



Utah
PTA

everychild.onevoice.



Parent to Parent

News for Special Education Parents in Granite School District!

ISSUE # 6

APRIL 2014

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Duel Diagnoses 1

Upcoming Events 1

Summer Ideas 2

Calling all Parents, Teachers and Professionals of Students with Autism or Dual Diagnoses! Transition from School to Life!



This class will be offered two times. Choose one.

Friday, May 9, 2014 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The training will be repeated on:

Saturday, May 10, 2014 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Presented by: Dan Baker- Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Jersey
Having a disability that requires additional supports makes transition even more challenging. This training will detail the steps to be considered when assisting youth with autism spectrum disorders or intellectual disabilities/mental illness to

enter a fulfilling adulthood. We will review transition basics, and then examine that role that an ASD or a disability plus a mental health disorder plays. We will give extra attention to the world of work, explain best practices for the career development process, and describe how using community-based instruction can positively impact students. This class will be offered twice, choose the best day for you to attend and register today.

Register online at:

To register for Friday, May 9: <http://conta.cc/1kA0993>

To register for Saturday, May 10: <http://conta.cc/1m4Of8V>

To register by phone: 801-272-1051 or 1-800-468-1160

Pre-Registration is required. Space is limited.

Upcoming Events!

Summer Programs for Children with Disabilities

Come learn about summer programs for children with disabilities. There will be a panel of programs to discuss what they offer, and parents will also leave with a summer resource list.

Thursday, May 15, 2014 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Granite Education Center Room D-106
2500 South State St., Salt Lake City, UT

Register online at:

<http://conta.cc/15wIZgY> or call

385-646-4190

All Day IEP Workshop and Surrogate Parent Training

Parents as Partners in the IEP Process- Learn how to effectively prepare for, participate in and follow-up on IEP meetings held on behalf of their student. We will discuss several problem solving scenarios that could occur and give recommendations for a successful outcome.

Friday, May 9, 9:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m.

1950 Monroe Blvd, Ogden, UT, 84403

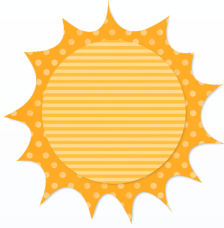
Register online at <http://conta.cc/1hew1xm> or by calling 801-272-1051.

See more at: <http://www.utahparentcenter.org/upcoming-events/2/#sthash.w3j80QMY.dpuf>



Mark Your Calendar!

Summer Activities for Children with Special Needs



When summer vacation arrives, parents are faced with selecting meaningful activities for their child with learning disabilities. Many parents see summer as a time for catching up on academic skills through tutoring, summer school, or one-on-one instruction with parents. Other parents view summer as a much needed time to rest and be free of the stress that is associated with school and learning activities. There is no one correct answer. It all depends on the child and his needs.

Volunteer Work

Summer is a great time for students to do volunteer work. Volunteer opportunities for teens are often listed in the newspaper. Red Cross has a youth volunteer program as do many hospitals. Other opportunities exist in nursing homes, senior centers and summer camps. Volunteering has many advantages including enhancing self esteem, job sampling and experience that can be listed on resumes or for future job applications. Some schools also recognize distinguished service graduates who contribute a significant number of volunteer hours.

Lessons and Camps

Swimming lessons, summer camps, summer sports camps and music lessons are also summer options. These activities focus on areas of development that might be neglected due to the demands of the regular school year. When selecting summer activities, make sure that the leaders or teachers of the activity have some understanding of your child's special needs. If your child has trouble with following directions, for example, provide information about effective ways to give him directions. If he needs time to process information, tell the leader how this is handled at school. Summer activities should have a positive effect on the child.

Activities that Enhance Skills

Some parents find that summer is the time to enhance skills. Tutoring to improve reading, math, writing or study skills is often selected. If formal tutoring is selected, it should be scheduled so that the student still has some break in academic instruction before school starts. Tutoring is often available from private tutors, at some community colleges, through the community education programs at some schools, through park and recreation programs, and through teacher education programs at universities. The following activities are some ideas that enhance learning that could be done at home:

Elementary School Level

Explore a summer reading program at the library. Use a children's cookbook to read and follow directions to make favorite foods. Directions in cookbooks can be simplified by numbering them to assist with sequencing. Encourage child to read the newspaper. Some newspapers have special pages for children. Read to the child and talk about the book or stories. If possible, have child read books that could be used for book reports next school year. Improve vocabulary by learning three new words a week. Post the words on the refrigerator and talk about them each day. Have the child write post cards to grandparents or friends. Use computer games to learn math facts, improve reading and vocabulary. Listen to math facts on tape or CDs (this can even be done in the car).

Secondary School Students

Encourage reading of any type. Reluctant readers might enjoy books on tape to listen to as they read. Many parents obtain the required reading list for the next grade's English class and have the student read at least some of the books in the summer. Encourage vocabulary improvement through use of "Word a Day Calendars" or a vocabulary journal and dictionary. If using the vocabulary journal, the student records any word from reading that he does not know and looks it up in the dictionary and writes down the definition. Read about places that the student will visit on vacation. Have the student write about them in a letter or journal.

Go to www.math.com for a variety of math review activities

Go to www.bibliomania.com for free online books, stories and poems.

Don't forget to check out your local library for access to learning books, as well as DVD's and computer programs!

Article taken from <http://ldaamerica.org/summer-activities-for-children-with-learning-disabilities/>