



Uniting Parents' Newsletter



Director's Note

Mark your calendar!
Family Fall Festival
Saturday, October 24,
2009

Fall 2009

<http://unitingparents.cohs.net>

and Region 9 Education Service Center. I really like their webpage because a parent can scroll down the page based on age and disability of their child and the topics are very pertinent. As a parent, I am always looking where I can find one stop shopping for my questions and this is one of those sites that has information that is up to date and concise and very useful. It is created by people that I trust and respect. I hope you will visit the site and take a look at what they have to offer.

I believe parent input is so important to anything we do for our children with disabilities; therefore I would like to invite you to attend our Path to Partnership meetings and learn about community resources. This committee meets every other month during the school year at our offices from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Join us for education and networking. Thanks for taking time to read this newsletter and have a wonderful Fall Season!

Maria

Dear Parents,

Fall weather is upon us and we are excited about our upcoming Fall Festival! I hope that you will be able to join us on October 24th from 1-3 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Amarillo for fun and activities. This is such a great family event and we plan to have hot air balloon baskets this year that the kids will get to enter and look at and ask questions about. We hope that you will take the time to visit with each of our sponsors at this event and learn about their services and what they have to offer for your child and/or your family.

Our next big family event will be Breakfast with Santa at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon on the 12th of December from 10:00 a.m.-12 noon. Other Christmas events will occur in the northern and southern offices but are not scheduled. Please look for future flyers regarding those events.

Along with having special events coming up, I would like to take the time to discuss the Medicaid Buy-In program for working adults with disabilities. At one of my committee meetings that I attend, I learned additional information about this program that I would like to share with you.

Adults who have disabilities who are working and earning an

income can apply for the Medicaid Buy-In program offered through the Health and Human Services Commission. This program offers affordable health care coverage. This health benefits package can include office visits, x-rays, hospitalizations, vision, behavioral health, hearing services, prescriptions, primary home care, day activity and health services with qualifying requirements. In order to apply you can call 211, visit your local Health and Human Services Commission Benefits office or go online to: www.YourTexasBenefits.com and click on "Request an application," select "Integrated Application," and check the boxes for Medicaid for the Elderly and People with Disabilities" then write on the top of the application yourself MBI in big Bold Letters then follow the process. If you need help with your application call 211 or visit the local Medicaid/Food Stamp office. There are financial exemptions built in to this program that facilitate the opportunity for people with disabilities earning good wages to access Medicaid services, so take a look to see if you qualify. I was pleased with the financial exemptions.

I think it is very important to share information with families of individuals with disabilities so I would also like to inform you that the Texas Project FIRST website has been updated. This is a website created by the Texas Education

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Medicaid / CHIP Programs!



Everyone is concerned about the H1N1 virus. The best thing to do is to practice and teach your children universal health precautions such as washing hands, using hand sanitizer after going to the bathroom, coughing, drink from individual containers-no sharing, and eating healthy. Also, disinfect toys, your home and/or your office space. If you or your child have flu like symptoms see your doctor for treatment. Medicaid & CHIP will pay for sick child visits. Medicaid Transportation can help provide transportation or financial assistance for visits to your doctor, dentist, or pharmacy to pick-up prescriptions. If you would like more information on Medicaid or CHIP insurance programs, call a counselor at the Coalition of Health Services, Inc. at (806) 337-1700, ext. 222 or (888) 892-2273 ext. 217.

Web Sites of Interest to Parents and Professionals:

- A Guide to Social Security Benefits and Employment for Young People with Disabilities (2009): <http://communityinclusion.org/pdf/GTW2009.pdf>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention—2009 H1N1 Flu: www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu
- CSHCN Transition Information: www.dshs.state.tx.us/cshcn/transinfo.shtm
- Kids Health: www.kidshealth.org



View our newsletter on our web page: <http://unitingparents.cohs.net>.

View staff information, workshops, events, photo gallery, & links to other resources.

Uniting Parents' Networking List

****Families that speak Spanish****

Do you want to mentor other parents? Let us know.

We will add your name & phone number to our networking list.



Amy Chapman / Aspergers	359-4009	Lynette Mixon / Marden Walker & Dandy Walker	353-9599
Alma Galvan / Leukemia**	935-9787	Maria Garcia/Down Syndrome **	337-1700
Betty Allison / Down Syndrome	373-6363	Marilyn Williams/Hearing Impaired	352-4124
Brenda & Robert Rodriguez / Cerebral Palsy	655-3300	Michelle Olivarez / Dyslexia	930-8452
Dalia Ruiz/Mental Retardation / Seizure Disorder	535-1583	Neysa Spurrier / Autism / Aspergers / CD & NACD Curriculum	359-3833
Glendie & Roth Farra	355-0271	Norma Baeza / Spina Bifida	376-5104
ADHD / Tourett's	679-5709	Peggy Easley / Down Syndrome	249-5190
Hope Huerta / Diabetes **	935-8687	Stacey Campbell / Autism / Torticollis / Plagiocephaly	355-1198
JoAnn Taylor /Spastic Deplegia	934-2402	Rito & Irma Marquez /Autism **	376-5155
Josephine Valadez / Prader Willie Syndrome**	966-3333	Timela Salazar / Autism	806-785-5818
Lucerzia Coats / RETT's Syndrome	940-937-6584		
Lupe Sanchez / Autism **	632-7825		



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for their continuous and generous support!***

Amarillo College Disability Services

Amarillo Fire Department

Angels of Care

Black Pearl

Boys' Scout Pack 407

BritKare Home Medical

DARS - Division for Blind Services

Department of State Health Services

Girl Scouts

Living Truth Ministries

Managed Care Center-Prevention Resource Center

National Home Health Care

Open Road Mobility

Panhandle Independent Living Center

Progressive Steps Rehabilitation Services

Randall County Sheriff's Office

Randall High School - FCCLA

Specialized Therapy Services

Special Education Component of Region 16 ESC

2Care for Kids - Coalition of Health Services, Inc.

Wonderland Family Fun Day - July 25, 2009 - Amarillo:



DSHS & UP Swim Day - August 12, 2009 - Lubbock:





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