
Autism Awareness Month

Workshop Descriptions:

March 29, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – *Autism Society’s Evening at Chick-Fil-A* – Bring the family for dinner at Chick-Fil-A and help raise awareness of autism in our area while supporting the Autism Society – NWP. Chick-Fil-A will be donating 10% of net proceeds from the evening. Stop by the Autism Society NWP merchandise table to get your autism ribbon to raise awareness. No registration is necessary.

April 5, 11:30 a.m. – *Bowling Party* – This party sponsored by the Autism Society – Northwestern PA will be held at Greengarden Lanes (1583 West 38th Street) and includes two games of bowling, shoe rental, and a pizza lunch. Reservations are required by Monday, April 2, please RSVP at 455-3540.

April 12 - 6:00 p.m. – *Grandparent Support Group* - This free, public presentation at the Barber National Institute is for grandparents of students on the autism spectrum. Reservations are not required.

April 13, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – *ESO Dance* – This ESO Dance will be held at Mercyhurst College and is open to adults with disabilities ages 18 – 35. *Registration/Cost/Exact Location on campus?*

April 13 -16, See website for hours – *Barber National Institute Art Show* – This free, four day event at the Barber National Institute is open to the public and features artwork from local students and artists around the region. Please go online to www.barberinstitute.org for more information and times.

April 14, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – *Time For Me!* – This is an opportunity for children ages four to twelve with a developmental disability to engage in structured activities including swimming, arts & crafts, and gym at the Barber National Institute. The cost is \$15.00 and reservations are required. For reservations and more information, please call 814-878- 4117.

April 14, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – *Open Swim at the Barber National Institute* – This event at the Barber National Institute’s swimming pool is free and open to the public. Reservations required, please call the Barber National Institute at 814-480-6831 or go online at www.barberinstitute.org for more information.

April 18th, 5:00-7:00 – *Sean Barron Title??* – This free presentation at Mercyhurst College will be open to individuals with Asperger’s Syndrome or High Functioning Autism between the ages of 15 - 30. Parents are welcome to remain on campus and may purchase dinner at the Egan Cafeteria. At 6:00, parents are invited to *a parent meeting at ?? Sean Barron will be presenting on ?? Reservations/cost??* please visit <http://www.mercyhurst.edu/files/2009-map.pdf> for the campus map.

April 18, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – *Sean Barron Title??* – This free, public presentation at Mercyhurst College *will focus on ?? Reservations/Cost??* please visit <http://www.mercyhurst.edu/files/2009-map.pdf> for the campus map.

This flyer is posted electronically at www.iu5.org/sites/SIS under Professional Development.

**Please register online at www.iu5.org.
For registration policies, please see the other side of this form.**

This program has been designed by the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit, a PDE-approved provider, or its subcontractor, to meet PDE criteria for the award of Act 48 hours, which may or may not be PIL approved. Act 48 hours for this activity may or may not be eligible for award based on your school entity's professional education plan. It is your responsibility as an educator to ensure that you participate in appropriate, content-specific professional development.

April 19, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm, *Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy* – This free training on parent advocacy, located at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie (7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA 16509), will be hosted by the Autism Society NWPA and presented by the PEAL Center and parent advocates. Free trained qualified babysitting is available on site with reservations. Please call 455-3540 by April 12, 2012 to reserve a space.

April 21, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – *SibSession* – This is an opportunity for siblings of individuals with disabilities, ages five to sixteen, to come together for games, crafts, lunch, and a sharing time at the Barber National Institute. *Cost/Registration??*

April 22, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – *I have a Spouse on the Spectrum* – KaleidAScope will be sponsoring a meeting for adults with a spouse on the Spectrum. Held at Hoss's on West 26th Street in Erie, those who attend will have the option to purchase food and drinks. Reservations are required, RSVP to KaleidAScope at 824-4515 by April 15, 2012.

April 23, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – *PA Adult Autism Waiver Informational Meeting* – This free, public session will be held at Community Resources for Independence and co-hosted by Laurel Finnegan from CRI and Janet Palowski from KalieAScope. Reservations are required, please RSVP to KaleidAScope at 824-4515.

April 24, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – *Forum of Parents of Teenagers and Adults on the Spectrum* – This free, public roundtable session at the Barber Institute's Forum is open to parents of teenagers and adults diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. *Registration/cost??*

April 26, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – *Technology in the Classroom* – This free, public presentation at the Barber Institute's Forum will take an in-depth look at the technology available for school age children diagnosed with ASD. *Registration/Cost??*

April 27, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – *ESO Dance* – This ESO Dance will be held at Edinboro University of PA and is open to adults with disabilities ages 18 – 35. *Registration/Cost/Exact Location on campus?*

April 28, 10:00 am – 11th Annual Walk for Autism - The 11th Annual Walk for Autism will be held at the Rotary Pavillion (between Beaches 6 and 8) along the beaches of Lake Erie at Presque Isle State Park. The two-mile leisurely walk includes a hot dog lunch, vendor and information tables, jumping inflatables (weather permitting), face painting, raffles and a theme basket auction. **Pre-register before April 1st to guarantee your 11th Annual Walk for Autism commemorative t-shirt.** For information or to register online, please visit www.nwpa-asa.org.

April 31, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – *Visual Supports for Students on the Spectrum* – The free, public presentation held at the NorthWest Tri-County Intermediate Unit (252 Waterford Street, Edinboro, PA) will focus on easy to make and use visual supports for children with ASD. Parents will have the opportunity to make their own visuals and differentiate them based on their child's needs. Registration is required by April 20. Please go to www.iu5.org and click on Events, Classes, & Meetings in the lower right hand corner.

REGISTRATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

In order to equalize registration opportunities for all participants, the following guidelines have been established:

- Registration will only be accepted online.
- No walk-ins will be accepted.

Cancellation Policy

Insufficient or Over enrollment	100% refund
5 working days or more before offering day	Refund minus \$15 per credit / \$10 per program
The day of class to 4 working days before offering day	0% refund

Insufficient Check Refund Policy

A money order or certified check *plus* a \$20 IU processing fee must be forwarded immediately upon our notification to participant of a check returned for nonsufficient funds to retain registration and to receive Act 48 hours.

Attendance/Participation Policy

- We expect all participants to comply with our policy of 100% attendance for Act 48 hours. Partial hours are not permitted. We will consider absences for emergencies only.
- Participants should be aware that the instructor has the right to dismiss disruptive/non-participatory students. Such action will result in loss of hours and payment.

Weather Cancellation Policy

Cancellations will be announced on the IU Night Mailbox, at 814-734-5610, extension #7777. For evening classes, a decision will be made by 3:00 p.m. You may also call the IU between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m., at 814-734-5610, to check on the status of a program. For weekend classes, the decision to cancel will be made not later than ninety minutes before the course is to begin. A program held at a site other than the IU will automatically be cancelled if the host school district has cancelled school due to inclement weather.