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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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Supporting children with autism and their families since 1989



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## AS OF SEPTEMBER

# Our Newsletter is going green!

Due to state budget cuts, as of September, ***our monthly newsletter will be delivered via e-mail only.*** So, to continue to receive our monthly newsletter, be sure to complete and return the form below to verify we have your current email address. This will not only reduce our postage, supply, and labor costs, but recipients will get the newsletter much sooner.

**Together we can all help the environment and keep costs down!**

### EMAIL SIGN-UP!

**Help us help you! To continue receiving our newsletter, please verify the accuracy of the information in our mailing list database by completing the form below and returning it to:**

Community Resources For People With Autism  
116 Pleasant Street; Ste. 366  
Easthampton, MA 01027

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a division of **THE ASSOCIATION** FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

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**Integrated Play Groups for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders**  
**Instructor: Pamela Wolfberg, Ph.D.**

**Friday, October 16, 2009**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009\***

(\*Day 2 is limited to a smaller, core group who attended day 1, and who are committed to carrying out the practices of the IPG model. Space on Day 2 is limited to 25—Register early. Confirmation letters will be sent.)

**Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (registration begins at 8:00 AM)**

**Location: Castle of Knights; 1599 Memorial Drive; Chicopee, MA**

For a detailed description of the workshop, please visit our website:  
[www.communityresourcesforautism.org](http://www.communityresourcesforautism.org)

**REGISTRATION FORM (please print clearly)**

**Day 2 is full.**

**Registration Fees (lunch included):**

School Personnel/Professionals: \$89 (day one only); ~~\$198 (day one and two)~~  
Parents/Family Members: \$59 (day one only)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, ST, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/School Professional: \_\_\_\_\_ Professional: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Relative: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: Day 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Day 1 and 2: \_\_\_\_\_

**Certificate of Attendance provided.**

**Registration deadline: September 25, 2009 (register early—space is limited)**

*Please make checks payable to:*

Community Resources for People with Autism  
116 Pleasant St., Suite 366; Easthampton, MA 01027

Phone (413) 529-2428 \* Fax (413) 529-2567

Questions? Please contact Karen Greaney at x118



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# 2nd Annual Family Fun-"Day"-Raiser

**Saturday, September 12, 2009**

**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Golf Acres**

**315 Union Street ~ Westfield, MA**

Help support *Community Resources'* mission by raising pledge money and participating in this event.

***Sponsorships are easy!***

Ask relatives, friends, and neighbors to sponsor your child (pledge sheets attached), collect the donations, and come join in the fun.

Each participant will receive 4 tickets to enjoy the attractions:  
**go-carts, putt-putt course, batting cages and driving range.**

**~ Target or iTunes gift cards awarded to anyone who raises more than \$100 ~  
The more money raised, the bigger the prize!**

*Event entrance fee:*

**\$20 (in minimum pledges) or Family Rate of \$50 (up to 4 people)**

**Please RSVP by September 8th to Joe Lavalley (413) 529-2428 x122**



**Snacks and beverages  
will be available for purchase  
at Golf Acres' concession stand.**



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### PLEDGE SHEET

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



Name	Address	Amount	Activ- ity	Total Sponsorship	Pmt. Rec'd.
<b>Sample</b> <i>Mary Smith</i>	<i>100 Somewhere Street Western, MA 00000</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>	X 4	\$20.00	\$20
1			X 4		
2			X 4		
3			X 4		
4			X 4		
5			X 4		
6			X 4		
7			X 4		
8			X 4		
9			X 4		
10			X 4		
11			X 4		
12			X 4		
13			X 4		
14			X 4		
15			X 4		
Total					





Community Resources for People with Autism  
presents an  
Insight Into Autism Spectrum Disorders

Speaker: Jason Litto

An interactive workshop designed to introduce families and caretakers to Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Characteristics and strategies to help individuals are discussed, as well as some of the social and cognitive difficulties that people with Autism experience.

This workshop will also provide an opportunity to meet other parents of children and young adults with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

We encourage friends, family members, and support persons to attend this valuable workshop.

*Date and Time:*

Tuesday, August 18, 2009; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

*Location:*

Holyoke Community College  
Kittredge Center—Room 203  
303 Homestead Ave.—Holyoke, MA

*R.S.V.P. by Friday, August 14*

**Our Information Packets are now online!**

Visit our website at [www.communityresourcesforautism.org](http://www.communityresourcesforautism.org) to learn more about:

- ◆ Asperger's Syndrome
- ◆ Diet and Medication
- ◆ Inclusion
- ◆ Safety
- ◆ Sleep Issues
- ◆ Toilet Training
- ◆ Autism
- ◆ Early Intervention
- ◆ Kids and Siblings
- ◆ Sensory Integration
- ◆ Social Skills
- ◆ Transition: 14-22
- ◆ Behavior
- ◆ Floortime
- ◆ Prior Written Notice
- ◆ Sexuality
- ◆ Stress
- ◆ Transition: Turning 3

Information can be accessed by clicking on Parent Information Packets under the *Services* drop-down menu.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009**

**T H E H U N T**  
FOR  
**LOST VEGAS**  
"FOUR OF A KIND"

**\$25**  **BYOP**  
Bring your own paint

**PAINTBALL**   
**EXTRAVAGANZA**

**Dual charity event to help support the fight  
against Autism and Muscular Dystrophy**

**"The Big Fun Raffle" • Free BBQ Lunch by Chef Dave  
Celebrity DJ Tommy L. playing music on the field**

**Gates open at 9 a.m. • Game starts at 10 a.m.  
All day continuous play**

 Register Online at  
**airsportspb.com**  
or call (413) 583-8200

**AIRSPORTS PAINTBALL**   
Ludlow, Massachusetts

**Sponsored by Paintball Players Against Autism & Muscular Dystrophy**

**THE SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SYSTEM** is facilitated by Stephanie and Charles McCormick, parents of a special needs child. We hope to provide support and activities for families living in western MA who have a child with special needs of any kind. The group meets the first and last Tuesday of every month from 6:00 -7:30 pm at the Tabernacle Baptist Church ( 603 New Ludlow Road, Chicopee).

We offer parents: topic support meetings, guest speakers, family nights, relaxation ideas, and more.

We offer children activity time based on learning styles such as arts and crafts, puppets, play dough, music therapy, sensory awareness, movies, and more – all with the goal of promoting social and life skills.

For more information and to register, please contact Stephanie: [specialchildren@yahoo.com](mailto:specialchildren@yahoo.com) or (413)693-5188.

**The Springfield JCC** is offering an extended summer program for individuals with special needs from 3 years of age and up. Programs will feature two weeks of supported inclusion camp and one week of a substantially separate camp that will feature a higher level of supports. See what adventure and fun awaits your child in a safe, social and enriching environment.

For information or to apply for a scholarship, call or email:

Linda LaPointe  
Special Needs Coordinator  
413-739-4715

[llapointe@springfieldjcc.org](mailto:llapointe@springfieldjcc.org)

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***\$20 (plus \$2 shipping and handling)***

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Quantity:	Amount Paid:



## **ADULT NEEDS SURVEY**

The survey is for those individuals ages 14 and older who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and have needs or will have needs for intensive and specialized day, employment, and residential supports when they reach age 22.

It will only take about 15 minutes of your time but the results and services we can advocate for are priceless for those living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

For more information and to access survey, visit AFAM's website at:

<http://afamaction.org/index.html>