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O'Hana Kids News is having a **FUNDRAISER!!**

& YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO NOT HAVE THIS CARD!!!

OKN is selling **POGO** cards as a fundraiser.
We have POGO cards for Lincoln and Omaha both.
They are \$20 apiece.

All monies go toward helping OKN become non-profit.

*If you have never used a POGO card, you are missing out.
In just as little as 1 use you can recoup the \$20 you paid for the card, and
still have a year to use the remainder of the card.
My family uses a POGO card on a regular basis, but have never been able
to use everything on the card, and it usually saves us several hundred
dollars a year in what we can use.*

Here is a sample of what you get:

McDonald's (Free Sandwich w/purchase); Burger King, Runza, Many other fast food places, coffee shops, Pizza Hut; Valentino's, Domino's Pizza & many other restaurants; Golf at many area courses; Big Red Store; Russwood Auto Center (Lincoln); Oil Changes; Russ' Supermarket (\$5 off \$50 purchase x 3, Lincoln), Saltdogs, & so many other places to save money with I can't even list them all!

So how can YOU get YOUR POGO card????

**Drop us a check or money order for \$20 to:
O'Hana Kids News, 7818 A Street, NEHAWKA, NE 68413
Make sure you include your name, address & email if you have one.**

**Also being sold on Ebay,
look for O'hana Kids News Pogo Card Fundraiser for the item.
Can use Paypal to pay for the card!!!**

**As soon as we receive your payment, we will call or email you to let you
know that we have mailed out your POGO card. You should receive it in a
few days, and then have fun saving money with it!!**

**It is that simple!! So please help support this newsletter so that we can
reach more families with the information that we collect :)**

Thank You!!!!

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Caregiver Day for Rural Nebraska Families in Cass County

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

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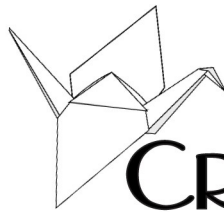
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2011 HETRA Drive to Ride Campaign – Hurry ends soon!!!

HETRA's Drive to Ride Campaign helps to support the student tuition assistance program which benefits all the HETRA students. It costs \$100 each time a rider mounts a horse at HETRA. Currently our clients are only paying \$37.50 on average, for each session. It is very important to us, to keep our fees affordable for our families that are already experiencing the great financial hardships of rising a child with special needs. With only a few days left, we need your help to reach our goal!! Go to our website, choose a team to help out & think about donating. www.hetra.org or 402-359-8830 , Thanks you for supporting HETRA!



CRANESTORM
WISHES IN FLIGHT

Cranestorm Project

Brings Awareness of Brain Injuries

Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury is the number one cause of death and disability for children and young adults in the United States. Causes of PABI can be both Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) as well as non-traumatic brain injury (ABI)

TBI causes: falls, motor vehicle incidents, sports concussions, blast injuries from war, violence/assault, child abuse, shaken baby syndrome, gunshot wounds, bicycle accidents, or anything else resulting in trauma to the head

Non-traumatic causes: brain tumors, meningitis, strokes, high fevers, lack of oxygen such as in near-drowning incidents or due to difficulty breathing after birth, poisoning, ischemia and substance abuse

More than 3,000,000 new pediatric brain injuries ranging from "mild" to severe occur every single year in the United States alone and over 1,000,000 children are hospitalized each year due to Pediatric TBI.

The Brain Injury Association of Nebraska (BIA-NE) is launching a statewide project called "Cranestorm- Wishes in Flight." The goal of this project is to fold and collect 36,000 origami cranes, one for every Nebraskan (child, adult, service member or veteran) living with a disability due to brain injury.

This is an excellent opportunity for students, groups or employees to acquire volunteer service hours while doing something fun!

You can create crane folding events at birthday or block parties, meetings and community events or through work. This is an excellent opportunity for students, groups or employees to acquire volunteer service hours while doing something fun.

The goal of this project is to raise awareness and educate people about brain injuries and to work toward preventing them in the future.

To join this effort, go to www.biane.org to see a video on how to fold a crane and how to be a part of this amazing project!

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Project Lifesaver in Sarpy County

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

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

WANTED: School Art Work by Children touched by Epilepsy

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

Vacation Tips for Kids with Autism

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

Munroe Meyer / AAP iPad Lending Library

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

Sure Steps SMO Orthotics

Having a hard time finding shoes that would fit the braces? Sure Steps makes tennis shoes that are made to fit the SMO's. They cost about \$50, but have your doctor write a script for them and you should be able to use your Flexible Spending Account funds to pay for the shoes. There is also a brand called Keeping Pace that is made for orthotics, but they cost closer to \$70. Just for your information :)

Dental Research Study for Children with Disabilities

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

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

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Autism Spectrum Radio

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

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Parent 2 Parent Mentor's Wanted – Please Read

Nationally over 80% of parents of children with disabilities who were mentored by an experienced parent reported it to be the most helpful source of information on coping with the challenges of raising a child with special needs. Mentored parents report that the support of a fellow parent was so unique and personalized that it could not have come from any other source!

As the mother or father of a child with developmental disabilities, you have unique parenting experiences. Through time, training, and trial and error, you have gained valuable skills. **Use your knowledge to help another parent on the journey by becoming a mentor.** Parent to Parent (P2P) programs link parents of children, adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities with experienced and informed veteran parents who understand the day-to-day experiences of raising a child with special needs. Parent to Parent Omaha is offered by Ollie Webb Center, Inc., a local nonprofit agency. **We are seeking parent mentors who are coping well with their child's situation and view him or her as a valuable and developing person.** Consider becoming a mentor if you'd like to help parents cope with the joys and challenges of having a child (of any age) with special needs. The time commitment involves contacting another parent (in person, -mail or telephone) once every two weeks within the first 8 weeks and as mutually agreed thereafter. You have the knowledge and experience. We provide training as a framework to share your wisdom. The next training will be held soon and will include: Guidelines for Helping Families; Creative Coping Skills and Resiliency; Survival Tactics for Parents of Children with Special Needs; What Helps Families in High Stress Situations and Crisis; Tips for Extended Family Members and Siblings; Tips for locating Community Services; Information on Parent to Parent USA; Cultural Competence and Family Centered Care; AND Principles of Family-Professional Collaboration. **To talk with someone about becoming a mentor, please contact Annie Anderson at 346-5220 ext. 23 or aanderson@olliewebbinc.org or mail your name, address, phone number and e-mail to: Ollie Webb Center, Inc | 1941 South 42nd Street | Suite 122 | Omaha, NE 68105**

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www.marcustheaters.com or www.amcentertainment.com

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- Apraxia of Speech
- Autism
- Celiac Disease
- Down Syndrome
- Epilepsy
- Fragile X Syndrome
- Hunters Syndrome
- Hydrocephalus
- Immune Deficiency

- Lebers Congenital Aurmarosis
- Menkes Syndrome
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Neurofibromatosis/Cerebral Palsy
- Sensory Processing Disorder
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- Various Conditions Due to Premature Birth

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MORE INFORMATION: 402-564-1465

COUNCIL BLUFFS: November Events

Powerful Tools For Caregivers

WHERE: Location to Be Determined

TIME: 9:00 – 11:30 am

WHEN: Tuesday's, October 4 to November 8

COST IS ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!

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

To RSVP, Call Ruth Hamlin at 402-522-7934 or email us at
toolsforcaregivers@cox.net

More information on the program, www.toolsforcaregivers.org

GRAND ISLAND: November Events

13 Autism Support Group (2nd Sunday Monthly)

Children on the Autism spectrum & their families

LOCATION: Third City Christian Church, GRAND ISLAND

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

RSVP: Bridget at 308-381-8844

DESCRIPTION: Come join us in supporting each other.

19 Respite Saturday (3rd Saturday Monthly)

For families with children who have any special need

LOCATION: Third City Christian Church, GRAND ISLAND

TIME: 8:30 – 11:00 am

RSVP: Bridget at 308-381-8844; please contact by Wednesday the 16th, so that we can ensure
we have all the volunteers we need to safely take care of your children :)

DESCRIPTION: So parents can have a few hours to do whatever, while their children play and
have a great time in a safe environment.

FREMONT: November Events

10 ESU #2 Presents "Assistive Technology"

For anyone involved in working with children, including parents and professionals

LOCATION: ESU #2, 2320 N. Colorado Ave, FREMONT

TIME: 11:00 – 12:30 pm

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Stacey at 402-941-1180 or spawling@esu2.org

DESCRIPTION: This FREE Training is for family members and professionals working with
children. Dixie Trevarthen from EDU #3 will answer the following questions: What is Assistive
Technology?; Why do I need to start thinking about it?; What do I do with it?; It is really
NEVER too early to start looking at the assistive technology needs of our little ones. Feel free to
bring your lunch!!



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MEE! Webinars

Building Collaborations and Working Together Through Difficulties

Tuesday, November 1st @ 2:00pm
By: Bridget Cannon-Hale, MSW; Consultant

Building Relationships with Your State Senators

Wednesday, December 6th @ 2:00pm
Presented by: Denny Byars, Former State Senator for NE Legislature

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Meal will be served halfway through Meeting

Fremont Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 15th
Fremont City Auditorium
3:00 - 8:00pm

Omaha Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 16th
ESU #3
10:00 - 3:00pm

Lincoln Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 17th
St. Marks United
Methodist Church
Vemeer Center Rm #801
10:00 - 3:00 pm

Kearney Meeting

Monday, Nov. 28th
Salvation Army
10:00 - 3:00 pm

North Platte Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 29th
McKinley Education Center
10:00 - 3:00 pm

Scottsbluff Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 30th
The Harm Center
3:00 - 8:00 pm

* A meal will be served mid-way through the town hall meetings

To Register for any of these events or for any questions:
regarding this project, please e-mail Tara Harper at:

tara.harper@mosaicinfo.org or (402) 896-3884 x1130



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GRETNA: November Events

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

LEXINGTON: Upcoming Events

08 de Diciembre, 2011
Transición a la Vida
Biblioteca Publica de Lexington~907 N. Washington Street~Lexington
MAS INFORMACION O s.r.c.: iGraciela en 800-284-8520
Debe s.r.c.!! Ningún cuidado de niños será proporcionado.
Este taller les proporciona información crucial a padres y estudiantes con respecto al proceso necesario de planificación para el futuro como estudiantes mueven por el sistema de enseñanza y preparan para la vida después de la escuela. La planificación para carreras, la educación superior, o servicios de adulto deben empezar temprano en una carrera educativa de estudiante.

December 08
Transition for Lire (Presented in Spanish only!)
LOCATION: Lexington Public Library, 907 N. Washington St., Lexington
MORE INFORMATION or TO RSVP: Call Graciela at 800-284-8520
TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
DESCRIPTION: This workshop provides crucial information to parents and students regarding the necessary process of planning for the future as students move through the educational system and prepare for life after school. Planning for careers, higher education or adult services needs to begin early in a student's education.

LINCOLN AREA: Ongoing Events

Conservatory of Contemporary Dance, Every Monday for Kids with Special Needs
LOCATION: 2701 O Street, Suite 6, LINCOLN
TIME: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
COST: First session FREE, Registration Fee FREE, \$20 1st month, then \$45 every month after
QUESTIONS: Contact Monya DeBoer at 402-405-6470 or email ccddance@gmail.com
DESCRIPTION: Dance class of various studies, for ALL AGES from 3 & up! Come make friends, and have fun learning about dance. This class is open to BOYS & GIRLS BOTH!!

Art Planet, Art Classes for Kids with Special Needs
LOCATION: Art & Soul at 5740 Hidcote Drive, Lincoln, NE 68516
TIME: Every Tuesday for Kids with Special Needs ages 5-18
COST: Go to the website at www.artplanetlincoln.com for class listings and information
QUESTIONS: Contact Tamara Weber at 402.610.2295 or hello@artplanetlincoln.com
DESCRIPTION: AP Studio is where kids with special needs get to attend an art class designed uniquely for them! Qualified instruction will be provided in a small group setting as we explore and expand each student's skill level. Come meet new friends while creating with paint, clay, pencils, and most of all-your imagination! Students with Asperger's and high functioning autism are encouraged to register for their spot in a class made just for them! **Dreams Unlimited has Tuition Assistance available for Art Planet; for contact information see under Resources for Families in the back.**



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LINCOLN AREA: Ongoing Events

Ager Play Center 9 week Session, for Children with Special Needs ages 6 mo. - 5 yrs
LOCATION: 1300 South 27th Street, LINCOLN, NE

TIME: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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

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

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

**Dreams Unlimited Has Funding available for Cost Assist for Ager Play Center -See Info
in back under Resources for Families**

Cheer & Dance Express Classes - for Kids with Special Needs Ages 4-25 NEW CLASS!!!

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

TIME: **Sunshine Little Rays Team (ages 4-10)** Tuesdays 7 - 7:45 pm **NEW TEAM!!!**

Sunshine Team (ages 11 - 25) Thursdays 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

MORE INFORMATION : 402-489-5111 and www.cheeranddanceexpress.com

DESCRIPTION: Cheer & Dance offers **TWO** classes for special needs children. The Sunshine
team has won many awards and always receive a standing ovation! They have performed at
numerous competitions and shows throughout the Omaha and Lincoln area. The students learn
cheers, jumping, jumping on trampolines, stunts and much more!! This team has made a huge
impact on the kids' self-esteem and confidence!

Kindermusik Sign & Sing: Sign Language Class

INTENDED AUDIENCE: Kids ages 6 months to 3 years

LOCATION: 1111 Old Cheney, LINCOLN

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

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

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

Lincoln Park & Recreation for Kids & Youth with Special Needs

WHERE: Easterday Recreation Center, 6130 Adams Street, LINCOLN

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Debra Williams at 402-441-7901
for more information, registration forms, summer club fees & transportation information

Fun Club for Elementary & Middle School Kids

Tuesdays - September 13 - December 6

TIME: 5:15 - 6:30 pm

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

Mondays, September 12 - December 5

TIME: 7 - 8:30 pm

Special Olympics Young Athletes Program Open to ages 2 - 7

Saturday's Practice September 24 - November 19 (exception of 10/1 & 10/22)

TIME: 10:00 - 10:30 am

Call Kerry at (402) 441-7877 or Debra at (402)441-7901

for more information.

We also need volunteers for this program!

Are you or someone you know, deaf or hard-of-hearing?
Then check out these websites for movies in the Southeast Nebraska Area,
that have captioning available at the theater!!
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LINCOLN AREA: November Events

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

Easter Seals Lincoln Respite Camp Sessions

November 4-5
December 2 – 3
February 3 – 4
March 2 - 3

MORE INFORMATION:
Contact Chrissy and Annette at
1-888-858-5069 ext. 15
lincolnrespite@ne.easterseals.com

- 08 Support Group for families of children with Special Needs – Financial Planning**
All families with a child with any disability
LOCATION: 3901 Pinelake Road, LINCOLN
TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
MORE INFORMATION: Jennifer Meints at 402-327-6061 or Jennifer.meints@cch-neb.com
DESCRIPTION: Come join us this month as we talk about Financial Planning with Gary Roberts. **If you have a child with a special need, you need to come to this evening!! It is a MUST!!!** This support group is for families of children with special healthcare needs. You will have an opportunity to listen to a speaker, find community resources & share information with other parents. This is in conjunction with The Arc of Lincoln's Family Connections Program.

- 09 & 23**
Pediatric Parent Support Group: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month
This support group is for parents, with children, who have acquired injuries.
LOCATION: Alexis Verzal Children's Rehabilitation Hospital
Lower Level of Madonna Hospital, 5401 South St, Lincoln, NE
AT MADONNA: Enter through the main entrance of the AVCRH.
TIME: 3:30 to 4:30 pm
MORE INFORMATION: Contact Amy Nordness at 402-483-9697 or Kristin Luethke at 402-486-8182
RSVP for Pediatric Play Group: Contact Kristin Luethke at 402-486-8182 to ensure that we have the necessary amount of staff/volunteers present.
DESCRIPTION: The support group meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday's of the month. Come & expand your knowledge, while gaining insights and encouragement from other parents. There is a Pediatric Play Group held in conjunction with the Parent Support Group. It is in the Kit Scott Therapeutic Learning Center. It is open to children ages 3-7. On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, there is music group offered, & on the 4th Wednesday of the month, the Angel Dog volunteers & their pets lead creative play. **THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO INPATIENT FAMILIES ALSO, just let us know so we can monitor your child while you are at group.**

- 12 People First of Lincoln (for Adults with Developmental Disabilities ages 21 & up)**
LOCATION: Westfield Gateway Mall, FOOD COURT, LINCOLN
TIME: 11:00 am to Noon
MORE INFORMATION: Contact Maggie or Adam at 402-421-8866 or maggie@arclincoln.org
DESCRIPTION: Please bring money for food if you want.

- 15 People First Jr. of Lincoln (for Youth with developmental disabilities ages 12-16)**
LOCATION: Fire Station #7, LINCOLN
TIME: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
MORE INFORMATION: Call 402-421-8866 or email arcifss@windstream.net
DESCRIPTION: Meet the Firefighters, tour the house and learn about what to do in an emergency! People First Jr. is a self advocacy group for youth between the ages of 12-16 who experience a developmental disability. People First Jr. will explore volunteer and learning opportunities around Lincoln as well as help them develop skills needed to transition into the adult world.



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16 Lincoln Early Planning Region Team Resource Fair
For families with kiddos who have any special needs
LOCATION: Culler Middle School, 5201 Vine Street, LINCOLN
(enter through gym doors on the south end of the building and follow signs)
TIME: 5:00 – 8:00 pmam
MORE INFORMATION: Contact Jen Meints at 402-327-6061 or jennifer.meints@cch-neb.com
DESCRIPTION: Some of the groups providing resources are: Early Developmental Network; Early Planning Region Team; Complete Children's Health; The Arc of Lincoln; The Autism Family Network; Early Head Start; O.N.E. Coalition; LPS ExcITE; Lincoln Park and Recreation AND MANY MORE!!!!

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Four successful telehealth epilepsy clinics have been carried out via the Nebraska State Telehealth Network.
These Epilepsy Clinics are usually held on the first Friday of the month.

Future clinics are scheduled for:
November 18; December 9,
January 20; February 3; March 2; April 6; May 4 and June 1

Call (402)680-1158 for more information.
To schedule an appointment call (308)865-7742

20 Sibshops
For siblings of kiddos who have special needs
LOCATION: Culler Middle School, 5201 Vine Street, LINCOLN
TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 pm
COST: FREE
MORE INFORMATION: Contact Adam at 402-421-8866 or arcifss@windstream.net
MUST RSVP BY NOVEMBER 16 – SPACE IS LIMITED TO FIRST 20 KDIS
DESCRIPTION: This is an award winning, nationally affiliated program for youth ages 8 – 13. It is uniquely designed to provide high-energy activities for siblings of children with developmental disabilities. Sibshops are a place where siblings may obtain peer support & education within a recreational context; while having fun; siblings connect with each other & share similar experiences. This is for brothers & sisters of individuals with developmental disabilities. Siblings experience many of the same concerns as their parents as well as other concerns uniquely their own.

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LINCOLN AREA: Upcoming Events

December 3

"Special Needs Planning" Seminar

LOCATION: Williamsburg Behavioral Psychology, 3801 Union Dr. #206, LINCOLN

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Marvin Brinkman at 402-343-8376

RSVP Appreciated!

TIME: Noon to 1:30 pm

DESCRIPTION: This is a seminar for persons to come get information on what they may need to take care of when planning for their family members with special needs. Informational - You won't want to miss it!

February 8 - 12

Adapted Skiing Trip with Dreams Unlimited

LOCATION: National Sports Center for the Disabled, Winter Park, COLORADO

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Mary Ebers at 402-420-2099

DESCRIPTION: This is an adapted ski trip, that Dreams Unlimited has done for years. Minimum age requirement I believe is 6.

2012 ASD Conference April 12 & 13, 2012 The 9th Annual ASD Network State Conference "Learn Today...Impact Tomorrow"

WHERE: Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln, NE

The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel can accommodate our large group with ease & comfort! The conference will be the only event going on at the hotel during these dates. Complimentary, reserved parking will be available in the Cornhusker Hotel parking garage and an additional, attached garage.

*Registration will open in January 2012.

Keynote speakers

Drs. Robert & Lynn Koegel of the UCSB Koegel Autism Center

The topic will be *Pivotal Response Treatment*

& Phil Strain, Director of PELE Center

The topic will be *Peer-Mediated Training*

*This year's conference will feature a breakout strand on Young Children with Autism.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!!!

NEBRASKA CITY: November Events

05 NEW Autism Support Group FORMING

For families with kiddos who have ASD

LOCATION: Arbor Bank (lower level conference room), 911 Central Avenue, NEB CITY

TIME: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP: afnlincoln@aol.com

DESCRIPTION: Join us and meet other living with and/or have children under the ASD umbrella. Our goal is to share stories, what has worked, what didn't, spread awareness throughout our community and offer education and support. Our group is for parents, guardians, individuals, teachers, educators, doctors or anyone who would like to know more about Autism! From 9 - 10am Meet members from The Autism Family Network and Autism Society of Nebraska as we help form a support group in Nebraska City and let you know about resources and opportunities!! From 10:15 am to 11:15 am Meet Clarissa Kroll and Rachel Keenan from Lovaas Institute for Early Intervention will discuss behavior management. From 1:00 - 2:00 pm Meet Dr. Alex Kallio, who will be presenting information about proper nutrition and supplementation for children on the Autism spectrum. From 2:15 - 3:15 pm Meet Jenette Bereuter from Dynavox. Successful communication requires that children with Autism have the right tools at the right time and know how to use them. From 3:30 - 4:30 pm Meet Marla Fischer-Lempke, the Executive Director at The Arc of Nebraska.



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Metro Stars Gymnastics Class for Special Needs

LOCATION: 13820 'P' Street, Omaha, NE

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

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

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

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

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

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

TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

COST: \$10

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

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OMAHA AREA: Ongoing Events

NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB – New Program of Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

LOCATION: OMAHA

MORE INFORMATION: contact Janet Miller, Program Director at 402-346-5220 ext. 14 or jmiller@olliewebbinc.org

DESCRIPTION: In 2011, Ollie Webb Center, Inc. became an affiliated chapter of the Next Chapter Book Club that was started in Columbus, OH in 2002 through Ohio State University. There are now more than 130 book clubs in 16 states & 3 countries. Funding was made possible through a grant from the Meyer Foundation for Disabilities. The Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC) is committed to promotion literacy & social connection experience for adolescents & adults (18 years & older) with intellectual disabilities (ID) & other disabilities, that encourage friendship & lifelong learning within a community based setting. Each book club is made up of 5 to 8 people with ID & other disabilities, regardless of their reading skills, gathering with 2 volunteer facilitators in a local bookstore, coffee-shop or cafe to read aloud & discuss a book for 1 hour a week. Books will be chosen from a listing of high interest, low reading level received from the main Next Chapter Book Club location in Ohio. The goal is to have small book clubs meeting throughout the city to make transportation easier for families. The registration fee is \$30 plus the cost of books. Already there are 2 groups formed. **There is 1 spot available on Thursday nights. Must RSVP to Janet Miller!**

Group Activities at Stones Worth Stepping, P.C.

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

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

COST: \$35 per child per class

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

Family Support Group

WHERE:

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

TIME: 7:00 pm

Tuesday Nov. 1 * Wednesday Nov. 9 * Thursday Nov. 17 * Monday Nov. 21

Family Support Groups are for families experiencing the challenges of raising children with behavioral or mental health issues. This is a great resource for parents to interact with other families who understand. All support groups are led by a NAMI trained facilitator.

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

For more information: 402-345-0803

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Are you or someone you know, deaf or hard-of-hearing?

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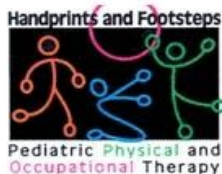
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OMAHA AREA: Ongoing Events

Pediatric Therapy Center's FRIENDSHIP CAMP

WHERE:

Pediatric Therapy Center, 10791 S. 72nd St., PAPIILLION

TIME: 4:30 – 5:20 pm, TWICE A WEEK
October 10 – November 22

Do you have a child who needs to work on social skills?
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OMAHA AREA: November Events

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

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

TIME: Noon

COST: ABSOLUTELY FREE

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

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

02 Access Nebraska Listening Session

LOCATION: Eastern Nebraska community Action Partnership, 2406 Fowler Ave., Omaha (2 blocks north of 24th & Ames)

TIME: 1:00 – 2:30 pm

DESCRIPTION: Service Providers and DHHS Beneficiaries are invited to share their experience using the Access Nebraska System. Comments are welcomed regarding Call Centers; Information and Communication; Complex Issues and Other Concerns. Local Senators and DHHS Representatives will be invited. Sponsored by AARP; Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership; Voices for Children in Nebraska; NAPE; Nebraska Children's Home Society Foundation; Adapt NE; League of Human Dignity; Community Action Partnership; & Nebraska Appleseed

November 2 & 3

Autism Action Partnership's Annual Autism Summit
Scott Conference Center, OMAHA

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 28

ONLINE REGISTRATION & COMPLETE DETAILS:

www.autismaction.org/summit

For questions or to register please contact:

Geri Kunkel 402-763-8830 ext. 2 or gkunkel@autismaction.org

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Garage Sale to Benefit Children's Respite Care Center

LOCATION: *Baker's Square, Next to Factory Card Outlet, 132nd & Center, OMAHA*
TIME: Thursday, Friday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
MORE INFORMATION: 402-835-4000 or www.crccomaha.org
DESCRIPTION: Huge Sale!! Baby Gear, Children's Toys, Children's Clothing, Sports Equipment, Books, Movies, Furniture, Collectibles, Antiques, Seasonal décor, Home Furnishings, Kitchen, Appliances and so much MORE!!!

November 3 - 1st Annual LIFE Celebration

Evening includes hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, live music, silent & live auctions.

Cost is \$100 per person, \$175 for 2 patrons

More information & reservations contact Lifestyle Innovations for Epilepsy at 402-850-7680

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04 Game Night @ Little Leaf Learning Center

For children ages 6-12
LOCATION: *Little Leaf, 821 S. 129th Ave, OMAHA*
TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
COST: \$10

MORE INFORMATION: Kim Yeager at 402-515-7234 or www.mylittleleaf.org/game-night
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05 AMC Theaters Sensory Friendly Films - Puss N Boots

For families with kiddos who have any special needs
LOCATION: *Oakview 24, 3555 S. 140th Plaza, OMAHA or Council Bluffs Star 17 Cinema, 3220 23rd Avenue, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA*
TIME: 10:30 am
MORE INFORMATION: www.amctheaters.com

DESCRIPTION: The Autism Society of Nebraska is very thankful to AMC Entertainment for their leadership in bringing families affected by autism and other disabilities, a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment. In these movies the sound is turned down, the lights up a bit, and NO PREVIEWS!! You also can bring your own snacks in!!

06 Honey Sunday to benefit the Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

Annual Fundraiser to help support The Arc of Omaha at Ollie Webb Center, Inc.
LOCATION: *Door to door selling and we are looking for volunteers to do so*
TIME: Noon to 4:00 pm
MORE INFORMATION: Contact Sherl von Dohren at 402-346-5220 ext. 16; svondohren@olliewebbinc.org

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

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

LOCATION: *Pump It Up, 960 S. 72nd, OMAHA*
TIME: 6 - 8:00 pm
COST: \$5 per child, \$10 max per family

DESCRIPTION: *There are a variety of ways this evening can serve your family:*
 1. Come to Pump It Up and climb, bounce and have a blast with your family. Consider it a family night out. You don't have to participate in the support group meeting. You can also look at this as a night to get the kids out and burn off some energy in a reduced cost / autism friendly environment! 2. Leave the kids home (with Dad or Mom or Grandma or a babysitter) and join the support group for a chance to talk and meet other parents. The support group meets in a separate room away from the excited chaos. 3. Bring a helper to supervise/play with your kids and then the adults can come join the support group discussion. Then if you are needed you are only a few steps away. 4. One parent can play/supervise the kids and the other parent can attend the support group. **All autism families are welcome. All ages are welcome. We have two bounce rooms in use & the equipment is even fun for the adults! You do not have to be a current member of ASN or the Omaha Support Group.**



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OMAHA AREA: November Events Con't

08 PRISM: Food Fights!!

For all parents raising children with special needs

LOCATION: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 510 North 93rd St., OMAHA

TIME: 6:15 - 8:30 pm

MORE INFORMATION: Call Janet at 402-345-5220 ext. 14 or jmiller@olliewebinc.org

If you need child-care, or a translator please contact Cleo at 402-346-5220 ext. 10 no later than one week prior to meeting; Spanish needs contact Julieta at 402-707-0046 for reservations.

DESCRIPTION: This presentation is for all parents raising kids with special needs. Professionals are also welcome. Chelli Westengaard, OTR is the Lead Occupational Therapist for the Feeding and Swallowing Department at Children's Hospital and has worked as a feeding specialist at Children's Hospital for the past 4 years and in pediatrics for the past 9 years. Heather Young, OTR is a rehabilitation therapist who works at Children's Hospital West Village Pointe satellite outpatient clinic and has worked in pediatrics for the past 12 years. Chelli and Heather complete feeding evaluations using Video Swallow studies to determine safety of swallowing and Clinical Feeding Evaluations. They also provide follow-up treatment of feeding issues including oral aversions, transitioning from G-tube feeding to oral eating and progression of feeding using the developmental food continuum.

08 Whine to Roses: Jailhouse Rock: Dealing with Problem Behaviors

Proven techniques to Improve your child's Behavior!

LOCATION: Nebraska Children's Home Society, 4939 South 118th ST., OMAHA

TIME: 6:00 - 8:30 pm (Dinner at 6:00 pm; Training 6:30 - 8:30 pm)

COST: FREE

RSVP by NOVEMBER 4!!

MORE INFORMATION: 402-504-3616 or aelliott@childsaving.org

DESCRIPTION: This is a seminar on how to quickly & effectively use discipline & praise/rewards to increase appropriate behaviors. This is sponsored by KidSquad, in conjunction with Behaven Kids. KidSquad is a cooperative program supporting the healthy social/emotional development of young children.

10 "Special Needs Planning" Seminar

LOCATION: Continuum Financial/Mass Mutual, 10250 Regency Circle Suite 250, OMAHA

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Marvin Brinkman at 402-343-8376

RSVP Appreciated!

TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

DESCRIPTION: This is a seminar for persons to come get information on what they may need to take care of when planning for their family members with special needs. Informational - You won't want to miss it!

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

For families with kids who have Down Syndrome

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

TIME: 8:30 am to 10:00 am

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

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



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OMAHA AREA: November Events Con't

13 Autism Night at Omaha Children's Museum

For families with kids who are on the ASD Spectrum

LOCATION: Omaha Children's Museum, 500 South 20th Street, OMAHA

TIME: 5:30 - 8:00 pm

MORE INFORMATION: Sara Sherman at 402-342-6164 ext 434; or ssherman@ocm.org

DESCRIPTION: Come enjoy a night of meeting other families who have children with Autism, and have fun with your children! Check out their website at www.ocm.org

15 Pediatric Epilepsy Support Group

LOCATION: PTI Nebraska, 6805 Grover Street, OMAHA

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Stacy Doty at sdoty77@hotmail.com

DESCRIPTION: The support group this month will be meeting for a special event in honor of Epilepsy Awareness Month.

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

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

LOCATION: Whole Foods in their Lifestyle Center,

located just south of the Westroads Mall at Regency & Dodge, OMAHA

TIME: 7:00 pm

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

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

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

Easter Seals

Camp Eagle Respite Camp Sessions

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MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Tony Lewis

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December 1

I've Told You a Thousand Times – How to handle undesired and challenging behavior In Young Children While Teaching Good Choices

A workshop for parents and child-care providers focusing on children age 5 & under
LOCATION: Papillion-La Vista School District Central Office, 420 S. Washington Street, PAPILLION

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

RSVP By Nov. 23: jhaggart@esu3.org

DESCRIPTION: There will be No Child Care Provided!! Presented by Michael Brandwein, this skill-packed, practical, entertainingly presented session demonstrates specific techniques you can use right away to teach young children to replace undesired & difficult behavior with better choices. Boost your confidence, calmness, & consistency immediately with Michael's three-step Key System technique. His positive approach to teaching good behavior has been nationally acclaimed not just because it works, but because the simple, clear steps help you cope with negative behavior as part of your teaching of positive skills to children, & it models how to do so in warm & loving ways. Skills include: Exactly what to say & do to establish trust by being credible: meaning what we say & saying what we mean with warmth & respect; Teaching responsibility; Reducing the stress of leading & teaching children & establishing a calm, effective environment for learning good life skills & choices.

2012 ASD Conference April 12 & 13, 2012 The 9th Annual ASD Network State Conference "Learn Today...Impact Tomorrow"

WHERE: Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln, NE

The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel can accommodate our large group with ease & comfort! The conference will be the only event going on at the hotel during these dates. Complimentary, reserved parking will be available in the Cornhusker Hotel parking garage and an additional, attached garage.

***Registration will open in January 2012.**

Keynote speakers

Drs. Robert & Lynn Koegel of the UCSB Koegel Autism Center

The topic will be *Pivotal Response Treatment*

& Phil Strain, Director of PELE Center

The topic will be *Peer-Mediated Training*

*This year's conference will feature a breakout strand on Young Children with Autism.

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More Information email laurie@chrehab.com

Children's Respite Care Center, OMAHA

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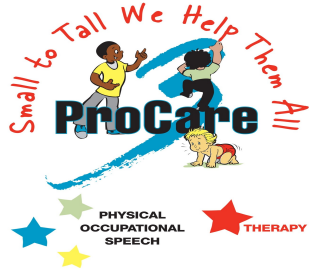
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(402)610-2295

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(402)-440-4502

Contact: Vicki Depenbusch

Autism Society of Nebraska

Website: www.autismnebraska.org

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Website: www.behavenkids.com

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Website: www.biane.org

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Contact Marvin Brinkman

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Eastern Iowa & Kansas Consultant:

Tina Dowd-Anderson at Tina.dowd-anderson@dynavoxtech.com

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Ashli Florang at Ashli.florang@dynavoxtech.com

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Contact Tony Lewis at 402 # above

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

Epilepsy Foundation of North/Central IL, IA, NE

Website: www.epilepsyheartland.org

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

Her Email is: efnebraska@efncil.org Office: (402)559-3014

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Contact: ncbvi.commission-board@nebraska.gov

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Website: www.ncdhh.ne.gov (800)545-6244

Nebraska Family Support Network (NFSN)

Website: www.nefamilysupportnetwork.org (800)245-6081

The Nebraska Respite Network

Website: www.respitenetwork.org (402)996-8443

E-mail: omaha.respiteresources@yahoo.com

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