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The Early Childhood Direction Center



We provide confidential information and referrals on infant and preschool programs and services. We link families to many community resources including respite, recreation programs, support groups, counseling, private evaluations and advocacy services. We offer a series of free workshops on kindergarten readiness, managing challenging behaviors, learning through play, early literacy and a variety of other topics concerning children from birth to five years old. The workshops are designed for both parents and professionals. S.I. ECDC is funded by The Office of Special Education of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and locally sponsored by Staten Island University Hospital, Northwell Health.



Event & Workshop Updates



Thursday, Nov. 1, from 4pm-6pm OR Friday, Nov. 16, from 10am-12pm

Front Door Information Sessions at 930 Willowbrook Rd., Bldg. 12G. Understand the process of how your child can become eligible for OPWDD supports and services, the types of supports and services available and where you can go to get assistance. For registration contact Eileen Maturi at 718-982-1913.

Friday, Nov. 2- Big Apple Circus Autism Show. Lincoln Center 70 Lincoln Center Plaza, NYC 10023, 11am. The *Autism Show* provides sensory adaptations to welcome ASD patrons and their families. All shows are 75 min. and all seats are \$10. For more information and tickets contact 646-491-8934 or LLewis@BigAppleCircus.com

ECDC WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Friday, Nov. 2, NYPL Tottenville Branch 7430 Amboy Rd., 11:15am.

Tuesday, Nov. 6, NYPL Port Richmond Branch 75 Bennett St., 12:00pm.

Thursday, Nov. 29, NYPL West New Brighton Branch 976 Castleton Ave., 11:15am.

The staff of the ECDC will be conducting FREE workshops for parents at local public libraries. These hour long sessions include discussions about positive discipline, guiding and improving a child's behavior, using everyday activities to enhance general learning, early literacy and numeracy skills, and various topics of interest to parents. The sessions are interactive and open to questions and concerns from parents about their children. Numerous handouts are provided. For more information and to register, contact ECDC staff member Dolores Reig at 718-226-6374 or dreig@northwell.edu.



Friday, Nov. 9, NYC Dept. Of Education Kindergarten Orientation Meetings For Families of Students with Disabilities Born in 2014, New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane, 9:30am-11:30am. Learn more about a Kindergarten Individualized Education Program (IEP), special education services for school-age students, and applying to Kindergarten. Spanish interpretation is provided. If you need interpretation for Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Urdu, or American Sign Language please call 718-935-2013 at least 7 days in advance of the meeting date to request an interpreter. (The evening presentation will be held in December.)



Saturday, Nov. 10, UFT Staten Island Parent Conference, I.S. 2 George L. Egbert 333 Midland Ave., 8am-2pm. The UFT Parent Conference is a FREE event hosted by the United Federation of Teachers to provide parents with information, tools and resources that will enable them to be educated partners in their child's education. The event is open to all parents, grandparents, caregivers and community members who are interested in deepening their understanding of current academic and community topics. Breakfast, lunch and childcare are provided at no cost. Workshop descriptions and registration for the event are available on line at www.uft.org/staten-island-parent-conference.



Tuesdays, Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, PROJECT GROW: Training for Caregivers of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, IBR 1050 Forest Hill Rd., 10am-1pm. YAI will be presenting this 6 week training series about learning person-centered techniques for people of all ages. Individuals MUST have OPWDD eligibility and reside at home with their family in the Bronx, Manhattan or Staten Island. Pre-registration is required. Call 212-273-6259 or email projectgrow@yai.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 14, Understanding Preschool Special Education, Regina McGinn Education Center at SIUH 475 Seaview Ave., 6pm-7:30pm. The staff of the ECDC will be conducting a FREE workshop for parents and professionals who want to understand what services are available for the preschool child and how to access these services. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. Call the staff of ECDC at 718-226-6670.



Wednesday, Nov. 14, The What, Why & How of Social-Emotional Development Workshop, Zion Lutheran Preschool 505 Watchogue Rd., 7pm-9pm. The staff of the ECDC will be presenting a FREE workshop for parents & professionals on the social-emotional development of children. For more information and to register, contact ECDC staff member Dolores Reig at 718-226-6374 or dreig@northwell.edu.

Thursday, Nov. 15, Information Session on the ASD Nest Program & the ASD Horizon Program, Institute for Basic Research 1050 Forest Hill Rd., 10am-12pm. Come join the informal conversation regarding the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) program features, the application process, and admissions criteria. Presented by Parent to Parent New York, in collaboration with NYC DOE. Registration required. Contact Parent to Parent NY at 718-494-4872 or SIPTP@aol.com.

