



Autism Society, Central Ohio (ASCO) offers families and professionals educational opportunities to learn about autism on a local and national level. ASCO strives to offer a variety of workshops, family supports and informational sessions by local and national leaders. ASCO is a dynamic chapter partnering with Franklin Park Conservatory, The History Connection, The Ohio State University Nisonger, OCALI, Nationwide Children's Hospital and other leaders in autism to provide the best for Central Ohio!!



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Many thanks to all of you who made our Third Annual Trick or Suites a resounding success! We love watching all of the happy faces during and on the way out of the event. Thank you, thank you, thank you for making that happen.



Thank you to all our WONDERFUL Sponsors & Volunteers!

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Learning Center, Girls Scout Troop 2285, 300 & 1406, Open Door Art Studio, Hilliard Darby HS National Honor Society, Heroes Alliance and The Royals Project.



SAVE THE DATE:

Sensory Friendly Visit with Santa Claus

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Keep your Facebook, twitter and Instagram tuned into ASCO for the registration. We will offer a limited number of visits with Santa in a quiet, relaxed setting. Each family will be given an appointment with Santa! Registration will be coming soon!

**Coffee, Tea and Autism
for Parents of Older Teens and Adults**

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

OCALI

470 Glenmont Ave, Rm 305

Columbus, Ohio 43214



Come join us for a discussion about Dating, Boundaries, Healthy Relationships, Safety, Sex and More with Meg Kane. Meg is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner specializing in adolescent medicine with Nationwide Children's Hospital School Health Services Program.

**We will be holding a Board Game Night again for the older teens and adults
in the OCALI gym at the same time!**

Please RSVP by emailing- autismsocietycentralohio@gmail.com or calling 614-284-6323

*Please indicate if you will be bringing your older teen or adult



Fairfield County Coffee, Tea and Autism

Thursday, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

(and every third Thursday of each month)

Trinity United Methodist Church

6389 Blacklick Eastern Rd

Pickerington, OH 43147

Please RSVP @ coffeeteaandautismfairfield@gmail.com

Children Welcome- We will have volunteers from the Kiwanis Key Club to watch the kids! Follow us on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/CoffeeTeaAndAutismFairfieldCounty/?ref=pb&hc_location=profile_browser

More Yoga Classes!

Together in Motion (TIM)

4 Week Session

Sundays, November 19th - December 10th

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Hilliard / Ray Patch Family YMCA

4515 Cosgray Road

Hilliard Ohio

To register go to:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eeqeb2o1d72c7c82&oseq=&c=&ch>

For Information go to our website: www.autismcentralohio.org

ANNOUNCEMENT from ASCO

REMEMBER to vote: Election Day in Ohio is **Tuesday, November 7th**, but registered voters in Ohio can vote early, either in person or by mail. The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities has a renewal levy (Issue 4) on the ballot on November 7, 2017. This levy will benefit children and adults in Franklin County who have developmental disabilities. This levy would renew a 3.5 mill levy that expires in 2018, for an additional ten years. Because this is a renewal, there is **no increase in taxes**.



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Morse Crossing,
Columbus, Ohio 43219

Come Join Us –November 9th

20 % of ALL sales will be donated back to ASCO!

That includes lunch, dinner, catering and drinks! So, come out and support ASCO and get your margarita on! Just bring a copy of the flyer or show them an electronic VERSION @ <http://www.autismcentralohio.org/>

Drive Autism Awareness....Put More on Your Plate!

Ohio residents can support individuals with autism, their families, and service providers with the Autism Awareness License Plate. More info at <https://www.autismohio.org/autism-awareness-license-plates>

Support Groups

FCBDD Family Support - Every month on the third Wednesday; Supt. Jed Morison has a Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., Columbus, Ohio at 10:00 am. This is an opportunity for you to talk with the superintendent directly and find out what is going on at the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Aspirations Ohio is designed for teens and young adults with ASD. For information on their classes and activities, go to: <http://nisonger.osu.edu/adult/adult-clinics-services/aspirations-ohio/>

Next Chapter Book Clubs for adults with disabilities. There is now a Next Chapter Writing Club opportunity as well “Jot it Down”. For more information, go to: <https://nextchapterbookclub.org/>

Events & Activities around our Area

COSI is holding another **Sensory Friendly Day**, November 2nd, from 10 am to 2 pm. Since this event is geared toward all children with developmental disabilities, this would be great field trip option for groups that may want to attend at a great price! If you call COSI Call Center 614- 228-2674 and ask about the Community Assistance Program for school's groups hosting children with developmental disabilities, and complete the form. The group rate is \$3.50 per person. But centers/schools must call first, mention Sensory Friendly Day 11-2-17. <https://www.cosi.org/calendar/icalrepeat.detail/2017/11/02/6433/-/sensory-friendly-day>

Sky Zone turns off the music and dials down the distractions for the comfort of our extra special jumpers. We welcome children and adults with special needs and their siblings, family, and friends to come jump! Join us for Special Needs Sensory Nights here at Sky Zone Columbus, Ohio. The next Sensory Night will be Monday, October 30th from 5pm-8pm, and Monday, November 20th from 5pm-8pm. We will be taking reservations over the phone for Sensory Night! Simply give us a call at 740-548-4004 press ext 2. Speak to a Manager or Event Assistant and we can get you booked! Payment will be due at the time of booking. Special Needs guests jump for FREE.

VSA Ohio is excited to announce that in 2018 we will partner with the Gateway Film Center to present the festival on a bi-monthly basis! All screenings will be at the Gateway, feature a happy hour, supplemental programs, and FREE TICKETS. We'll formally announce the films and schedule in October. In the meantime, we hope you'll look forward to joining us at the Gateway on January 17, March 14, May 16, July 18, September 12, and November 14, 2018.

Sensory Friendly Movies Monthly - For the past three years, the Marcus Theater has been part of a program called **Reel Movies for Real Needs**, a (monthly) showing of a just-released family film that provides families with children that have special sensory needs the opportunity to have a day out at the movies that they may not be able to have otherwise. We turn the volume and the lights are kept up a little brighter than usual as well. In addition, since everyone in this showing is with someone who may need some extra attention, these showings have fostered a great sense of community and understanding that a child or his or her family doesn't have to worry about being a disruption to other guests in the auditorium. These showings are held once a month on a Saturday at 10:30am. Regular matinee pricing applies (\$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for kids and seniors). Tickets typically go on sale the Tuesday before each date.

Autism Society Sensory Friendly Films - are held at the Lennox Theater, 777 Kinnear Rd., Columbus, OH 43212. AMC brings the lights up, turns the lights down, and shows no previews or ads before the movie. Families may bring their own gluten-free and casein-free snacks, and no one cares if your child gets up or makes noise! Movies begin at 10 a.m. Regular admission is charged. Check www.autism-society.org/get-involved/events/sensory-friendly-films/ for upcoming titles.

Columbus Children's Theatre – Sensory Friendly Performances

Mr. Scrooge – Friday, December 8 at 1 pm and Saturday, December 16 at 10 am

Little Red Riding Hood – Friday, January 19 at 1pm and Saturday, January 27 at 10am

Workshops & Conferences

16th Annual Adult Sibling Conference, being held November 11 and 12, at Embassy Suites Dublin. We have an exciting program for you! Join with other siblings, family members and professionals in learning about updates in supportive technology and applications. Hear Colleen Beard share her story ... "**A Sister's Journey and Lessons Learned**". Join Attorney Tabitha Woodruff in her session "**Protecting People with Disabilities from Exploitation**". Participate in self-advocacy sessions and much more! Register for the conference online at www.ohiosibs.com.

Customized Employment Webinar - Opening Doors for People on the Autism Spectrum, Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET. This webinar will provide an overview of the customized employment process including its utility in facilitating competitive, integrated employment outcomes for people with complex disabilities such as autism. Success stories and information about integration of customized employment strategies into vocational rehabilitation systems will be presented. https://www.aucd.org/template/event.cfm?event_id=7997

OCALICON 2017, November 15-17 in Columbus. Join autism and disability leaders from across the nation and around the world. Be part of the 11th annual face-to-face gathering of state and national leaders, educators, parents, service providers, self-advocates, scholars, and policy makers as we collectively focus on common concerns and share proven solutions that address issues and challenges experienced by individuals with autism, sensory disabilities, and low-incidence disabilities across their lifespan. <http://conference.ocali.org/registration>

[To volunteer to help at the Autism Society table or for scholarship information contact Ginny at 614-284-6323!](#)

SPECIAL FREE SESSION — Dual Diagnoses: Down Syndrome & Autism Spectrum Disorders Session @ OCALICON 2017, Thursday, November 17, 2017, 12:45 pm to 2:00 pm
To register go to: www.dsaco.net

The Early Start Denver Model Training, December 4 - 6, 2017, University of Michigan Department of Psychiatry, Ann Arbor Michigan. The Early Start Denver Model (ESDM) is an evidence-based intervention specifically developed for very young children with autism. ESDM is a play-based intervention that fuses behavioral and developmental principles into an integrated approach. Link to additional information and registration -- www.psych.med.umich.edu/professional-training/

Autism Research Institute Online offers free webinars on various topics 2 to 3 times per month, as well as an extensive archive of past presentations. Check out their schedule at <https://www.autism.com>

Eden II Programs Diagnostic and Outreach Center is offers webinars on several topics. Check them out at www.eden2center.org.

Studies and Surveys

Penn State University - Our research team is conducting a project to determine what treatments for people with autism that **parents** find effective. The research would require you to complete an online survey https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0J65uCQMwSu5Hwx

The number of questions will depend upon your experience with different autism treatments. All responses will be confidential.

We really appreciate any help you can give us in understanding the quality interventions for people with autism in the United States.

Penn State University research team is conducting a project to determine how **school teachers** are successfully treating people with autism. The research consists of an online survey https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_29ywoUXuThMDdVr All responses will be confidential.

Ohio State University Medical Center is seeking participants ages 5 to 17, for its aViation study. Participation lasts for up to 39 weeks. For 24 of those weeks, participants will take daily doses of either the investigational study drug or a placebo (a look-alike) that contains no medicine. <https://www.theaviationstudy.com/>

Miami University Study on the impact of childhood experiences on independence and achievement for adults with autism spectrum disorder is seeking participants eighteen years of age or older with autism spectrum disorder. Interested subjects must have been raised and received schooling within the United States. Individuals with co-occurring conditions or people who use an augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) device are eligible to participate. To learn more about this study, please contact me Sampsovr@miamioh.edu.

Montréal (IRCM) -research study about your thoughts and feelings about autism services. We are looking for people with autism and their families to take an online survey about how you think and feel about different services you may have used. If you would like to participate, please click on the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N2LZ5J5>

Essential Oils for Enhancing Quality of Life in Autism Spectrum Disorder – OSU's Nisonger Center is seeking 3 to 9 year old's with ASD for this study. Contact Taylor Wong at 614-685-3219 or taylor.wong@osumc.edu.

Resiliency Intervention for Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder – the Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital is offering an 8-session (1.5 hours/week) virtual-delivery program to parents of children with ASD. If you are interested in participating, call 614-643-6036 or email parentalstressstudy@partners.org. <https://redcap.partners.org/redcap/surveys/?s=JDMJNWX3MT>

Study on Anxiety in kids - Researchers at the **IU School of Education** are interested in finding out if a computer-assisted program is effective in reducing anxiety in kids with ASD. If your child with ASD is between 7 and 13 years old, and struggles with anxiety on a day-to-day basis, he or she might be eligible to participate in the program. To learn more, or to find out if your child might be eligible to participate, please contact Stacy White, Co-investigator at stacwhit@indiana.edu, or by calling 812-606-6810.

Survey on Predictors of Quality of Life of Adults with ASD. Must be adult (18 or older) with ASD or their parent to participate. Access survey at http://kentstate.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_24PKKvAzrbvRI6p.

HELP US LEARN ABOUT TRANSPORTION MODES AND THE BARRIERS YOU FACE - Temple University, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences is looking for adults 18 and older with ASD or Asperger's Disorder to take part in a research study. The study will examine what transportation systems people with ASD use to get to activities in the community. We want to learn how transportation impacts participation in life activities such as work, doctor's appointments, shopping, social events and any other activity important to the individual. The research would involve: Completing a 10-20-minute survey about transportation needs and barriers. The survey can be completed via hard copy or on line at https://chpswtemple.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dmbYpqcR9QjauJ7

Medical News Today a source for health news since 2003. Over 275,900 articles spanning hundreds of medical topics, plus detailed articles about specific areas of medicine, conditions, nutrition, and forms of treatment. <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/>

Study: Stress, not diet, likely cause of GI problems in children with autism.

[https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/318425.php?](https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/318425.php?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly-us)

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Females with autism. Largest study to date of executive function in females with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) reveals unique challenges in diagnosis and intervention. https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/318469.php?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly-us

In autism, genes drive eye gaze abnormalities – Twin study reveals strong genetic influences on how infants visually explore social world. [https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/318421.php?](https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/318421.php?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly-us)

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UPATED RESOURCES – Check for others on our website under links!

ECRN+ has more than 30 years of experience working with children who have special needs (developmental delays, disabilities and special health care needs) and their families. They offer lots of programs for children and families in central Ohio. <http://ymcacolumbus.org/ecrn>

CDE (The Center for Disability Empowerment) provides information, resources and referrals for disability-related matters such as housing, transportation, employment, benefits and social services. We can connect you to agencies, vendors and to local, state and national organizations. <http://www.disabilityempowerment.net/>

Family Resource Network of Ohio - Helping families support families of individuals with developmental disabilities by providing resources, tools, and trainings to achieve an informed and engaged life, contributing to one's family, community, and society in order to live, love, work, play, and pursue the good life. Family Resource Network of Ohio believes that, together, we can achieve great things. <https://www.frn ohio.org/>

The Ohio Autism Insurance Coalition consists of a group of behavioral health organizations and individual practitioners throughout Ohio who have partnered together to meet the mission of the Coalition. This newly formed Coalition supports Ohioans with autism getting access to the prescribed treatments from their physicians and behavioral health practitioners. The Coalition partners have pooled funds together to hire Root Consulting, LLC to implement goals set by the Coalition and manage the Coalition. The Coalition is not a formalized association or legal entity. <https://asdohio.com/>

Supporting Families at DODD - http://dodd.ohio.gov/IndividualFamilies/Pages/Supporting-Families.aspx#_

Autism Research Institute (ARI) is dedicated to developing a standard of care for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families. The Autism Research Institute (ARI) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization focused on conducting and sponsoring research aimed at improving the quality of life for today's generation of children and adults with autism spectrum disorders. <http://ariconference.com/> offers a host of webinars available to all.

ASAN is proud to announce the release of our plain language resource “**A Self-Advocate’s Guide to Medicaid.**” This resource was developed in collaboration with the Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training Collaborative (ASERT), and with funding from the Special Hope Foundation. <https://autisticadvocacy.org/policy/toolkits/medicaid/>

Augmentative Resources, Inc has been manufacturing and reselling products for individuals with Autism and related disorders for over 16 years. Available products include items to assist with communication, the understanding of language, social skill acquisition, behavior, independence, language and literacy skills. <http://www.augresources.com/>

Ellen Notbohm - Book author, columnist and mother of sons with autism and ADHD, Ellen Notbohm’s writings on autism, parenting, history, baseball and general interest subjects have been published worldwide in more than twenty languages. <http://www.ellennotbohm.com/>

eParent (Exceptional Parent) is a 45-year-old, award-winning publishing and communications company. eParent provides practical advice, emotional support and the most up-to-date educational information for families of children and adults with disabilities and special healthcare needs as well as to the physicians, allied health care professionals, and educational professionals who are involved in their care and development. <http://www.eparent.com/>

Exercise Buddy – an autism-friendly exercise system that leads to better fitness and behavior. Our new features will better engage students, children, and adults in exercise while making exercise easier to teach for the parents and professionals. <http://www.exercisebuddy.com/index.html>

Grafton Integrated Health Network is a multi-state behavioral health care organization serving children, adolescents, and adults with complex behavioral health challenges. Partnering with individuals, families and communities to solve complex behavioral health, wellness and human developmental challenges <https://www.grafton.org/>

Massachusetts General Hospital Psychiatry Academy - provides international leadership in education and dissemination of best practices in mental health. Utilizing the faculty and resources of the Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Psychiatry, the Academy clinicians, departments, governments, and other entities to improve the mental health of patients worldwide through innovative teaching methods, technology, educational research, and institution level consultation. <http://mghcme.org/>

National Disability Institute is to drive social impact to build a better economic future for people with disabilities and their families. Unified by common values and a vision to build together a better economic future for individuals with disabilities and their families <http://www.realeconomicimpact.org/>

Open Medicine Foundation (OMF), is to fund and initiate collaborative and groundbreaking research into chronic complex diseases so that patients will be able to live life more fully. <https://www.omf.ngo/>

OAR Organization for Autism Research - Strives to use science to address the social, educational, and treatment concerns of self-advocates, parents, autism professionals, and caregivers. The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) was created in December 2001 – the product of the shared vision and unique life experiences of OAR’s seven founders. Led by these parents and grandparents of children and adults on the autism spectrum, OAR set out to use applied science to answer questions that parents, families, individuals with autism, teachers and caregivers confront daily. <https://researchautism.org/>

Robots4Autism integrates a variety of evidence based practices shown to improve social skills in students with autism (tools most of us are already using), packaged together in a highly systematic way, and delivered using Milo. Partnering a humanoid robot with a social and emotional curriculum provides a tool for evidence based practices to “unpack” social skills for students with autism. <https://robots4autism.com/>

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Special Learning is dedicated to becoming a global leader in Autism resources and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) solutions by leveraging technology to meet the unique needs of individuals with autism, their parents and families, providers and teachers. Special Learning provides members of the global autism community with best-of-breed solutions: products, services, training, relevant information and tools to empower you to help advance individuals with autism up the skills spectrum intuitively, successfully and affordably. <https://www.special-learning.com/>

Sprout is dedicated to helping people with developmental disabilities grow through challenging, creative and fun experiences that enhance socialization, self-confidence and inclusion. <http://gosprout.org/>



The ABLE National Resource Center (ANRC) is a collaborative with the goal of accelerating the design and availability of ABLE accounts for the benefit of individuals with disabilities and their families. <http://www.ablencr.org/>

The HANDS in Autism® Interdisciplinary Training and Resource Center was founded to extend the outreach and training offered by the Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center at Riley Hospital and the IU School of Medicine. HANDS has been able to emerge as a state-wide program and resource center. <https://handsinautism.iupui.edu/index.htm>

The National Resources for Advocacy, Independence, Self-determination and Employment (RAISE) Technical Assistance Center works with the seven (7) RSA-funded Parent Training & Information Centers to develop and disseminate information and resources that increase their capacity to serve youth and young adults with disabilities and their families. <http://www.raisecenter.org/>

World Autism Organization (WAO) - represents & speaks for people with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) & their families; Advocates for quality services & support for all people with an ASC regardless of color, creed or economical status; Attracts no funding from vested interest groups; Does not subscribe to any single ideology, philosophy or approach; Recognizes that many of its objectives can only be attained through political change & will work collaboratively to make those changes; Supports & encourages others with similar ideologies to create & maintain societies that are welcoming & accommodating to people with an ASC, thereby ensuring them of a happy & meaningful life devoid of any discrimination. <http://worldautismorganisation.com/category/welcome-17/>

Rutgers announces one-of-a-kind program for autistic adults. Rutgers University is partnering with the Mel Karmazin Foundation to launch an initiative that establishes a center for adults with autism to live and work independently in the university setting. **Autism ribbon2.** Read More: <http://nj1015.com/rutgers-announces-one-of-a-kind-program-for-autistic-adults/?trackback=tsmclip>

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