



THE SPECTRUM

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COMBATING AUTISM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Dear Members of the MA Act Early State Autism Team,

I am contacting you with an **urgent request** to please read and **act on the action alert below** from AUCD. The Combating Autism Reauthorization Act (CARA) is a critically important bill for the MA Act Early state team and for all other advocacy and action groups working to improve the quality of life for those with a variety of disabilities including ASDs, DDs, and other related disabilities, since it is responsible for the national "Learn the Signs. Act Early" Campaign and countless other capacity building efforts. If the bill is not reauthorized by September 30th, this legislation will "sunset" permanently and any good that it has done will end.

The organization Autism Speaks explains CARA's purpose succinctly: *The Combating Autism Reauthorization Act (CARA) of 2011 would reauthorize the landmark Combating Autism Act of 2006, securing the federal response to the national and public health emergency posed by autism spectrum disorders.*

There are 3 things you can do right away to help push this important legislation:

Read the info at the link below from Kim Musheno, Legislative Director for AUCD, who provides contact information, background and talking points about CARA. More information can also be found at: <http://www.autismvotes.org/site/c.frKNI3PCImE/b.6376831/k.ACFC/CARA.htm>

Contact your representatives by the critical date of September 7th (see below) to advocate for the passage of the Combating Autism Reauthorization Act. In particular, please contact Congressman Markey, senior member on the Energy and Commerce Committee and both Senators Brown and Kerry. Contact all of our Congresspeople to make sure they are aware of this bill's importance.

Forward this email to as many families, agencies, and any other constituents as possible who need to know about this urgent action alert.

Please join in and let's mobilize our state Act Early network to share this email and encourage others to act on this alert as well. It is critical that we all speak up now and let our voices be heard.

Thanks so much! All the best,

Elaine M. Gabovitch, MPA

State Team Leader, MA Act Early; Director of Family & Community Partnerships

UMass Medical School/E.K. Shriver Center Email: Elaine.Gabovitch@umassmed.edu

For more information, please go to the AUCD website:

http://aucd.org/template/news.cfm?news_id=6998&parent=16&parent_title=Home&url=/template/index.cfm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ASC's 9th Annual PICNIC

When: September 18th from 12noon to 2pm

Where: Endicott Park Danvers (57 Forest Street)

Join us at this wonderful site for an afternoon of fun and good food provided by the Danvers Kiwanis Club. This is a great opportunity to meet other families in your area. Bring the whole family—grandparents are welcome too! Please RSVP Stephanie at 978-624-2311 or sgammons@ne-arc.org.

The New Anti-bullying Law: IEP and School-wide Strategies to Prevent Bullying of Students with Disabilities

Presenter: Johanne Pino, Mass. Advocates for Children, Boston

When: October 26, 6:30-8:30 pm

Where: 6 Southside Road, Danvers

As a result of the state's new comprehensive bullying prevention law, school districts must implement significant changes in special education practice. Required school-wide efforts must go hand-in-hand with individual supports if schools are to address effectively the bullying of students with disabilities. This integrated approach consists of whole school efforts to create safe and supportive school environments, as outlined in the state's Model Plan, *and* the individual supports provided through the IEP process that will build students' skills and proficiencies to avoid and respond to bullying. Parents must understand their rights to fully participate in both the IEP process and participate at the district level in shaping the district's anti-bullying policies and practices in order to effectively address the bullying of students with disabilities. This workshop will address planning and activities that should take place at the whole-school level to support the IEP development process that will take place for individual students. The workshop will also address general provisions which should be addressed by IEP teams for all students with disabilities, as well as specific requirements that must be addressed by the IEP teams of subgroups of students identified in the new anti-bullying law (students with a disability that affects social skills development, students that are vulnerable to bullying, harassment or teasing because of their disability, and children with Autism Spectrum Disorder).

RSVP: asc@ne-arc.org or call 978-777-9135.



"Parents must understand their rights to fully participate in the IEP process..."

ASC's 9th Annual Family Picnic & Networking Day



Come enjoy games, balloon artist, bouncy house, music, & face painting. Extended family and friends are welcome. We will provide free drinks, hamburgers and hotdogs. (Courtesy of the Danvers Kiwanis Club). We suggest you pack sun screen, bug spray, and snacks for the picky eater.

When:

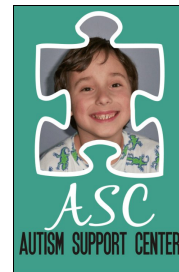
Sunday, September 18th
12 to 2 p.m.

Where:

Endicott Park
57 Forest Street, Danvers
RSVP a must!!!

***To ensure we provide sufficient food, please RSVP by
September 9th to ASC at 978-624-2311 or***

For directions & to check out beautiful Endicott Park online:
<http://www.endicottpark.com/>



NortheastArc
Life-Long Support for People with Disabilities



SUPPORT GROUPS

Acton

ASC Sponsored; Target Group: Mandarin-speaking parents.

Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main St (Rt. 27) Acton; bi-monthly meetings TBA

Parent facilitator: Wen Li

Contact ASC 978-777-9135 or asc@ne-arc.org

Danvers

ASC sponsored; Target Group: Grandparents

6 Southside Road, Danvers; 3rd Mondays, 10-11:30 am

Contact facilitator Susan Gilroy 978-624-2302 or email sgilroy@ne-arc.org

Danvers

ASC/AANE sponsored; Target Group: Adults (over 18) with Asperger's syndrome

6 Southside Road, Danvers; 3rd Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm

Contact facilitator Gail Kastorf at 617-393-3824 ext. 42 or gail.kastorf@aane.org

Danvers **NEW GROUP FORMING IN OCTOBER!**

ASC Sponsored; Target Group: Parents of children with ASD

6 Southside Road, Danvers; 3rd Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm

Contact facilitator Scott Buchanan at 978-624-2347 or sbuchanan@ne-arc.org

Danvers

ASC/AANE sponsored; Target Group: Parents of Adults with Asperger's syndrome

6 Southside Road, Danvers; 2nd Tuesdays, 6:45-8:15 pm

Contact facilitator Gail Kastorf at 617-393-3824 ext. 42 or gail.kastorf@aane.org

Lawrence

ASC sponsored; Target Group: Spanish-speaking parents of children with disabilities

Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, 700 Essex St, Lawrence; 3rd Friday, 9:30-11:30am

Contact facilitator Gloria Castillo 978-624-2301 or gcastillo@ne-arc.org

Lowell

ASC sponsored; Target Group: Parents of children with ASD

DDS Lowell Area Office 325 Chelmsford St. Lowell; 1st Tuesday, 10:00 to 12:00

Contact facilitator Whitney Ryan 978-624-2305 or wryan@ne-arc.org

Newburyport

ASC sponsored; Target Group: Parents of children with ASD

Newburyport Public Library, 94 State St, Newburyport; 2nd Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm

Parent facilitator: Nancy Lucier

Contact ASC for more info 978-777-9135 or email ASC@ne-arc.org

Reading

ASC sponsored; Target Group: Parents of children with ASD

Location: EMARC, 34 Gould Street, Reading, Date to be determined; at 7pm

Contact parent facilitator Kim Gargano 781-526-9171 or kimgargqs@yahoo.com

Lynn

Northeast Arc sponsored; Target Group: Parents of children with DD

Location: Lynn Public Library, 5 No. Common Street, Lynn; 10 am Date to be announced

Contact: Aymee Lucifora, Co-director, Family Resources 978-624-2381 or alucifora@ne-arc.org



The PAPC (ASC's advisory board) will meet on **Monday, September 12th at 10 am**. If you want to know more about serving on the board, contact **Susan Gilroy at 978-624-2302**.

LECTURE SERIES - FALL SCHEDULE

The LURIE CENTER LADDERS of MGH Program is proud to offer the Annual Roger A. Bauman Parent Lecture Series

When: One Thursday Evening per month, September - June

Where: Charles River Center, Needham, Ma (59 E. Militia Heights Rd, located at the top of Dwight Rd, off of Central Street), in the Paul D. Merritt Building, basement conference room www.charlesrivercenter.org

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm FREE!

September 22 : Pamela Milman, Special Education Attorney & Gretchen Timmel, Special Education Consultant, "Educational Collaboration: How do Parents, Education Consultants and Special Education Attorneys Work Together?"

October 27: Dr. Joseph Moldover, Developmental Neuropsychologist, "Navigating The Transition To Adulthood for Students with High Functioning Autism or Aspergers Syndrome"

To register, Please contact Julie O'Brien, Family Support Clinician, LURIE CENTER of MGH for Children at 781-860-1726 or jobrien20@partners.org

**Limited childcare slots may be available by preregistration and confirmation in advance*

MASSACHUSETTS RESOURCES

We are often in search of organizations that can provide an array of support to our family. The link below is for an organization that provides support for families in need. The site is a free online resource for families in need of housing, food, health care, and other basic services. Practical information about the many types of assistance available to those in need living in Massachusetts—what services are available, where and how to apply for benefits, eligibility requirements, benefit amounts, and answers to commonly asked questions.

<http://www.massresources.org/>

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

The **Museum of Fine Arts** will open its new Contemporary Wing, offering free admission for all visitors and inclusive family activities from on Sunday, Sept 18, 10am to 4:45pm for all ages and abilities, including an American Sign Language (ASL)-interpreted Family Tour, a guided tour in Spanish, an ASL Tour with no spoken English, and a Feeling For Form tour for blind and low vision visitors.

Pre-registration is required for the Feeling For Form tour.

For more information, see <http://www.mfa.org>, or contact Valerie Burrows at 617-369-3302, yburrows@mfa.org.

The MFA is located at 465 Huntington Avenue in Boston, and is accessible by the Green line "E" train to the "Museum of Fine Arts" stop, or the Orange line train to the "Ruggles" stop.

DIR/FLOORTIME FOR PARENTS

DIR/Floortime For Parents Presented by the Astra Foundation

Cambridge Venue!!

Sponsored by: Astra Foundation and Center for the Families

Six Workshops: 9:30 - 11:30 am on Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 and Dec. 14

Individual Family Mentoring dates: Nov 19th, Dec 7, Dec 10 (flexible times, choose 2 dates)

Location: Center for the Families, 70 Rindge Ave., Cambridge (Behind Peabody School)

Tuition: \$120 for one person, \$160 for the family including caregivers (not therapists)

To register, email Pam Rodgers: pam@astrafoundation.org

For more information on the course, contact the course instructor, Sarah Measures: sarahmeasures@yahoo.com or call: 617-413-1355

The six week course will consist of short presentations, video clips illustrating the topics, with lots of examples and discussions in a supportive environment. One or both parents, grandparents, and babysitters are welcome to attend under one registration. We will be using the book, *The Child with Special Needs*, as a starting point for our discussions, with suggested readings each week.

You will:

Learn the basic principles of DIR®

Acquire basic knowledge of six functional developmental levels a child must master.

Learn about Floortime, and how to begin using Floortime with your child.

Learn about the importance of "cues" and "circles" as you interact with your child.

Learn about the importance of understanding your child's unique sensory profile and how to incorporate this knowledge into Floortime sessions.

You will leave each week with new ideas you can immediately implement with your children. We encourage you to discuss specific issues you are facing, to connect with other parents, and to share your thoughts and experiences.



PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES THAT CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIVES

Visit the Tech Expo and Conference on Friday, September 23rd at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. Experience the current state-of-the-art of inclusive products and technologies that transform the lives of people with disabilities and older people. Help initiate a strategy for integration of inclusive design and assistive technology into the Massachusetts innovation agenda. Be a part of it!

Focus areas include: Home, Work, Learning & Sport
Come learn, explore, experience and engage!

The conference website: <http://www.changepeopleslives.org/>

Background on this event:

This initiative which consists of a conference, expo, design competition and summit was born from the vision of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) to elevate assistive and inclusive technologies to a whole new level of significance in the Commonwealth. The Institute for Human Centered Design is the convener of the events of the day which will showcase state-of-the-art and evolving technologies and products for people with disabilities and older people, for consumers, employers, educators, and others to demonstrate how emerging and cutting edge technology can improve the ability to work, live, learn and play across the spectrum of ability and age.

DESE'S ADVISORY ON AUTISM

With the start of school looming it may be a good time to review the Mass. DESE's technical assistance advisory on autism. [Click here](#)

http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/advisories/07_1ta.html

This advisory represents "best practice" guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to address a change to the special education law enacted in the spring of 2006 that affects special education programming for students with disabilities on the autism spectrum. The purpose of this advisory is to assist school districts and other interested parties in understanding these new requirements and in implementing best practices for meeting the needs of these students as schools resume instruction for the 2006-2007 school year.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIES

Join AMC Theatres and the Autism Society special showings of the following movies. Movies will be shown at 10 a.m. local time in participating theatres nationwide.

October 1 - Dolphin Tale

November 5 - Puss in Boots

AMC **Dartmouth** Mall 12, 140 North Dartmouth Mall North Dartmouth, Mass. 02747

AMC **Framingham** 15, 22 Flutie Pass, Framingham, Mass. 17014

AMC **Tyngsboro** 12, 440 Middlesex Road Tyngsboro, Mass. 01879

AMC Loews **Methuen** 20, 90 Pleasant Valley St. Methuen, Mass. 01844

AMC Theatres (AMC) and the Autism Society have teamed up to bring families affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis with the "Sensory Friendly Films" program.

In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for this unique audience, the movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, families will be able to bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements will be shown before the movie. Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing - in other words, AMC's "Silence is Golden®" policy will not be enforced unless the safety of the audience is questioned.

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL THEATER TO CONFIRM DATE AND TIME.



RESEARCH

Children ages 8-17 Needed to Participate in Research!

Reply to: facelab@umassmed.edu

We are looking for typical children and children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) to participate in research about how we communicate using our faces and voices. We are researchers at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center who are interested in finding out more about how children with ASD interpret emotion from facial expressions and tone of voice during daily conversations.

For this purpose we are conducting a series of studies where children aged 8-17 will watch images or videos on a computer screen and/or listen to people talking. Participants will then be asked to push buttons in response to questions about what they just saw. Some studies might also involve the use of a camera that tracks what part of the computer screen the children are looking at. This eye-tracker is contained in a small camera placed on the table in front of the computer screen and is completely non-invasive. All of our participants receive compensation for their time and a small gift and are free to participate in as many studies as they qualify for. Children and their parents are invited to come to our laboratory at the Shriver Center in Waltham, which is reachable by public transportation and has ample free parking.

To learn more about participating in this study or for more information about other studies in our laboratory, please contact Anna at (781) 642 0276 or send email to facelab@umassmed.edu.

Docket #H-13369



FARM DAYS IN METHUEN

Farm Days Program for Teens with Autism and Other Developmental Delays is back for another session

An integrated farming and agricultural Saturday program for teens diagnosed with autism and other developmental delays. The program is designed for the teens to have a typically developing volunteer from the community to assist them. Each program participant will experience the many educational, therapeutic, vocational and social benefits of working on a farm with a peer and caring for shelter animals on a farm setting.

Age group: 14-20 Program Structure: 6 Wk Saturday program beginning Sept 17th
Time: 9:30:am - 11:00 am. Location: MSPCA Nevins Farm, Methuen

Activities:

Barn Activities may include

- water buckets (removing, emptying, scrubbing, rinsing, replacing, refilling)
- mucking stalls (raking up soiled shavings, emptying wheelbarrow, distributing fresh shavings, adding hay to stalls)
- animal grooming (brushing, *possibly* bathing horses)

Shelter Activities may include

- laundry (folding laundry, sorting and stacking on shelves)
- dishes (stacking clean dishes, putting dishes in cupboards)
- donations (sorting donations by type- toy, food, laundry- or by animal)
- walk dogs (3 leashes per dog, level "1" dogs only-possibly bathe if appropriate)
- groom cats (brush, pet cats in colony rooms)

thehollandproject@comcast.net

Contact Info 978-510-1527

INTERNET FOR \$10 FROM COMCAST

Internet Essentials program from Comcast

Comcast is offering internet services for \$10 a month for low income families.

<http://www.internetessentials.com/>

Dial: 855-8-INTERNET

Bringing the Internet to your home is easy and affordable. Now you can connect to the Internet at home - for school, work, communicating with others and so much more.

How to qualify:

To qualify for \$9.95 a month Internet service and a low-cost computer, your household must meet all these criteria:

Be located where Comcast offers Internet service

Have at least one child receiving free school lunches through the National School Lunch Program

Have not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days

Not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment

How to apply:

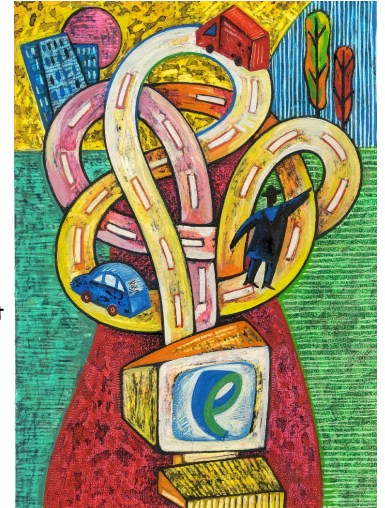
Call 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) to request an application

We will mail you an application. Complete and return it, along with lunch program documents from your child's school

We will notify you by mail about the status of your application. Allow 7-10 days for a response

Sign up today: Call 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376)

Attention educators, community partners and civic leaders: See how you can play an important role in bringing affordable Internet home to more people.



Please keep us posted!!!

Are you moving?

Has your email address changed?

Contact us with any changes so you don't miss out on our events, workshops and announcements.

Call 978-777-9135 or email us at asc@ne-arc.org

FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPENINGS

Friday Night Happenings - Northeast Arc Recreation

Teens and Young Adults

Time: 6:30-8:30 **Location:** 6 Southside Road, Danvers

Cost: \$10 per event

****No Pre Registration required****

September 9th- Games, games games! Inside and Out

Its getting darker earlier as the summer wanes. Tonight we'll start with some outdoor activities and games then as the sun sets we'll head inside to wrap up the night with board games and baking some refreshments.

September 16th- "Toga" Dance

Tonight we'll dance like Romans with the spirit of the crew from Animal House. Let your imagination run with the design of your toga! DJ Dave will spin some of our favorite music from the movie as we dance the night away.

September 23th- Bingo Night

Try your luck at tonight's Bingo games!!! We'll talk, laugh, listen to music, and see which lucky participants bring home the *prizes*!!

September 30th- Crafts Night

Tonight we'll be inspired by the spirit of the fall harvest and of Jack O'Lantern to make some seasonal decorations. If this is not your gig we'll have other activities as well.

Questions? Call the Rec Department at 978-624-2308.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCE

New Website Enables Families and Professionals to Locate Openings in Many CBHI (Children's Behavioral Health Initiative) Programs

A new website now offers families of MassHealth-enrolled children and youth and providers who serve them a quick and easy way to locate openings in several of the new MassHealth behavioral health services.

The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Access (MABHA) website enables users to locate available openings in Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), In-Home Therapy, Therapeutic Mentoring, and In-Home Behavioral Services.

The website, operated by the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP), is at <http://www.mabhaccess.com/>

Click on Login on the right hand side of the tool bar at the top of the page. Click Guest Login and use the drop down box to select a service and then enter your zip code.

Note: The Behavioral Health Access website is a resource for families and professionals. It is not designed to make appointments. An indication of availability on the website does not necessarily mean a guaranteed opening. Families, providers and others should contact the provider to arrange for services.

Northeast Arc Recreation Department

SESSION 1 Programs: September 6 – October 29, 2011

Contact the Recreation Department at 978-624-2308 or via email at recreation@ne-arc.org for further details and to register
 We are on the web at WWW.NE-ARC.ORG

M O N.	MONDAY BOWLING LEAGUES Sunnyside Lanes, Danvers, MA Each league is \$9/week, includes bowling, shoes and an end of year banquet.		
	Our Gang League <u>Ages 6-11 and sibs</u> Mondays 4:30 – 5:30	Friendship League <u>Ages 12-25</u> Monday 6:00 – 8:00	North Shore League <u>Adults</u> Monday 6:00 – 8:00
	T U E S. Legomania for Children Friday 4:30 – 5:30, \$90 <u>Ages 6-12 and their sibs</u> 6 Southside RD., Danvers	Relaxation Tuesday 4:30 – 6:00, \$50 <u>Teens and Adults</u> 6 Southside RD., Danvers	
W E D.	Recreational Swim (Starts Sept 14) Wednesday 4:00 – 5:00, \$65 <u>All Ages, sibs and families invited</u> Hogan Regional Center Pool, Danvers	Cape Ann Bowling League Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:00, \$9/week <u>Teens and Adults</u> Cape Ann Lanes, Gloucester	
T H U R.	Heritage Bowling League Thursdays 3:15 – 5:00, \$9/week <u>Teens and Adults</u> Metro Bowl, Peabody		Cooking for Adults Thursday 5:00 – 6:30, \$100 <u>Ages 22+</u> 6 Southside RD., Danvers
	Arts Night		
	Arts and Crafts <u>Teens and Adults</u> Thursday 6:30 – 8:00, \$70 6 Southside RD., Danvers	Ceramics <u>Teens and Adults</u> Thursday 6:30 – 8:00, \$120 6 Southside RD., Danvers	Scrapbooking <u>Teens and Adults</u> Thursday 6:30 – 8:00, \$60 6 Southside RD., Danvers
F R I D.	Cooking for Teens Friday 4:30 – 6:30, \$100 <u>Ages 12-22</u> 6 Southside RD., Danvers	Friday Night Happenings and Dance Friday 6:30 – 8:30, \$10/week <u>Teens and Young Adults</u> 6 Southside RD., Danvers	
S A T.	“Creative Movement” Saturday mornings for 6 weeks, TBD		
	EXPRESSIVE MOVEMENT (Ages 3-7) 9:30 to 10:15am, Fee \$60		FITNESS FUN (ages 8-12) 10:30 to 11:15 am, Fee \$72
	Saturday Outings <u>Teens and Adults</u> Saturdays, \$25/week registration fee, plus applicable activity fees may apply Times vary see our outing flyer for details Pickup and Drop-off 6 Southside RD., Danvers		

IN THE LIBRARY

Seeing Is Believing, Video Self-Modeling For People With Autism And Other Developmental Disabilities

Tom Buggie, Ph.D.

Seeing Is Believing describes video self-modeling (VSM), a truly promising technique that anyone with basic video equipment can use to help children and adults with autism and other developmental delays improve skills and behavior. Videos are taken, then edited, so that the person's best performance is there. Math and reading are just a couple examples of what the person may be doing. In the end the participant watches themselves on video. The idea is to get participants to watch themselves and then reenact the same behavior. VSM can be a real confidence builder.

Stop That Seemingly Senseless Behavior! FBA-Based Interventions For People With Autism

Beth A. Glasberg, Ph.D., BCBA

Stop That Seemingly Senseless Behavior! Describes how to develop behavior intervention plans to stop or diminish typical problem behaviors such as noncompliance, aggression, and repetitive actions. Case studies can be found in this selection. This book is parent friendly, and offers easy to implement strategies and techniques that will teach you how to address your child's difficult behaviors.

Misdiagnosis, and Dual Diagnoses of Gifted Children and Adults

Ronald E. Fox, Psy.D., Ph.D.

Some of the most creative and bright children and adults are often misdiagnosed as having disorders such as ADHD, ODD, Bipolar, OCD, Autism and Aspergers. Many receive unneeded medication and inappropriate counseling as a result. This selection will assist parents and professionals to be on the look out for misdiagnosis before it has taken precious time.



NORTHEAST ARC ADVOCACY SERVICES

What is the role of an advocate from Northeast Arc?

We obtain necessary information. We learn about your child's disability and read your child's educational records; we review any past assessments and reports, whether school-generated or obtained from independent experts.

We try to resolve disagreements and disputes with the school. We encourage the TEAM, parents and school personnel, to work together in the best interests of your child rather than against each other.

We stay current about special education laws, regulations, and cases. We advise you of your child's rights under the Federal and State laws, and the procedural safeguards in place to protect your child and assure him/her of a free and appropriate education.

We identify problems. Through conversations with parents, review of records, or through communication with school personnel, we try to pinpoint the areas where more coordination is needed and help you determine if your child's program is sufficiently serving your child's needs.

We propose solutions. We work with the school and parents to resolve issues or we recommend experts and other appropriate professionals as required to lend their expertise to a particular area.

We advise you when to seek legal counsel or representation. At key decision points and on issues of law and procedure outside of our scope and expertise, we will refer you to the appropriate professional.

OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS TO HELP YOUR CHILD.

For more information call the advocacy intake specialist at 978-624-2326.

NE ARC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 26th marks the Northeast Arc's 42nd Annual **Mike Frangos Commodore Invitational Charity Golf Tournament**. For passionate golfers - this is a coveted opportunity to play a round of golf at Myopia Hunt Club in South Hamilton while supporting a truly great cause. All proceeds from the tournament help support the Northeast Arc's valuable programs and services for children and adults living with disabilities in more than 150 communities in Massachusetts. The Commodore Invitational helps to continue these programs. It is the longest continually running charity golf tournament in the United States. There are two flights - morning and afternoon. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided. The morning run starts at 7:00 AM and costs \$300 per person. The afternoon starts at 12:15 PM and costs \$2,000 per foursome. This is an incredible opportunity to play a round on Myopia, win some great raffle & golf prizes, and bid on live/silent auction items - all while providing important services to hundreds of local families.



For all the details, go to <http://www.ne-arc.org/>

SEPTEMBER 2011

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4	5	6 Lowell support group	7	8 AANE Game night; Newburyport group	9	10
11	12 PAPC	13	14	15 Parents of adults w/ AS	16 Lawrence Group (Spanish)	17
18 Picnic	19 Grandparents Group	20 Reading support group	21 AANE Adults Group	22	23	24
25	26 Golf Event	27	28	29	30 Mass. Advocates Professionals Workshop	

Check our website!

www.NE-arcAutismSupportCenter.org

TO ENSURE WE PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FOOD,
PLEASE RSVP BY
SEPTEMBER 9TH TO ASC AT 978-624-2311 OR
SGAMMONS@NE-ARC.ORG

Center for Developmental Excellence

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Phone: 978-777-9135

E-mail: asc@ne-arc.org



The Autism Support Center is celebrating 20 years of supporting and empowering families in northeastern Massachusetts.

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www.ne-arc-autism-support-center.org

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Anyone wishing to contribute information for this newsletter should send it to asc@ne-arc.org or to our mailing address above. Parent contribu-

tions are encouraged. *Announcements are included as space is available.*

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Life-Long Support for People with Disabilities

