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NFHF Board Meetings

You are always welcome at NFHF Board Meetings. Our Board meetings are on the **third** Thursday of every other month at 5:30 pm at our Resource Center. If you would like to address the Board, call Sue Ellen Stewart at (985) 875-0511.

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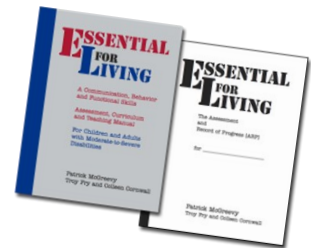


July - September 2013

Managing Problem Behavior and The Essential Eight Skills

JOIN US on Friday, August 30th! The Essential Eight are skills which are essential for a happy, fulfilling and productive life. In the absence of these skills, children and adults are less likely to learn other skills, more likely to exhibit forms of problem behavior and less likely to have contact and interaction with the community in which they live. If learners exhibit problem behavior when exposed to specific situation, instructors, parents and care providers tend to avoid these situations in the future, and as a result, avoid the problem behavior. Failure to tolerate these situations restricts the places a learner can go, the items a learner can access, the activities in which the learner can participate and the people with whom a learner can interact. Tony A. Fry, M.A., BCBA will teach workshop participants function-based teaching protocols which include procedures designed to teach The Essential Eight Skills and decrease the frequency of problem behaviors that tend to occur in their absence. If you are working with children or adults with disabilities who exhibit one or more problem behaviors and do not exhibit The Essential Eight Skills: (1) making requests; (2) waiting; (3) accepting removals, making transitions, sharing, and taking turns; (4) following instructions to complete previously acquired tasks; (5) accepting "no"; (6) following directions related to health and safety; (7) completing daily living skills related to health and safety; (8) tolerating situations related to health and safety...this workshop is for YOU!

Presenter: Tony A. Fry, M.A., BCBA
Date: Friday, August 30, 2013
Time: 8:00am - 4:45pm
Location: First Baptist Church Covington, The ROC
16333 Hwy 1085, Covington, LA 70433
Registration: \$25



Register for the workshop: www.fhfnorthshore.org

Registration closes on 8/23; Refunds are not available

Limited number of stipends available for parents

Behavior Analysts will receive 8 CEUs

Registration fee includes Guided Notes & Lunch

The instrument and scoring manuals will be available for purchase at the workshop or they can be purchased in advance at www.behaviorchange.com

[Workshop Flyer](#)

[Workshop Agenda and Speaker Information](#)

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2013 Legislative Wrap-Up

In many ways the 2013 Legislative Session was a huge success for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Legislators heard the voices of advocates and responded. Some highlights of legislative action included funding for additional New Opportunity Waiver slots, increased funding for the Individual and Family Support Program and Families Helping Families Centers, restoration of funding for Children's Special Health Services Clinics that were slated for closure, rejection of proposed changes to the education funding formula and blockage of a proposal to create private segregated schools for children with disabilities.

Jessica Autin, Region 9 LaCAN Leader, would like to thank all who helped advocate for home and community based services during the 2013 Legislative Session. Our region held 2 roundtables which were attended by 57 LaCAN members and 5 legislators. 30 regional members joined hundreds of others from across the state at the Capitol in Baton Rouge for the 2013 Disability Rights Rally. 10 members attended yellow shirt days and several provided testimony before legislative committees. Members communicated the importance of home and community based services to their legislators and over 200 action alert confirmations were tallied from Region 9 alone. Thank you! YOU advocated and it worked!

To learn more about LaCAN, visit www.lacanadvocates.org or contact Jessica Autin at laican.region9@gmail.com or 985-318-9995.

Unfortunately, on June 21st Governor Jindal line item vetoed all of the funding for home and community based services listed above as well as funding for Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network (LATAN). A parent led grassroots advocacy group formed, Override the Veto Louisiana (OTVLA), and diligently worked for 3 weeks to ask legislators to support Louisiana's first override veto session. On July 12th the votes were tallied and, although a majority of legislators voted to support the special session, the needed votes from each side of the legislature were not there. In addition to the line item vetoes, the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) announced additional cuts of \$25.9 million in State General Funds. Read the DHH Announcement of the cuts [here](#).

Waiver Registry Dates

According to the Department of Health and Hospitals website, the following are services registry dates for OCDD waiver programs:

New Opportunities Waiver (NOW)	8/18/2004
Children's Choice Waiver	3/5/2005
Supports Waiver	10/31/2011

Not sure where you are on the registry?
Call 1-800-364-7828

NFHF News

Board of Directors

Welcome, Michelle Anderson! Michelle joined the NFHF Board of Directors last month. Michelle's daughter, Katie, is 25 and has Cerebral Palsy. Michelle and Katie love to be active in the community by being involved in fundraising and social events with Katie's peers. Michelle told us, "NFHF staff have supported us by helping us navigate through difficult IEPs in the past. Having had experience in fundraising and advocacy, I look forward to working with the board and staff to help make a difference in our community. I truly believe in the NFHF mission and am honored to be able to be a small part of what they are doing on the Northshore."



Bookkeeping Position Available

Northshore Families Helping Families is hiring a professional that is self-driven with a can do attitude. Excellent communication and organizational skills are a must. You will be working in a team environment and are expected to communicate and collaborate with all members of the team.

Requirements:

- * Must be proficient in QuickBooks and have experience with board reporting and budgeting
- * Must have experience with accounts payable/receivables
- * Have good problem solving skills
- * Have a working knowledge of Intuit, Word, Excel, Publisher and PowerPoint
- * Have excellent customer service skills

Fax or email your resume and cover letter to Sue Ellen Stewart at (985) 875-9979 or sestewart@fhfnorthshore.org

Thank you Gallardo Signs & Printing!

Northshore Families Helping Families has a new sign for our office located at 204 W. 21st Avenue in Covington. A BIG THANK YOU goes to Jason, Rory, Alfredo and all of the staff of Gallardo Signs & Printing of Covington for your generous donation.



NFHF is Making a Difference

My name is Cindy Cruse and I have a son with Asperger's syndrome. My son's name is Matthew and he is 23 years old. Matthew and I were first introduced to Northshore Families Helping Families in February 2012. The Office of Citizens with Disabilities forwarded Matthew's information to NFHF and we were contacted by them within one week's time. NFHF sent us information on programs and activities that were available to us. It was like a light had suddenly been turned on. There were things that Matthew could actually participate in (which was a drastic change from his high school days).

Our first interaction with NFHF was a Mardi Gras Ball that was held in February 2012. Matthew met other young adults with disabilities as well as their family members and workers. What a great day!!

I was truly amazed. Just like that, our lives had changed forever. Before the inclusion into this group, our world was very small and we felt so alone. Now, our world has grown and Matthew has blossomed. He has made friends, tried new things (without the fear of rejection or failure), and feels that he has a place in this world after all.

We have participated in functions that have been set up through NFHF (i.e. bowling, autism awareness walks, social skills classes, support groups, holiday parties and more).

When I reflect on the big picture, it scares me to think what today would be like if NFHF was not part of our lives. Matthew would still be alone, withdrawn, and depressed. I would still feel helpless, lost, and overwhelmed. This organization is vital to so many. I see the difference it makes in our lives and witness the positive results for others as well. So in closing, I'd like to say "thank you" for this organization and all that it represents.

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Northshore Families Helping Families became my mediator for an aggressive, nightmarish IEP. FHF organizations are so needed and in enormous demand to provide knowledge and guidance to parents of children with disabilities that are in school. I was referred to NFHF by the school IEP team of educators in 2011.

IEP meetings had become so stressful and battlefield like, that without NFHF advocates, the stress would have caused harm and devastation to my family. The stress was so near to putting me into a nervous breakdown adding extreme and unnecessary stress on top of the daily stress from providing for a child with special needs and sole provider of a terminally ill mother. NFHF has provided me with resources to gain knowledge of my child's individual rights in support of equality in disabilities. If NFHF were to become non-existent, my family's quality of life will be at jeopardy. There will be no one in Tangipahoa/Northshore area to educate and advocate for families and individuals with disabilities not only in the education industries but also in the employment.

Lisa Robinson

Tell us how Northshore Families Helping Families has made a difference in your life and we will include it in our media publications. Send your story to [info@fhfnorthshore.org](mailto:info@fhfnorthshore.org). We want to hear from you!

You can help make a difference by directly donating to our organization. Many companies are interested in donating to non-profit organizations and will match an individual's contribution. Please contact Sue Ellen Stewart, Executive Director, with questions. (985) 875-0511 or [sesstewart@fhfnorthshore.org](mailto:sesstewart@fhfnorthshore.org).

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**Mission:** To provide the individualized services, information, resources and support needed to positively enhance the independence, productivity and inclusion of persons with disabilities.

**Vision:** To ensure all individuals with disabilities have the opportunity to attend school, live, work and recreate in their own communities.

# Children's Special Health Services (CSHS)

Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) is a public agency that ensures children and youth who have special health care needs in Louisiana have access to health care services designed to minimize their disabilities and maximize their probabilities of enjoying independent and self-sufficient lives. Children and youth who have special health care needs are those who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond what most children or youth require.

Each Children's Special Health Service Clinic has a Parent Liaison. Parent Liaisons are responsible for assisting parents in accessing services, providing emotional support, information and referral to both family members and professionals, facilitation of parent and professional collaboration, outreach and assistance in completing necessary documentation of clinic services. CSHS Parent Liaisons receive specialized training and have the knowledge and skills to work with other parents with children and youth with special health care needs.

Questions about CSHS can be directed to Stephenie Miller, Region 9 CSHS Parent Liaison (985) 543-4165 ext. 217 or [Stephanie.miller@la.gov](mailto:Stephanie.miller@la.gov) or visit <http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/740>.

Learn what CSHS means to a family:

My son, Robert has been going to clinic in Hammond, where we live, for many years to see the ophthalmologist and neurologist. Robert is unable to participate in a regular eye exam, so having a pediatric specialist come to Hammond has been helpful. Most of Robert's doctors are pediatric specialists at Children's Hospital, so I have to take him to New Orleans 8 to 10 time a year for his appointments.

Robert's pediatrician here in town has told me that it's better for Robert to see doctors that have experience working with children with disabilities. So many of Robert's medical conditions are interrelated. The specialists at CSHS have this experience. It has been so helpful not to have to travel an extra 2 or 3 times a year to New Orleans or Baton Rouge. Each round trip takes a minimum of 4 hours.

I understand that some of the children are coming as far away as Bogalusa to see the doctors at CSHS. I'm concerned that some parents would have a very difficult time traveling to places like New Orleans from the more rural areas of the state. I think that it's possible that some parents might bypass important appointments due to travel hardships. If they do make appointments with their local doctors, I can say that there's a greater chance that the doctor might miss a key element in making a correct diagnosis for a child with a complicated medical history.

CSHS clinics are vital to our community and it's crucial that funding remain available to continue support to our most fragile children. Families whose children with significant disabilities are on Medicaid or have no insurance need access to CSHS specialists in some form or fashion that doesn't require long and burdensome trips.

Hillary H. Kinchen

# NFHF Events

**Making Social Connections , Covington** – Saturday, July 27th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Lakeview Regional Medical Center (Covington). Facilitated by Janet Mora and Chris Francl. A project designed to provide information, tools and strategies to promote social skill development in natural environments for all ages and skill levels. See flyer on page 7.

**Making Social Connections, Hammond** – Saturday, August 3rd from 9:00am to 3:00pm at SLU University Center (Hammond). Facilitated by Janet Mora and Chris Francl. A project designed to provide information, tools and strategies to promote social skill development in natural environments for all ages and skill levels. See flyer on page 7.

**Common Core State Standards** – Thursday, August 22nd from 10:00am to 12:30pm at the Tangipahoa Parish Parenting Center (Hammond). Presenters: Debra Dixon and Nanette Olivier, Louisiana State Department of Education.

**Managing Problem Behavior & The Essential Eight Skills Workshop** –Friday, August 30th from 8:00am to 4:45pm at The ROC, First Baptist Church Covington. Learn function-based teaching protocols which include procedures designed to teach The Essential Skills and decrease the frequency of problem behaviors that tend to occur in their absence. See flyer on page 1.

## Empowered Parents Network Groups

**Empowered Parents Network Group Meetings** are designed to empower parents and provide the opportunity to network, support and share information with other families dealing with similar issues. Meeting schedule:

Slidell Memorial Hospital Parenting Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room  
SMH Wellness Pavilion, 501 Robert Blvd., Slidell  
Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 9am-11am  
July 10th, August 14th, September 11th

St. Tammany Parish Hospital Parenting Center  
1505 N. Florida Street, Suite B, Covington  
Meets the 4th Wednesday of every month from 10am-12pm  
July 24th, August 14th, September 25th

Check your email and visit [www.fhfnorthshore.org](http://www.fhfnorthshore.org) for additional details and registration information.



## *Making Social Connections*



Northshore Families Helping Families has partnered with Chris Francl and Janet Mora to offer a one-day training, Making Social Connections. This 6 hour training for parents/guardians is designed to provide information, tools and strategies to promote social skills development in natural environments. Content will be based on proven practices and include strategies for all ages and skill levels.

As follow-up to this training, parents will be afforded the opportunity to participate in the entire Social Network Project, which will involve attending subsequent ½ days trainings, focusing on social skill development, connecting with other families of similar needs and interests for the purposes of fostering friendships, and structuring social opportunities.

Registration is required  
[www.fhfnorthshore.org](http://www.fhfnorthshore.org)  
 (985) 875-0511

**Saturday, July 27, 2013**  
 9:00am – 3:00pm

**Lakeview Regional Medical  
 Center**  
 The Pelican Room  
 95 Judge Tanner Blvd  
 Covington, La 70433

**OR**

**Saturday, August 3, 2013**  
 9:00 – 3:00pm

**Southeastern Louisiana  
 University**  
 University Center, Room 139  
 800 W. University Ave

**\$10 donation is appreciated**

**Lunch will be provided**

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## **inclusive community adult network**

iCAN excites individuals of all abilities to live life to the fullest. The heart of this mission is to build true friendships across all boundaries. iCAN is a program of Northshore Families Helping Families that gives individuals with developmental disabilities the freedom to experience real adventure. This is played out as relationships are built through weekly events of laughter, singing, food and fun, as well as opportunities to enhance life skills. Designed for individuals ages sixteen and up, iCAN also facilitates a smooth transition from high school into adulthood. Our vision is that life-long friendships will develop among iCAN's participants and volunteers. Through iCAN, friends encounter the life they are meant to live, a life of personal growth, while learning what it means to grow together. iCAN believes that we all live with great purpose; that when joining together "I can!"

### **iCAN Move It! - great exercise experience**

Every Tuesday & Thursday~ 3:30—4:15pm, \$5 donation

Franco's: 100 Bon Temps Roule, Mandeville, LA 70471

### **iCAN Bowl - lunch, bowling & lots of fun**

Every Saturday ~ 11-1pm and every Thursday ~ 4:30—6:00pm, \$4 for 2 games & shoes

Tiffany Lanes: 4400 Highway 22, Mandeville, LA 70471

For more information, contact Northshore Families Helping Families  
(985)875-0511 or [info@fhfnorthshore.org](mailto:info@fhfnorthshore.org)



## Northshore Families Helping Families is now accepting applications for the 2013 - 2014 school year

# AMBASSADORS *in action*

Northshore Families Helping Families' Ambassadors in Action Program is a great opportunity for students interested in learning about business in the non-profit sector, for students looking for meaningful volunteer opportunities, and/or for students who want to have well-rounded experiences in preparation for college or career.

Northshore Families Helping Families has decided to expand its Ambassadors in Action Program to freshmen and sophomores as well as juniors and seniors attending area high schools. Each Ambassador will be selected based upon their application, recommendations and interview. A maximum of three students will be selected from each high school or organization.

Ambassadors will be involved in NFHF events and activities including Ambassadors Orientation, Touch A Truck, Sibling Adventures, Breakfast With Santa, and Northshore Families Helping Families' iCAN Program.

If this is a program for you, please complete the attached [application](#) and send it to Lynda Bradley via email or fax:

[lyndabradley@fhfnorthshore.org](mailto:lyndabradley@fhfnorthshore.org)

985-875-9979 (fax)

For more information call NFHF at 985-875-0511

**Applications must be received by Wednesday, August 21st.**

*"My overall experience with Northshore Families Helping Families has been great! The Ambassadors in Action program was very eye opening for me and I learned a lot. All of the events we participated in were very enjoyable and rewarding as well. I am so thankful for being given the opportunity to be a part of such a great organization and I am looking forward to another great year!"*

*Madison Heil, 2011-2012 Ambassador in Action*



## LaTEACH Statewide Coordinator Position Opening

LaTEACH is seeking a motivated, organized advocate to serve as the LaTEACH Statewide Coordinator. The LaTEACH Statewide Coordinator will serve a leadership role in supporting Louisiana's education advocacy network to promote inclusive and effective education for students with disabilities. Responsibilities include supporting and managing LaTEACH Regional Leaders, coordinating LaTEACH's statewide advocacy efforts, and educating legislators, BESE members, state education leaders and the public on issues and the impact of policy decisions on students with disabilities. Qualified applicants should have a strong working knowledge of education issues related to students with disabilities, understand the policy-making processes, have strong communication skills, and a record of systems advocacy. Applications will be received until a qualified applicant is selected. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume and three references to: Susan Benoit, Executive Director, Families Helping Families Southwest Louisiana. 337-436-2578 (fax) or [info@fhfswla.org](mailto:info@fhfswla.org).

## LaTEACH Region 9 Leader Position Opening

Support other parents and self-advocates to connect with their policy makers  
 Inform policy makers of the impact of policy decisions on students with disabilities  
 Receive training and education in topics related to special education

### What to Expect:

Competitive hourly pay and performance-based bonuses  
 Regional and statewide travel (Travel reimbursement based on current Louisiana State rates)  
 Continuing education hours

### Position Requirements:

Be a parent or family member of someone with a developmental disability or an individual with a disability  
 Strong belief in full inclusion of people with disabilities  
 Effective verbal and written communication  
 Qualified applicants are encouraged to mail or fax a resume and letter of interest to:  
 Susan Benoit, Executive Director, Families Helping Families Southwest Louisiana  
 2927 Hodges Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601, [info@fhfswla.org](mailto:info@fhfswla.org), 1-800-894-6558,  
 337-436-2578 (fax).

For more information on LaTEACH: [www.lateach.org](http://www.lateach.org)

# Partners in Policymaking®

----An Initiative of the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council----



Pictured in the attachment are members of the Partners in Policymaking Class of 2013. Pictured from left to right – Front row: Ashley Volion (Metairie); Rickii Ainey (New Orleans); Dania Orellana (Kenner); Elise White (Livingston); Robbie Gray, Program Monitor, LA DD Council (Baton Rouge); 2nd row: Liz Gary, Coordinator Partners in Policymaking, 2008 Graduate (Mandeville); Katy Bajat (Carencro); Trish Martin (Raceland); Angelle Morley (Slidell); Kathy Lorio (Madisonville); Lisa Robinson (Hammond); Zachary Slay (Mandeville); 3rd row: Candace Karam (Iowa); Dr. Michael Turgeau (Ponchatoula); Michelle Brown-Bass (Baskin); Joy McClellan (Metairie); Rana Ottallah (Metairie); Matthew “Drew” McKenzie (Mandeville); 4th row: George Nicoll (Mandeville); Rose Viltz (New Iberia); James Watts (Lake Charles); Jamie Fletcher (Denham Springs); Dwayne Marlborough (Mandeville).

**An Invitation to Apply** – The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council annually seeks applications from motivated, interested individuals who have developmental disabilities or parents of children with developmental disabilities, to become candidates for Partners in Policymaking. The Council is especially interested in individuals who have the enthusiasm and potential to become effective advocates in the future. Every attempt is made to select candidates who reflect a cross section of gender, disabilities, ethnicity, and regions of the state.

Participants attend one weekend training session each month, January through June. Sessions start Friday at Noon and conclude at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday in Baton Rouge. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. Participants are expected to complete assignments between sessions and commit to one major assignment to be completed by February of the next calendar year. Lodging, meals and weekend trainings are provided at no cost to the participants. Respite care and attendant services for qualifying participants are reimbursed.

Applications for the 2013 Partners in Policymaking class can be obtained from: LA Developmental Disabilities Council, P.O. Box 3455, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3455 or FAX: 225-342-1970. Individuals can also download the pdf application or apply online at <http://www.laddc.org/plans/activities/pip/index.php> Applications must be completed online or postmarked or faxed to the address above no later than September 30th of this year. Final selection will be made by November 15th of this year. The next session will begin in January of 2014.

## Managed care Could be Coming for Individuals with Developmental Disability Waivers

*By Karen Scallan, Program Director, Louisiana Family to Family Health Information Center*

The state is currently investigating the feasibility of instituting managed care for waiver services in Louisiana. Last November, DHH issued a "Request for Information" (RFI) for ideas on what a managed-care program for long-term care (including developmental disability waiver) services would look like. The state received 16 responses. Most were from large agencies. Some provided these managed care services in other states. Some did not. You can view all 16 responses and the RFI by visiting: <http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/2749>.

Many who heard of the RFI were concerned that NOW waiver services would be moved into managed care immediately, but in our discussions with Dr. Laura Brackin, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) and Kathy Kliebert, Deputy Secretary for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), we were assured this process will involve extensive consideration and stakeholder input if the state decides to move toward managed care. Kathy Kliebert also indicated that there is no possibility of a move to managed care for waiver services this fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2013) and that the state had not even made any decisions on whether or not to move forward at the time of this writing.

The key thing to remember is whether or not the state moves to managed care for long-term supports and services, no one will truly know what that will mean until after the stakeholder input and a Request for Proposals is issued. The possibilities are many if they decide to move forward. A wide variety of services could be included, including institutional care, home and community based care, health care and/or mental health care.

The Louisiana Family to Family Health Information Center has taken an active collaborative approach to working with state officials and other agencies so that families are represented in the stakeholder process. Online trainings are being held now for families on managed care and how it works so that we can be fully-participating members of the stakeholder groups involved. We will schedule additional webinars as stakeholder meetings are held to update families on the progress of the meetings and where we stand. Watch LaDisabilityTalk and the F2FHIC Facebook page for announcements of dates and times. Check out our Upcoming Events Calendar in this newsletter as well.

For more Info, contact Karen Scallan, Program Director, La Family to Family Health Information Center, 1-800-331-5570 or [kcsallan@gmail.com](mailto:kcsallan@gmail.com). La F2FHIC facebook page is Laf2fhic Kidscomplexneeds.

**Find F2FHIC on Facebook**

### Stay Connected During Crisis - Get Up to the Minute Info!

Follow the Louisiana Family to Family Health Information Center on facebook:

**Laf2fhic KidsComplexNeeds**

### FIND RESOURCES/INFO & GET HELP DURING HURRICANE SEASON!

Your resource for connections to care, info, resources, & more!! Post questions, comment on the latest health news & events, connect to others.



## Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network

### **Device Demonstration Program**

What is an Assistive Technology (AT) Device? An AT device is best described as any item, piece of equipment or product system which is used to increase, maintain or improve the functional capability of an individual living with a disability.

Who benefits from the AT Demonstration Program? Individuals of all ages with all types of disabilities who need assistance in the life skills areas of communication, mobility, vision, hearing, education, recreation, vocation, employment and community living as well as caregivers, educators, employers, business owners and rehabilitation organizations.

To better serve individuals with disabilities, LATAN has established an Assistive Technology Device Demonstration Program in Louisiana. The AT Demonstration Program, with centers currently located in Baton Rouge and Shreveport, offers consumers the opportunity to experience AT devices firsthand and to make informed decisions as to what type of equipment will best suite their specific needs. The Device Demonstration Program provides, for a fee, "traveling demonstrations" to other parts of the state for those who cannot access the equipment in the centers.

LATAN invites you to make an appointment to stop by either center location to experience tools and devices to aid in community loving, employment and school, or call LATAN to find out when demonstrations will be in your area.

### **Device Loan Program**

LATAN also offers residents of Louisiana with disabilities the opportunity to borrow a variety of Assistive Technology equipment and devices for temporary use prior to making a purchase, while a device is being repaired, while waiting for new equipment to be delivered or as a short-term accommodation. AT available for loan includes devices for vision, hearing, speech, computer access, environmental control and switch access, daily living, mobility, seating and positioning, learning, cognitive and developmental support.

Who is eligible to borrow? Individuals with any type of disability, functional limitation or age-related issue who are Louisiana citizens; agencies and organizations that work with individuals with any type of disability or limitation; and employers of people with disabilities, to help them determine what AT will work best on the job.

What is the length of time for the loan? An individual may borrow AT devices from LATAN for a period of 35 days. This period includes the day it leaves LATAN to the day it is returned to LATAN.

Are there any fees? Yes. Fees are dependent upon the value of the device and include costs associated with technical assistance during the Device Loan period.

### **AT Financial Loan Program**

LATAN's Assistive Technology Financial Loan Program assists people with disabilities in purchasing assistive technology through a special loan program. The reduced-interest, fixed-rate, extended-term loan program provides a worthwhile option in the funding maze facing consumers who need to purchase assistive technology to improve or maintain their level of independence, to increase or maintain their productivity or to improve their quality of life.

An individual may borrow from \$500 - \$50,000. The length of the loan depends upon the life expectancy of the equipment and demonstrated ability to repay the debt. The rate of the reduced-interest loan depends on the prime rate.

LATAN's AT Financial Loan Program is designed to assist persons who may not qualify under traditional loan programs. All sources will be considered the same as employment income.

Assitive Technology may include, but is not limited to: vehicle modification; new or used vehicles to be modified; computers and adaptations; mobility devices (wheelchairs, scooters and prostheses); home modification; augmentative communication devices; hearing aids; environmental control units; vision aids; any service to support AT device; any other item or device that improves or maintains the independence of a person.

To learn more about LATAN, visit their website at [www.latan.org](http://www.latan.org) or contact the center nearest you: Baton Rouge - 800-270-6185 or Shreveport - 318-841-1548.

## ALL ABOARD! LAPTIC TRAINING EXPRESS

Provided by the Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center (LaPTIC)



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### July 2013

**Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports at Home:** Practical tips for educators and parents to help them with challenging behaviors and implementing a Behavior Support Plan in the Individual Education Plan (IEP).

**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2013  
**Time:** 11:00am - 12:00pm  
**Guest Presenter:** Sandra Trammell, Autism Resource Specialist

**The Nuts and Bolts of Special Education:** Parents of children with disabilities will learn how to become more active participants in their children's education. This session will include information on evaluations, record keeping, Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meetings, Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Section 504 and dispute resolution.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00pm - 2:00pm  
**Presenter:** Shanida Mathieu

**My Journey as a BESE Board Member - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly:** As part of an administrative body for all Louisiana public elementary and secondary schools, BESE also performs certain administrative functions for the state's non-public elementary and secondary schools. BESE adopts regulations and enacts policies governing the operations of those schools under its jurisdiction and exercises budgetary oversight of their educational programs and services. What does all this mean to you? Join me and get informed!

**Date:** Thursday, July 11, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00pm - 2:00pm  
**Guest Presenter:** Lottie Beebe, BESE Board Member

### July 2013

**Parents of young children (birth to 3) with developmental delays or disabilities** will learn how to work with the rest of their team to help their child's development during this critical time. This session will include information on screening, evaluations, CPRs (Concerns, Priorities and Resources), IFSP outcomes, what should happen during therapy and home visits, monitoring your child's progress and transition to preschool.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 17, 2013

**Time:** 8:00pm - 9:00pm

**Guest Presenter:** Maria Blanco, M.Ed.

**Section 504 & IDEA - What's the Difference:** Have you ever wondered which law applies to your child, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act? Would you like to have a clearer understanding about the differences and similarities between the two laws? This webinar provides participants with a brief overview of both laws, focusing on the purposes and eligibility requirements for each.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 24, 2013

**Time:** 11:00am - 12:00pm

**Presenter:** Shanida Mathieu

**What is Down Syndrome:** Join us to learn about Down syndrome, how and when is it detected and what it looks like from teen to adult years. We will talk about the DSAGNO support group, the National Organization, annual conference, networking and blogs. We will have some time for Q/A and sharing.

**Date:** Tuesday, July 30, 2013

**Time:** 8:00pm - 9:00pm

**Presenter:** Paula LaCour

**Treatment Options for Children and Adolescents with Social Skills Deficits:** This seminar will provide information to parents, educators and treatment providers who work with children with social skill deficits. One specific framework that will be reviewed is called Social Thinking ®. Social Thinking is a teaching framework originated by Michelle Garcia Winner, consisting of the Social Thinking Vocabulary, social concepts and strategies, original characters and several curriculums with specific materials geared to different age ranges spanning preschool children to adults. Learn more at [www.socialthinking.com](http://www.socialthinking.com). This seminar will provide resources and a brief overview of specific techniques that can be used to improve a child's social awareness which will in turn influence their behavior.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 31, 2013

**Time:** 11:00am - 12:00pm

**Guest Presenter:** Christina Binder-Stabler, Ph.D.

### August 2013

**What is Autism:** This webinar will provide you with information on autism and about the misconceptions and commonalities of autism. We will also discuss websites, support groups and where to find other resources.

**Date:** Thursday, August 15, 2013  
**Time:** 11:00am - 12:00pm  
**Guest Presenter:** Sandra Trammell, Autism Resource Specialist

**STOMP (Specialized Training of Military Parents):** This class provides information to the participants about what STOMP does and how the participants can access information and resources. Objectives:

1. Describe the mission of STOMP
2. Know how to contact STOMP either via phone, email or internet
3. Know at least 3 of the resources that STOMP provides
4. Discuss how STOMP can assist them with the impact of raising a child with special needs in the military
5. Discuss how STOMP can assist them with their job of assisting parents of children with special needs in the military

**Date:** Wednesday, August 7, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00am - 11:00am  
**Guest Presenter:** Valerie Patterson, Parent Education Coordinator

**SSI: Eligibility Criteria, How to Apply, The Disability Decision Process & What Happens Next...:** In this webinar you will learn about Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility and how it differs from Social Security Disability. We will show you the easiest way to apply, the factors that determine the disability decision and the steps to take once a decision is rendered. This webinar also showcases SSA's suite of online services that allow you to transact SSA business from your home or office.

**Date:** Wednesday, August 7, 2013  
**Time:** 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
**Guest Presenter:** Maria T. Alvarez, Social Security Administration

**The NICHCY Website: Resources You Need, Available When You Need Them:** Join us for a web tour of the recently redesigned NICHCY website to help users find the wealth of information available. Featured sections include "New to Disability?", Especially for Families and Communities, All about the IEP, NICHCY en español, our State and National Organization searches and more!

**Date:** Monday, August 12, 2013  
**Time:** 11:00am - 12:00pm  
**Guest Presenter:** Elaine Mulligan, Project Director

**Section 504 & IDEA - What's the Difference:** Have you ever wondered which law applies to your child, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act? Would you like to have a clearer understanding about the difference and similarities between the two laws? Participants will be provided a brief overview of both laws, focusing on the purposes and eligibility requirements for each.

**Date:** Wednesday, August 21, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00am - 11:00pm  
**Presenter:** Shanida Mathieu



### September 2013

**The Nuts and Bolts of Special Education:** Parents of children with disabilities will learn how to become more active participants in their children's education. This session will include information on evaluations, record keeping, Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meetings, Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Section 504 and dispute resolution.

**Date:** Thursday, September 5, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00pm - 2:00pm  
**Presenter:** Shanida Mathieu

**Did you know that Spina Bifida is the nation's most common, permanently disabling birth defect?** Learn how to reduce the risk of a child being born with spina bifida and other neural tube defects by as much as 70%! Join Judy and son Mathew who will provide you with disability specific information, helpful tools concerning school issues, discuss yearly events and SBGNO website.

**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2013  
**Time:** 8:00pm - 9:00pm  
**Guest Presenters:** Judy Otto and Mathew Otto

**Section 504 & IDEA - What's the Difference:** Have you ever wondered which law applies to your child - The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act? Would you like to have a clearer understanding about the differences and similarities between the two laws? This webinar provides participants with a brief overview of both laws, focusing on the purposes and eligibility requirements for each.

**Date:** Wednesday, September, 18, 2013  
**Time:** 10:30am - 11:30am  
**Presenter:** Shanida Mathieu

**Finding and Accessing Resources for Rare Diseases Patients and Families:** Rare disease patients and families often face many challenges including finding an accurate diagnosis, identifying reliable disease information, finding a knowledgeable medical professional with experience with the disease, accessing and paying for treatment options and finding and connecting with other patients and families. In this webinar, a representative from the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) will help identify resources patients and families can access to address these needs.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00pm - 2:00pm  
**Guest Presenter:** Tai Spargo, MPA

# Get Involved

## Regional Interagency Coordinating Council (RICC)

Each region in the state has a Regional Coordinating Council (RICC). This gives parents an opportunity locally to stay current with the latest information and provide valuable feedback to EarlySteps. Parent participation is needed at our Regional Interagency Coordinating Council Meetings. The next RICC meeting is:

October (date TBD)  
1:00pm - 3:00pm  
Workforce Commission  
1711 Nashville Avenue, Hammond, LA 70401

## Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

The Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) for Developmental Disabilities Services for Florida Parishes Human Services Authority, established by legislative act, ensures public input in an advisory capacity in the development and implementation of policies, procedures, and the allocation of resources to the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities. This input shall be derived from communication with, but not limited to, individuals with disabilities and their families and other concerned groups or individuals. Give comments about an interest, need or concern about issues facing families or individuals with disabilities. Get information about resources that may be available for you or others. Region 9 RAC wants to hear from you! For more information on the Regional Advisory Committee, email [racddsfpghsa@gmail.com](mailto:racddsfpghsa@gmail.com).

Next RAC meeting:

Wednesday, July 24, 2013  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
Archdiocese of New Orleans, Northshore Pastoral Center  
Catholic Charities, Conference Room  
69090 East Highway 190 Service Road, Suite 100, Covington, LA

## Florida Parishes Human Services Authority Provider Meeting

Florida Parishes Human Services Authority / Developmental Disabilities Services would like to invite you to attend our provider meeting in September (date TBD) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Louisiana Workforce Commission Office at 1711 Nashville Avenue, Hammond, Louisiana. All Region 9 providers who serve people in the New Opportunities Waiver, the Children's Choice Waiver, Supports Waiver and the Residential Options Waiver are strongly encouraged to attend. The building manager has requested that no one park in the rear of the building, as that is for employees and judges only. Park in the front and side parking lots of the building or on the street.

# Community News & Events

## AUTISM SOCIETY

*Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism* Louisiana State Chapter, Inc.

### Jazzin' Up for Autism

2013 State Conference on Autism

Date: November 08 – 09, 2013

Location: Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center  
New Orleans, LA

#### Keynote Speakers:



While teaching students with autism, John Miller was diagnosed with Asperger's. He began the long road of accepting his own diagnosis. Realizing the barriers he had faced throughout his life, he became a strong advocate for individuals on the spectrum. His manuscript based on his own life and teaching experiences is titled, "The A Word: My Life With Asperger's and the World of Autism". He is now working on his manuscript on dating and relationships for males with high functioning autism and Asperger's titled, "Navigating the Minefield: A Dating and Relationship Guide for Males with High-Functioning Autism and Asperger's".

Dr. Lori Ernsperger is an international presenter, author, college professor, educational consultant and the President of Autism and Behavioral Consulting. Dr. Lori Ernsperger received her Ph.D. degree in Special Education from Indiana University and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. She has over 27 years of experience working in the public schools as a classroom teacher, administrator, and behavioral consultant. Dr. Ernsperger provides staff development and conference workshops to school district personnel and parents.



#### Additional Presentations from Experts:

- ⇒ Job Development and Coaching
- ⇒ Living with ASD
- ⇒ Updates in Legal Issues/Special Needs Trusts
- ⇒ Bullying
- ⇒ Positive Behavioral Supports
- ⇒ Transitioning Services
- ⇒ Sexuality and Autism
- ⇒ Caregiver Burnout
- ⇒ Puberty and Autism
- ⇒ Connect Model
- ⇒ IEP
- ⇒ Challenging Behaviors

- ◆ Join us at conference and enjoy the opportunity to network with families and professionals
- ◆ Meet experts in the field of autism
- ◆ Learn the latest educational techniques
- ◆ Learn skills for making positive changes in your community for children and adults with autism.
- ◆ Enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment!
- ◆ Learn the latest for adults with ASD for work and community environments.

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P.O. Box 80162, Baton Rouge, LA 70898

(800) 955-3760

[autismsociety\\_lastatechapter@yahoo.com](mailto:autismsociety_lastatechapter@yahoo.com)

[www.lastateautism.org](http://www.lastateautism.org)



Talk to someone who understands...  
someone just like you

**NAMI Connection** is a **FREE** support group for adults living with mental illness. No registration required. Groups are confidential - participants are welcomed to share as much or as little information as they wish.

All groups meet from 6:30PM to 8PM

**Covington** - Every Thursday in the Madisonville Room at St. Tammany Parish Hospital (Main Hospital Building lobby entrance)

**Hammond** - Second Monday of every month in the E. Brent Dufreche Conference Center at the North Oaks Hospital Diagnostic Center

**Slidell** - Second and fourth Tuesday of every month in the Camellia Room at Ochsner Medical Center- Northshore (Main Hospital Building lobby entrance)

Groups may be subject to change, contact NAMI St. Tammany for the most current updates.

(985)626-6538 Local  
(877)521-2297 Toll Free  
PO Box 2055  
Mandeville, LA 70470  
www.namisttammany.org



## Family Support Group

**FREE**  
**INFORMATIVE**

This program is designed for family members and loved ones of a person suffering from mental illness. You are not alone.

Day: 2nd Tuesday of every month  
Time: 7 PM until 9 PM  
Place: Archdiocese of New Orleans Covington Location



The MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUPS provide a place to share, discuss, and resolve issues as they come up. Groups are lead by a trained facilitator and offer the support needed by families and caregivers who have a loved one with a mental illness. **Covington/ Mandeville** F2F monthly support group typically meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Pastoral Conference Center of the Archdiocese of New Orleans building, on the Hwy 190 East Service Road in Covington, LA.

985-626-6538 Local  
1-877-521-2297 Toll Free  
PO Box 2055  
Mandeville, LA 70470  
www.namisttammany.org



For Parents and Family Member Caregivers of a Child or Adolescent

### DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE EMOTIONAL OR BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS?

- Numerous 'in school' or 'out of school' suspensions?
- Difficulty getting along with or being around others, rages or outbursts?
- Problems concentrating, completing schoolwork, maintaining grades?
- Frequent health issues like stomachaches, headaches, weight changes?
- Extreme sadness, hopelessness, emptiness, crying for no reason?
- Talked about "wishing he/she could just die"?

If any of these situations sound familiar, you are not alone. NAMI Basics is a 6-week program designed to educate parents and caregivers just like you in a supportive and confidential setting. You will learn about the benefits of early intervention and treatment, how to navigate both the public school and mental health care systems, as well as specific information about major mental health issues that affect children and teens such as ADHD, Conduct Disorders, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia and mental illness with substance use. All programs and materials are provided **FREE** of charge.

**NAMI Basics teachers are parents who have "been there"**

Classes meet Wednesday evenings beginning October 9, 2013

Registration is required and space is limited

For more information, contact



(985)626-6538 • toll free (888)521-2297 • fax (877)361-1631

Visit us on the web: [www.namisttammany.org](http://www.namisttammany.org)

## UP21 FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO DINNER & DISCOURSE

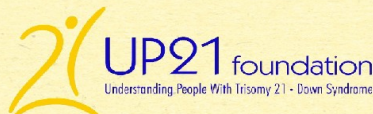
Individuals with special needs can present challenges to traditional parenting and teaching styles.

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Go to [www.up21foundation.org](http://www.up21foundation.org) or call 985-626-4119 for more information



# The Wonder Gym

Adaptive Fitness Training for Individuals with Special Needs

The same great training provided to our elite athletes is now available in an individualized adaptive training format. The Wonder Gym focuses on stimulating the senses, increasing flexibility and stability of the core muscles, and meeting the social needs of individuals at every ability level.

**Fall Schedule:**  
(Starting in August 2013)

Wednesdays  
4:30-5:30 pm  
Saturdays  
10:00-11:00 am

- Individualized and Small Group Attention**
- Sensory and Reaction Training**
- Flexibility and Stability Development**
- Social Play Development**
- Muscular Tone and Improvement Training**

10 sessions only \$125

For more information or sign up today at



114 Northpark Blvd, Covington, LA (985) 801-0500 www.athleticrepubliccovington.com



Poker playing is not required to attend this event. This is a fun poker tournament, so ante up and let's have some fun raising money for local children with special needs.

For any questions contact the advisory committee.

**Look forward to seeing everyone!**  
**\*Dressy Casual Attire**



## 4th Annual Cards4Kids Party and Poker Tournament/Silent Auction Fundraiser

7:00pm Friday, July 19th 2013

Benedict's Plantation

1144 North Causeway Boulevard, Mandeville, LA

TICKETS \$50.00 / Poker \$50 buy in / MUSIC

This is a PARTY with a fun POKER TOURNAMENT!

Poker starting @ 8pm (late entries are welcome)

Food & facility by Benedict's Plantation

Open bar sponsored by Republic National

Distributing Company & Abita Brewery

Over 100 Silent Auction items to bid on!!!!

**Any question contact**

**Michael & Angie de la Houssaye**  
**(985) 966-1448**

[www.facebook.com/Cards4Kids](http://www.facebook.com/Cards4Kids)



## InclusionMatters Conference News

Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center (LaPTIC) will not hold their annual inclusionMATTERS Conference in December.

LAPTIC has joined forces with LSUHDC to make the conference even better than before.

The next inclusionMATTERS Conference will be held in June 2014.

Watch out for more information!



## What is LaDisability Talk?

An email talk list from the Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center (formerly

Project PROMT) of Families Helping Families of Jefferson to help families of people with disabilities and their advocates in Louisiana share information, resources and support.

**What's a talk list?** It is a way for email users to be in a group with others who have similar interests.

**Who should join?** Parents of children with disabilities, self-advocates and advocates for people with disabilities in Louisiana.

**How do I join?** Just send an email to [fhfprompter@yahoo.com](mailto:fhfprompter@yahoo.com) or [LaDisabilityTalk-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](http://LaDisabilityTalk-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

**Does it cost anything?** No, it's completely free!

# Community Support Groups

## *Helping Hands Down Syndrome & Chromosome Disorder Support Group*



This is a place where you can receive the acceptance and understanding from others in similar circumstances. We offer an abundance of information, resources and support in a social setting. All family members welcome – childcare available (at no cost). Come relax in an environment with other families where you can express yourself freely, share stories of success and hardships, trade information, give and gain support, learn from each other and make friendships to last a lifetime.

For more information on support group times and location, please call or text Tamara Cannon at (985) 507-3050, email at [helpinghandsdssg@yahoo.com](mailto:helpinghandsdssg@yahoo.com), or join our private group page on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/groups/helpinghandssupport/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/groups/helpinghandssupport/)

**Slidell Morning ASD Support Meeting** 9a-11a Slidell Memorial Hospital Parenting Center, 2nd floor classroom SMH Wellness Pavilion  
501 Robert Ave Blvd., Slidell; Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month  
For more info contact [agaliano@soarwithautism.org](mailto:agaliano@soarwithautism.org)

**Tangipahoa Evening ASD Support Meeting** 7p-9p Crossroads Church  
1006 North Oak St., Hammond; Meets the 1st Monday of every month. For more info contact [shouin@soarwithautism.org](mailto:shouin@soarwithautism.org)

**St Tammany ASD Support Meeting** 10a-12 306 Pine St., Madisonville;  
Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. For more info contact [gsternfels@soarwithautism.org](mailto:gsternfels@soarwithautism.org)



[www.soarwithautism.org](http://www.soarwithautism.org)  
[info@soarwithautism.org](mailto:info@soarwithautism.org)  
985-796-7627 (soar)

## Autism Answers



Updates on support groups and upcoming workshops can be found on our Facebook page and on <http://autismanswersla.org/Home.html>. Upcoming workshop titles include Swimming Safety Lessons, Apps for Autism & Back to School Workshop.

206 JW Davis Suite 105, Hammond, LA — [info@autismanswersofla.org](mailto:info@autismanswersofla.org) — (985) 549-0836

# Community Support Groups

## Northshore Brain Injury Support Group

Meets 3rd Saturday of the month 9:30am-12pm  
St. Tammany Parish Hospital Conference Room

1202 S. Tyler Street, Covington  
Ann Mejia 985-640-0498 or [anntm70@yahoo.com](mailto:anntm70@yahoo.com)  
for more information

## Dyslexia Support Group

2nd Saturday of the month

1:00 pm- 2:30 pm

Ponchatoula Library  
380 North Fifth Street  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

NAMI St Tammany (National Alliance on Mental Illness) hosts monthly support groups to provide a place to share, discuss and resolve issues. Groups are led by a trained facilitator and offer the support needed by families and caregivers who have a loved one with a mental illness.

For more info, contact NAMI at 985-626-6538 or [www.namisttammany.org](http://www.namisttammany.org) for detailed list of times and locations

**Connection Group:** 6:30pm- 8:00pm in Covington, Hammond & Slidell

**Family to Family Group:** 7:00pm-9:00pm in Covington & Hammond



**When:** 2nd Tuesday of the month

**Time:** 7:00 pm—8:30 pm

**Where:** Mandeville High School

#1 Skipper Drive, Mandeville

For more information contact Susan at [susantheriot4242@gmail.com](mailto:susantheriot4242@gmail.com)  
or Peggy at [parmstrong6751@aol.com](mailto:parmstrong6751@aol.com).

## Grandparents and Others Raising Grandchildren Support Group of St. Tammany Parish

1st Monday of Every Month from 11am - 1pm; 3rd Monday of Every Month from 7pm - 9pm

World Prayer Tabernacle  
73202 E. Stadium Dr.  
Covington LA 70433