**

Dental Research Study for Children with Disabilities

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the Munroe-Meyer Institute is conducting a research study evaluating ways in which dentists can help children with disabilities feel more relaxed and calm during dental treatment. The researchers are seeking children between the ages of 2 to 10, who need dental work done. Children who participate receive a \$25 gift card to Wal-mart. Children can be seen at MMI or at the new dental clinic at Children's Hospital. The project is funded by the National Institutes of Health. **Please contact Dr. Keith Allen at 402-559-5756 or Kristi DeHaai, MS at 402-559-4498** to learn more about how to enroll your child in this research.

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Radio Show by Adult with Asperger Syndrome

"Parents Corner" is a radio show, co-hosted by Brian King, LCSW. Brian is an adult with Asperger Syndrome, who presented here in the area back in January. Brian also has 3 boys on the ASD spectrum. Brian will be sharing his parenting strategies and discussing them with a panel of parents. Here is a link with all the details you'll need to tune in and call in if you would like <http://tinyurl.com/3gm58h7> Check it out and pass it along. His address is: P.O. Box 994, West Chicago, IL 60186 if you would like to write to him.

NCDHH – The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The mission of the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is to provide advocacy, communication access and information to enhance awareness and services for improving the quality of life for all who experience hearing loss. The Vision Statement of NCDHH is: Being a proactive state agency, the Commission works towards building support, cooperation and understanding regardless of hearing ability resulting in fairness and equality for all Nebraskans. **Make sure to check out our website at www.ncdhh.ne.gov**

Autism Spectrum Radio

Go to www.ztalkradio.com for a 1 hour show via the internet. It's EVERY Monday, at 6:00 pm EST Its purpose is for you to call in ask questions about or to talk about autism & Asperger's syndrome.

Now Enrolling! Little Leaf Learning Center

We are now enrolling school aged students for tutoring in the fall. Little Leaf will help your child work on academic, social & life skills. **To register call Alexis Kline at 402-213-4688 or www.mylittleleaf.org**

ASHLAND: September Events

10 Nebraska Hands & Voices Picnic-n-Park ---- RSVP by SEPT 2

For families with Deaf or Hard-of-hearing Children

LOCATION: Mahoney State Park, Burr Oak Shelter, ASHLAND

TIME: 4 – 8:00 pm

RSVP by 9/2 or MORE INFORMATION: Laryssa Payne at 402-578-8531 or

laryssa@handsandvoicesne.org

DESCRIPTION: Meet Nebraska families with deaf or hard-of-hearing children! Have fun together with art and games! There will even be a raffle! All taking place in beautiful Mahoney State Park! Nebraska Hands and Voices will provide hot dogs, chips and a couple of sides. Feel free to bring a side dish to share. Water will also be provided. Outdoor games will be provided by NE H&V, but feel free to bring your own favorite park equipment. The picnic will be held in the shelter if it rains. Come rain or shine, we will be here whooping it up Nebraska style! Please visit the state park website at www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov for more information.

COLUMBUS: September Events

27 "A Conversation About Autism"

Sponsored by ESU #7, Nebraska ASD Network, Early Childhood Coalition & Central Community College

LOCATION: Central Community College Fine Arts Theater, 4500 63rd Street, COLUMBUS

TIME: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

COST: \$20, after 9/22 the fee is \$30

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!

REGISTER ONLINE: www.cccneb.edu/autism

DESCRIPTION: Speaker will be Judy Endow, MSW, International Speaker, Author, Consultant and Artist. Attendees will get a glimpse into the speaker's life with autism, with attention being given to sensory implications, the impact of not understanding the hidden curriculum and the impact of the way people talk about those with autism. In addition, a session on interventions on how to outsmart the explosive behavior experienced by individuals with ASD will be presented. Who would benefit from this speaker? Special Ed Educators, Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Early Childhood Providers, Vocational Rehabilitation and Developmental Disabilities Personnel, Service Providers, Disability Services Personnel, K-16 Administrators, Teachers, Counselors, Nurses, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Personnel. This is not a speaker you will want to miss!!



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DUNBAR: Upcoming Events

October 2

**25th Annual Wish-N-Ride
Bicycle Ride for a Benefit for Make-A-Wish**
LOCATION: DUNBAR, NE

COST: Early Registration is \$20 by September 20, and after that it's \$25
MORE INFORMATION OR REGISTRATION: Ron Osovki at 402-873-7607
DESCRIPTION: This is a benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. You will experience fall colors, crisp morning air, and warm sun from miles of hard surfaced country roads. Four routes are available for this ride: 20 miles, 30 miles, 50 miles and 60 miles. All the routes will stay primarily on low traffic highways and country roads. The Dunbar Fire Department will be serving pancakes, sausage and juice or coffee at the station for \$5 for Adults and \$3 for children.

GRAND ISLAND: September Events

11 Autism Support Group (2nd Sunday Monthly)
Children on the Autism spectrum & their families
LOCATION: Third City Christian Church, GRAND ISLAND

TIME: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
RSVP: Bridget at 308-381-8844
DESCRIPTION: Come join us in supporting each other.

17 Autism Support Group (3rd Saturday Monthly)
For families with children who have any special need
LOCATION: Third City Christian Church, GRAND ISLAND

TIME: 8:30 - 11:00 am
RSVP: Bridget at 308-381-8844; please contact by Wednesday the 14th, so that we can ensure we have all the volunteers we need to safely take care of your children :)
DESCRIPTION: So parents can have a few hours to do whatever, while their children play and have a great time in a safe environment.

GRETNA: September Events

10 Open Gym Time at The Barn (every 2nd Saturday of the month)
For families with children on the Autism spectrum

LOCATION: The Barn, GRETNA, NE
MORE INFORMATION: RSVP at 402-301-6829 at least one day in advance.
TIME: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
COST: \$5 per child (Under age 1 & parents are FREE)
DESCRIPTION: Join the Autism Society Omaha Support Group families for an Open Gym time at The Barn. Once again The Barn is hosting an amazing autism friendly event for families. Visit www.myplaybarn.com to learn more.

Powerful Tools For Caregivers

WHERE: Resurrection Lutheran Church, 152 South McKenna St, GRETNA
TIME: 5:30 - 8:00 pm

WHEN: Wednesday's, August 17, 24, 31 & September 7, 14, 21

COST IS ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!

Designed to give caregivers the resources on taking care of themselves, and helping with communication, self confidence, decision making and more!

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LINCOLN AREA: Ongoing Events

Conservatory of Contemporary Dance, Every Monday for Kids with Special Needs

LOCATION: 2701 O Street, Suite 6, LINCOLN

TIME: 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

COST: First session FREE, Registration Fee FREE, \$20 1st month, then \$45 every month after

QUESTIONS: Contact Monya DeBoer at 402-405-6470 or email ccdance@gmail.com

DESCRIPTION: Dance class of various studies, for ALL AGES from 3 & up! Come make friends, and have fun learning about dance. This class is open to BOYS & GIRLS BOTH!!

Art Planet, Art Classes for Kids with Special Needs

LOCATION: Art & Soul at 5740 Hidcote Drive, Lincoln, NE 68516

TIME: Every Tuesday for Kids with Special Needs ages 5-18

COST: Go to the website at www.artplanetlincoln.com for class listings and information

QUESTIONS: Contact Tamara Weber at 402.610.2295 or hello@artplanetlincoln.com

DESCRIPTION: AP Studio is where kids with special needs get to attend an art class designed uniquely for them! Qualified instruction will be provided in a small group setting as we explore and expand each student's skill level. Come meet new friends while creating with paint, clay, pencils, and most of all-your imagination! Students with Asperger's and high functioning autism are encouraged to register for their spot in a class made just for them!

Cheer & Dance Express Classes - Every Thursday for Kids with Special Needs Ages 9-25

LOCATION: 4001 S. 8th Street, LINCOLN, NE

TIME: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

MORE INFORMATION : 402-489-5111 for cost and more information

DESCRIPTION: Cheer & Dance offers a class for special needs children, on Wednesdays from 7:30 - 8:30 pm called Sunshine Team. This team have won many awards and always receive a standing ovation! They have performed at numerous competitions and shows throughout the Omaha and Lincoln area. The students learn cheers, jumping, jumping on trampolines, stunts and much more!! This team has made a huge impact on the kids' self-esteem and confidence! Call today to register for Little Rays, for kids ages 4 to 8, starting this fall!!

Lincoln Park & Recreation Fall Clubs for Special Needs Kids

WHERE: Easterday Recreation Center, 6130 Adams Street, LINCOLN

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Debra Williams at 402-441-7901

for more information, registration forms, summer club fees & transportation information

Fun Club for Elementary & Middle School Kids

Tuesdays - September 13 - December 6

TIME: 5:15 - 6:30 pm

HI-Time Club for Middle & Senior High to 21 years of age

Mondays, September 12 - December 5

TIME: 7 - 8:30 pm

Kindermusik Sign & Sing: Sign Language Class

INTENDED AUDIENCE: Kids ages 6 months to 3 years

LOCATION: 1111 Old Cheney, LINCOLN

REGISTRATION: To register, go to www.kindermusik.com

MORE INFORMATION: Call Shawna Gordon at 402-770-1486

DESCRIPTION: Early on a child has an innate desire to communicate. He reaches up to be held, claps when he's happy, turns away when he is full. That's why learning sign language makes so much sense in a hearing child's world. Using his hands, he can say what he means & a parent can understand what he needs. This program is developed by Signing Smart.

Ager Play Center 9 week Session, for Children with Special Needs ages 6 mo. - 5 yrs

LOCATION: 1300 South 27th Street, LINCOLN, NE

TIME: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

COST: \$65 per session/family *Scholarships are available

RSVP & MORE INFORMATION: Contact the Therapeutic Recreation Team for more information and to request an application. Go to agertr@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-441-7901, 402-441-8666

DESCRIPTION: The Developmental Play Program has been specifically designed for families of very young children with special needs. We offer: A safe, family friendly environment, structured activities, opportunities to interact with other parents, professional presentations, adaptive toys to accommodate children of all abilities, trained staff and volunteers, an opportunity for siblings to play together and a special time to PLAY with your child!

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- 06 AFN Autism Family Network's Parent Support Meeting (1st Tuesday of every month) Children on the Autism spectrum & their families**
LOCATION: *Southgate Methodist Church, 3500 Pioneers, LINCOLN*
 TIME: Meeting starts at 6:30 pm
 RSVP: afnlincoln@aol.com
 DESCRIPTION: Join us for an informal meeting to talk about what's on parents minds'. Are you looking for help with something specific? What kind of informational speakers would you like to hear from? And any other topics you would like to discuss. This is for Parents and families of individuals on the autism spectrum.

- 09 Navy's Blue Angels**
Any children with disabilities
LOCATION: *LINCOLN*
 MORE INFORMATION: Contact Lt. Col. Mary Mild with the Nebraska Air National Guard at mary.mild@ang.af.mil or 402-309-1324
SPACE IS LIMITED!!!
 DESCRIPTION: The Navy's Blue Angels will be performing at the air show on September 10 & 11. They will have a special showing for kiddos with disabilities, that will include a flight demonstration, a meet and greet with the Blue Angels pilots and displays of the F/A-18 Jets.

- 13 Support Group for families of children with Special Needs – Dr. Corrie Davies**
All families with a child with any disability
LOCATION: *3901 Pinelake Road, LINCOLN*
 TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
 MORE INFORMATION: Jennifer Meints at 402-327-6061 or Jennifer.meints@cch-neb.com
 DESCRIPTION: Come join us this month at our speaker is Dr. Corrie Davies. She will be talking about Siblings of children with special healthcare needs. This support group is for families of children with special healthcare needs. You will have an opportunity to listen to a speaker, find community resources and share information with other parents.

- 14 Sensory Safari at Lincoln Children's Zoo**
All families with a child with a visual impairment
LOCATION: *Lincoln Children's Zoo, 27th Street, LINCOLN*
 COST: \$2
 MORE INFORMATION: Contact Sally Giittinger at sgiittinger@esu4.net
 DESCRIPTION: Come explore the zoo with other children with visual impairments.

- 14 & 28 Pediatric Parent Support Group: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month**
This support group is for parents, with children, who have acquired injuries.
LOCATION: *Alexis Verzal Children's Rehabilitation Hospital*
Lower Level of Madonna Hospital, 5401 South St, Lincoln, NE
 AT MADONNA: Enter through the main entrance of the AVCRH.
 TIME: 3:30 to 4:30 pm
 MORE INFORMATION: Contact Amy Nordness at 402-483-9697 or Kristin Luethke at 402-486-8182
 RSVP for Pediatric Play Group: Contact Kristin Luethke at 402-486-8182 to ensure that we have the necessary amount of staff/volunteers present.
 DESCRIPTION: The support group meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday's of the month. Come & expand your knowledge, while gaining insights and encouragement from other parents. There is a Pediatric Play Group held in conjunction with the Parent Support Group. It is in the Kit Scott Therapeutic Learning Center. It is open to children ages 3-7. On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, there is music group offered, & on the 4th Wednesday of the month, the Angel Dog volunteers & their pets lead creative play. **THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO INPATIENT FAMILIES ALSO, just let us know so we can monitor your child while you are at group.**

- 15 Family Connections Sponsored by The ARC**
LOCATION: *Culler Middle School, 5201 Vine Street, LINCOLN*
 TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 pm
 MORE INFORMATION: 402-421-8866 or arcifss@windstream.net
 DESCRIPTION: Join us as we kick off the school year! Come get to know other families & meet The Arc staff. The Family Connections program, which meets during the school year, is a way for families to link with professionals in a casual atmosphere to gain knowledge on a variety of topics. **Free respite/childcare** is provided for individuals with or without disabilities.
Reservations are required for respite services so that we are sure to accommodate everyone attending.

- 22 Workshop on ADHD**
LOCATION: *3901 Pinelake Road, LINCOLN*
 TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
 MORE INFORMATION: Jennifer Meints at 402-327-6061 or Jennifer.meints@cch-neb.com

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LINCOLN AREA: September Events

Storytelling Festival

For children grades 3-6, with hearing loss
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WHEN: September 23 & 24

WHERE: New Covenant Community Church
6000 South 84th Street, Lincoln, NE

TIME: 11:30 am Friday – Noon Saturday

(Pick-up/drop-off times will be sent to those who register, not an overnight festival)

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Natasha Kraft at 402-597-4975

or via email at nkraft@esu3.org

COST: ABSOLUTELY FREE

Among hearing all of Mr. Daigle's funny cartoons, there will also be swimming and socialization with friends from across the state!

24 Reel Movies for Real Needs with Marcus Theaters Dolphin Tales

For families with kiddos who have any special needs

LOCATION: Lincoln Grand Cinema, 1101 P Street, LINCOLN

TIME: 10:30 am

MORE INFORMATION: 402-441-0222 or www.marcustheatres.com

DESCRIPTION: Reel Movies for Real Needs offers movies with the sound turned down, lights turned up a bit, for all those families & kiddos who are touched by special needs. Come join us as we see a 1st run movie that is just out, in comfort. Knowing our children will have fun, & so will we!!!!

14 & 28

Pediatric Parent Support Group: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month

This support group is for parents, with children, who have acquired injuries.

LOCATION: Alexis Verzal Children's Rehabilitation Hospital

Lower Level of Madonna Hospital, 5401 South St, Lincoln, NE

AT MADONNA: Enter through the main entrance of the AVCRH.

TIME: 3:30 to 4:30 pm

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Amy Nordness at 402-483-9697 or Kristin Luethke at 402-486-8182
RSVP for Pediatric Play Group: Contact Kristin Luethke at 402-486-8182 to ensure that we have the necessary amount of staff/volunteers present.

DESCRIPTION: The support group meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday's of the month. Come & expand your knowledge, while gaining insights and encouragement from other parents. **There is a Pediatric Play Group held in conjunction with the Parent Support Group.** It is in the Kit Scott Therapeutic Learning Center. It is open to children ages 3-7. On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, there is music group offered, & on the 4th Wednesday of the month, the Angel Dog volunteers & their pets lead creative play. **THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO INPATIENT FAMILIES ALSO, just let us know so we can monitor your child while you are at group.**

29 People First Jr. Sponsored by The ARC

For youth ages 13 to 18 with developmental disabilities

LOCATION: Culler Middle School, 5201 Vine Street, LINCOLN

TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

MORE INFORMATION: 402-421-8866 or arcifss@windstream.net

DESCRIPTION: People First Jr. is a self-advocacy group for youth between the ages of 13 and 18, who experience a developmental disability. People First Jr. helps youth discover their strengths and gain the skills they need to successfully transition into the adult world.

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LINCOLN AREA: Upcoming Events

October 1

10th Annual CAPITAL CITY STEP UP for Down Syndrome Walk

LOCATION: Antelope Park, 30th & A Street, LINCOLN

TIME: Events begin at 8:00 am

MORE INFORMATION: 402-421-1338 or email questions to stepupwalk@dsafnebraska.org

REGISTRATION: Online at www.dsafnebraska.org or call number above to obtain a registration form

DESCRIPTION: This is a one mile walk, hosted by the Down Syndrome Association for Families. It will take place rain or shine.

October 2

Sibshops Sponsored by The ARC

For siblings of kids with disabilities, ages 8-13

LOCATION: Culler Middle School, 5201 Vine Street, LINCOLN

TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

MORE INFORMATION: 402-421-8866 or arcifss@windstream.net

DESCRIPTION: Sibshops are fun, informative workshops held for children ages 8-13 who have a brother or sister with a developmental disability. Siblings have a chance to meet other brothers and sisters and join them in recreational activities. While having fun in a safe environment, they can discuss their feelings about being a sib and talk about common concerns, interests and joys.

October 11

Support Group for families of children with Special Needs - IEP's

All families with a child with any disability

LOCATION: 3901 Pinelake Road, LINCOLN

TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

MORE INFORMATION: Jennifer Meints at 402-327-6061 or Jennifer.meints@cch-neb.com

DESCRIPTION: Come join us this month as we talk about IEP's. This support group is for families of children with special healthcare needs. You will have an opportunity to listen to a speaker, find community resources and share information with other parents.

OMAHA AREA: Ongoing Events

Metro Stars Gymnastics Class for Special Needs

LOCATION: 13820 'P' Street, Omaha, NE

TIME: **Monday** at 7:15 pm **Wednesday** at 6:15 pm and **Friday** at 5:15 pm

REGISTRATION & QUESTIONS: 402-505-7600 for more info or info@metrostarsgym.com

DESCRIPTION: Metro Stars Gymnastics offers a Special Needs class called Special Stars. Designed by Elizabeth Lilla, who holds a doctorate degree in Occupational Therapy, their gymnastics classes teach the children about social interaction, refine their gross motor skills, encourage them to try new and difficult tasks, and serve to build their self esteem! Call today to find out more information!!! Check out their website at www.metrostartsgym.com

Group Activities at Stones Worth Stepping, P.C.

LOCATION: Stones Worth Stepping, 2813 S. 88th Street, OMAHA

QUESTIONS: Call for appointment times at 402-391-2001 or www.stonesworthstepping.com

COST: \$35 per child per class

DESCRIPTION: Stones Worth Stepping will be offering several different classes this summer for kiddos with various special needs. Those classes are: **Mommy and Me Yoga:** Build strength, posture & core by participating in yoga for the child. Poses will focus on building balance, coordination & bilateral control while learning the connection between mind, body & spirit. Class sizes will be limited to 7 participants.; **Cooking Club:** Participants will engage in food exploration through play & peer modeling. Learn how to utilize the Food Chaining method for all those tricky textures. Parent tips & techniques will be offered at the end of each session.; **Sensory Boot Camp:** Participate in an intense 1 hour session that can fulfill even the greatest sensory-seeker's needs. Class will consist of 4-6 stations where the child can explore a variety of sensory tasks to stimulate each sensory system: tactile, vestibular, proprioception, while engaging with their peers.; **Social Detective Camp:** Classes will be held for 1 hour per week. Participants will be placed according to age and developmental level. They will learn to be a social detective in the community. Field trips will be planned every other week to practice skills learned!!! **Yikes Bikes!:** This is the summer to finally get rid of those training wheels. Sign up for individual lessons or group riding classes. Participants are welcome to bring their own bicycle/helmet so that transitions to riding at home may be smooth. **We are also running a back to school special \$65 to send an OT/SLP to IEP meeting to help advocate for the kids!!**

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Sign Language Class – Fall 2011 – Monday Evenings starting 9/12 through 11/14

There will not be class on either 9/26 or October 31

LOCATION: Karen Western Elementary School, 6224 H Street, OMAHA

TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

COST: \$10

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Natasha Kraft at 402-597-4975 for a registration form also
DESCRIPTION: Metro Regional Program for Children Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing is happy to offer Signing Exact English. This class is for parents and family members of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, general education staff who would like to learn to sign, and individuals in the community who are interested in learning Signing Exact English. No parent of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing, will be turned away due to the inability to pay this fee. Also, these classes are not designed for Interpreters or Educators for D/HH Children. Childcare isn't provided. This class is designed for children who are over the age of 6. Class will be canceled if Omaha Public or Ralston Public Schools are closed due to weather.

TOPSoccer in Papillion

LOCATION: 13820 'P' Street, Omaha, NE

TIME: **Games are Sept 18, 23, October 2, 9, 16 & 23**

REGISTRATION & QUESTIONS: Denise at 402-593-6653

COST: \$20 for players before 8/15, & \$40 after 8/15

DESCRIPTION: The goal of BSC TopSoccer is to provide all players with physical or intellectual disabilities a place where they can safely participate and enjoy the game of soccer and to enable them to develop their physical fitness, technical skills, courage and self-esteem, through the joy and excitement of playing soccer. It is open to children, teens and young adults with special needs. We meet one time per week, practice for 30 minutes and then play a game for 30 minutes.

Getting Connected – Safety & Netiquette in the World of Social Media

WHERE: the Ollie Webb Center

WHEN: 1st Mondays of the month starting April 4, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Participants will meet ONCE a month, for 6 months!! This is a FREE class!!

Not only will participants learn how to safely and appropriately increase adaptive skills in gaining additional formal and informal supports through the use of instant communication such as online social networking, text messaging and online video visiting, but caregivers will be provided with information on how to maintain the safety of their dependents while they access these supports. Caregivers are also encouraged to attend groups if interested in learning more about social networking, text messaging and online video visiting.

Questions & Registration Info, contact Tina Sedersten or Jennifer Harmon at 402-559-6413
This is presented by Munroe-Meyer Institute, Social Work Department

9/2011

Family Support Group

WHERE:

Nebraska Family Support Network, 3568 Dodge St, Suite 2, OMAHA

TIME: 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 6 * Wednesday, Sept. 14 * Thursday, Sept. 22 * Monday, Sept. 26

Family Support Groups are for families experiencing the challenges of raising children with behavioral or mental health issues.

This is a great resource for parents to interact with other families who understand.

All support groups are led by a NAMI trained facilitator.

Plan on Joining us one time, or weekly. Can't wait to see you!

OMAHA AREA: September Events

01 1st Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation FUNDRAISER

LOCATION: CRAVE Restaurant, midtown OMAHA

TIME: 5 – 9:00 pm

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Melissa Yeshnowski at 402-597-9307

melissa@hydrocephaluskids.org

DESCRIPTION: Come join us for great food while supporting the Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation at the same time!! This is our first ever fundraiser so please tell everyone to come out and support us at CRAVE!!!

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05 Autism Support Group (1st Monday of every month)

LOCATION: Pump It Up, 960 S. 72nd, OMAHA

TIME: 6 – 8:00 pm

COST: \$5 per child, \$10 max per family

DESCRIPTION: Join us at Pump It Up! The Original Inflatable Party Zone, for a night of bouncing, jumping and climbing! This will be a private event for families with children on the autism spectrum. **Due to this being Labor Day, we will be following a different format for this evening. We will not convene the Support Group room. Everyone should come to bounce and have a fun time! Then we'll close down the bounce rooms and eat some Ice Cream!**

07 HUNGRY CLUB: (1st Wednesday of every month)

LOCATION: Big Mama's Kitchen, 45th & Bedford (3223 N. 45th), Omaha

TIME: Noon

COST: ABSOLUTELY FREE

MORE INFORMATION: Call Preston Love, JR. 402-812-3324

DESCRIPTION: The "Hungry Club" meets every first Wednesday of the month at noon. The community is able to gather at Big Mama's & enjoy a great lunch meal & listen to & interact with a speaker & network. The monthly speakers are selected on who can bring valuable information & food for thought to our community. When possible, national & regional speakers will be tapped. The only "cost" to the attendees will be their choice from Big Mama's great soul food menu! The "Hungry Club" is broadcast "live" via OCKG Talk (Internet Radio) Website.

09 Game Night @ Little Leaf Learning Center

For children ages 6-12

LOCATION: Little Leaf, 821 S. 129th Ave, OMAHA

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

COST: \$10

RSVP by 9/1: Kim Yeager at 402-515-7234 or online at www.mylittleleaf.org

DESCRIPTION: Little Leaf Learning Center will be hosting game night for children to come and work on social skills and have a great time doing it! Make sure to register by September 1 as space is limited! All proceeds go to help support Little Leaf Learning Center!

10 Storm Chaser Game with the Autism Society

LOCATION: Werner Park, LA VISTA

TIME: 1:05 pm

COST: Tickets are \$6 each, & if there isn't a games your money will be refunded

RESERVE YOUR TIX: autismsociety@autismnebraska.org

DESCRIPTION: Right now our Omaha Storm Chasers are 4 games ahead of 2nd place Memphis. We highly anticipate a playoff game on this day. However, if the Storm Chasers were to lose on the 9th, this game wouldn't happen. Help us support the Omaha Storm Chasers and have a great day of baseball!

10 Early Childhood Special Needs Fair

LOCATION: Offutt Youth Center, BELLEVUE

TIME: 9 am – 1 pm

MORE INFORMATION: Contact the EFMP Office at 402-294-4329

APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Denos at 402-537-6211

DESCRIPTION: Recreation and hands on activities for children challenged physically and or mentally. Bellevue and Papillion-LaVista Public Schools Early Childhood Special Needs Educators will be on hand to provide preliminary screenings for children with disabilities ages 0-5 who are in need of early intervention or special education services. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are appreciated. Please call Ms. Denos at 402-537-6211 for an appointment time. A parent workshop "Rebuilding Dreams" will be held at 10am. Easter Seals Nebraska and Theraplayce/The Barn will host hands on activities for special needs children. The 4H Petting Zoo will be on hand and informational tables from local agencies serving our Special Needs families will be available to answer questions.

10 Open Gym Time at The Barn (every 2nd Saturday of the month)

For families with children on the Autism spectrum

LOCATION: The Barn, GRETNA, NE

Check out the rest of the information listed under GRETNA events.

10 Nebraska Hands & Voices Picnic-n-Park ---- RSVP by SEPT 2

LOCATION: Mahoney State Park, Burr Oak Shelter, ASHLAND

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10 Down Syndrome Super Mom's Coffee (every 2nd Saturday)

For families with kids who have Down Syndrome

LOCATION: Paradise Bakery @ Village Point, 17305 Davenport, Suite 101, OMAHA

TIME: 8:30 am to 10:00 am

MORE INFORMATION: Casie Schlueter at 402-658-4564 or casieschlueter@yahoo.com

DESCRIPTION: If you haven't been to a meeting yet, please come join us this month. The key ingredient to our success is the mixture of all our experiences & the willingness to share. We can all benefit from the unique challenges, obstacles & opportunities that face our children. If you haven't been to a meeting please bring one 12x12 scrapbook page of you & your child with Down Syndrome. That way any new members can look through it & put your face with your child's face.

13 Community Resource Fair

LOCATION: ESU #3, 6949 South 110th Street, OMAHA

TIME: 6:00 - 8:30 pm

COST: FREE

MORE INFORMATION: Janet Miller, Program Director at Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

at 402-346-5220 ext. 14, or Rene McQuinn, Millard Transition Program, at 402-715-6331

DESCRIPTION: Millard Public Schools and the PRISM Project at Ollie Webb Center, Inc. are co-hosting a Community Resource Fair. This fair is for parents of children/adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

13 Supporting Language & Communication for Individuals with Autism An AAC Strategies Series

LOCATION: ESU #3, 6949 South 110th Street, OMAHA

TIME: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

COST: FREE

MORE INFORMATION: janette.bereuter@dynavoxtech.com or ashli.florang@dynavoxtech.com

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Have you ever asked . . . "Should I use voice output augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) with people with autism?", or "As long as he/she can talk (like repeating lines from movies or imitating speech), they do not need AAC, right?", or "Why would I give an expensive communication device to someone with problem behaviors?", or "Now that he/she has a communication device, what can I do to help him/her use it effectively?", or "Why should I put visual supports for behavior and learning on a communication device?" If so, then this session is for you. We will discuss a wide range of current research about the effective use of AAC with individuals with autism. If you would like more information on this course and everything we will cover, just contact us at the information above.

15 Biomedical Discussion Group (every 3rd Thursday of the month)

Intended Audience: Adults who are implementing biomedical intervention into autism, whether for themselves or a loved one.

LOCATION: Whole Foods in their Lifestyle Center, located just south of the Westroads Mall at Regency & Dodge, OMAHA

TIME: 7:00 pm

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Chrissy Cameron at chrissycameron@cox.net

or Karen Falconer Al-Hindi at Karen.alhindi@gmail.com

DESCRIPTION: The Omaha Support Group has created a separate support venue for those families pursuing biomedical interventions. This is a discussion forum for those families currently involved in biomedical treatments & discussion will often focus on specific reading topics. Just so families are aware, there is no childcare available and the Lifestyle Center isn't a child-safe place (there is a kitchen).

19 Carefree Kids at Omaha Children's Museum

Intended Audience: Children whose immune systems are compromised, and their families

LOCATION: Children's Museum, 500 South 20th St., OMAHA

TIME: 5:30 - 8:00 pm

COST: **FREE*** (Families need a Doctor's note explaining their child's need for a clean environment)

MORE INFORMATION: Please call 402-930-2353 or check out the website at www.ocm.org

DESCRIPTION: Omaha Children's Museum has worked with area professionals to create an environment that is clean, safe and "carefree" so families can learn, play and enjoy time together. For this very special evening, Omaha Children's Museum welcomes families FREE of charge.

24 Reel Movies for Real Needs with Marcus Theaters * Dolphin Tales

For families with kiddos who have any special needs

LOCATION: Village Point, OMAHA

TIME: 10:30 am

MORE INFORMATION: www.marcustheaters.com

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- 24 6th Annual Run, Walk & Roll**
Supporting Alegent Health Immanuel Rehabilitation Center
LOCATION: Immanuel Rehabilitation Center, 6901 North 72nd Street, OMAHA
 TIME: 8:30 am – Registration/Check-In
 COST: \$20 ages 13 and older, Kids 4-12 are \$10
 MORE INFORMATION: 402-572-2810 ext. 4209 or email julie.harms@alegent.org
 DESCRIPTION: This is a 3 mile or 1 miles course, for wheelchairs, cycles, running. They start at 9:30 am with a walking course starting immediately after that.
- 24 Sibshops at Ollie Webb Center, Inc.**
LOCATION: Call for location information
 TIME: 10:00 am to 12:15 pm
 COST: \$10/\$12 per session
 MORE INFORMATION: Contact Annie Anderson at 402-346-5220 or aanderson@olliewebbinc.org
 DESCRIPTION: Sibshops acknowledges that for some having a sibling with a disability is a good thing, however for others it doesn't always feel like a good thing. For many it is more of an in-between feeling. Sibshops provide peer support and while it is not therapy the effect may be therapeutic for many of the children who attend. The goals of the Sibshop workshops are: provide opportunities to meet other siblings in a relaxed setting; provide a place to discuss common joys and concerns; provide education on how to handle situations commonly experienced by sibs that revolve around their siblings with special needs, and provide fun activities, speakers, games and FOOD!
- 28 Back to Swing Clinic – Dodge Riverside**
LOCATION: Dodge Riverside, 2 Harrahs Blvd., COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA
 TIME: Call for time
 COST: FREE
 RSVP : <http://nebraskacec.homestead.com>
 MORE INFORMATION: Contact Jena at 402-572-2276 or Jena.munson@alegent.org
 DESCRIPTION: Plan to join us at a Back to Swing Clinic. The afternoon will include: adaptive golf instruction, hands on experience at the Driving Range; Introduction to Accessible Golf Cart/Playing Aides; and please bring clubs if you have them. **Please register no later than 3 days prior to the event, so we can be 100% ready to play!!!!**

OMAHA AREA: Upcoming Events

- October 1**
AMC Theaters Sensory Friendly Films – Dolphin Tales
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LOCATION: Oakview 24, 3555 S. 140th Plaza, OMAHA or Council Bluffs Star 17 Cinema, 3220 23rd Avenue, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA
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Powerful Tools For Caregivers - 2 New Sessions

WHERE: Call for exact, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

TIME: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

WHEN: Tuesdays, October 4 - November 8

WHERE: King of Kings Church, 11615 "I" Street, OMAHA

TIME: 5:30 - 8:00 pm

WHEN: Thursdays, October 6 - November 10

COST IS ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!

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HETRA Hayrack Ride

LOCATION: Wenninghoff's Farm

TIME: 4:00 - 8:00 pm

MORE INFORMATION: www.HETRA.org or 402-359-8830

DESCRIPTION: HETRA is having a hayrack ride and campfire complete with dinner and 'smores.

November 5

AMC Theaters Sensory Friendly Films - Puss N Boots

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November 6

Honey Sunday to benefit the Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

Annual Fundraiser to help support The Arc of Omaha at Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

LOCATION: Door to door selling and we are looking for volunteers to do so

TIME: Noon to 4:00 pm

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Sherl von Dohren at 402-346-5220 ext. 16 or

svondohren@olliewebbinc.org

DESCRIPTION: Honey Sunday is an annual fundraiser. Proceeds benefit The Arc of Omaha at Ollie Webb Center, Inc., a local non-profit agency serving individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Honey is sold in 12 oz, bear shaped bottles. We are looking for volunteers to help organize door to door selling, or in-office selling, this would be great for Community Service Hours. Participation is simple to arrange for group leaders. You provide the volunteers, and we handle the details.

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 Website: www.crccomaha.org Click on Tech Tots Lending Library
 Contact: Leslie Richter her email is richter@crccomaha.org

Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, LINCOLN (402)486-8617
 Website: www.madonna.org
 Contact: Michelle Wiggins

ESU #3 (402)597-4894
 Website: www.esu3.org
 Dixie Trevarthen her email is dixie.trevarthen@esu3.org

Organization Information for Families:

The ARC of Lincoln/Lancaster County (402)421-8866
 Website: www.arclincoln.org

Art Planet, LINCOLN
 "Providing Art Classes for Special Needs Kids"
 Website: www.artplanetlincoln.com (402)610-2295

Autism Family Network, LINCOLN
 "Autism Support Group"
 Website: www.autismfamilynetwork.org (402)-440-4502
 Contact: Vicki Depenbusch

Autism Society of Nebraska (800)580-9279
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 Website: www.childrensrehabcenter.com (308)398-5170
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(402)441-7901

Contact: Debra Williams at dwilliams@lincoln.ne.gov

Epilepsy Foundation of North/Central IL, IA, NE

Website: www.epilepsyheartland.org

Contact: Laura Neece-Baltaro, in Nebraska office, OMAHA Cell: (402)680-1158

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Non-profit preschool for children with developmental disabilities

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Website:

Contact: Mark Smith

(402)559-5744

His Email is: msmith@unmc.edu

Contact: Sarah Swanson

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Website: www.ncdhh.ne.gov

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Nebraska Family Support Network (NFSN)

Website: www.nefamilysupportnetwork.org

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Autism Action Partnership www.autismaction.org

Disability Information & Resources www.makoa.org

Equipment for Special Needs www.adaptivemall.com

Exceptional Parent www.eparent.com

Family Connect www.familyconnect.org

National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc. (NORD)
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www.rarediseases.org

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