

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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RAPID PROMPT METHOD TRAINING

This week, we were happy to host Jackie Dorshorst, a Rapid Prompt Method (RPM) provider from Wisconsin for a training sponsored by the Akhil Autism Foundation.



The training lasted four days and included lecture as well as intensive, hands on instruction using this type of communication. Our teachers and staff participated in sessions with their children to learn how to best support their child for academics using RPM.



It was a full week of exciting opportunities and information that will be useful for Celebrate the Children as we open more pathways to communication for our students.

Thank you to Jackie for all her tireless work this week! Thank you to the Akhil Autism Foundation for bringing exciting opportunities to Celebrate the Children's students by giving them the tools necessary for them to reach their potential!!



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM LAURA'S CLASS



This week Ms. Laura's class has been exploring pumpkins and the pumpkin life cycle. Watching an interactive video, we got to experience a real lifetime lapse of how a pumpkin grows. In addition, we have had fun reading stories and singing songs all about pumpkins. The student's also had some hands on experience with pumpkins in the classroom.

Next week, we will experiment with 2 different pumpkins and see whether we think they will sink or float. As well as dissect a pumpkin to see what is on the inside.

A PEEK INTO STUDENT AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Student and Family Support Services Department will be hosting two upcoming Parent Training Groups. On October 30th at 10 am our topic will be "Specific Behavior Strategies to Use with Your Child: Part 2". Monica Osgood and Lauren Blaszak will be presenting this material. You did not need to be present for Part 1 to attend Part 2. On November 11th at 10 am our topic will be "Ready for School". The Related Service Department will be running this presentation. They will be showing a brief video followed by a question and answer session. Please look for our flyers in the Weekly Newsletter!



CLOTHING DRIVE



A very special thank you to everyone who donated their clothes to our clothing drive! We collected over 250 bags!



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

On Friday, October 31st at 10:00am Celebrate the Children will host our annual Trunk-or-Treat Halloween extravaganza! The day will consist of a Halloween Parade and Trunk-or-Treating! Trunk-or-Treat provides our students with a fun and safe way to participate in the trick-or-treating experience. We are currently seeking parents and staff who would be willing to participate in our Trunk-or-Treating.



Participants are asked to decorate their cars and hand out a special treat! The event begins at 10:00 but we are asking parents who are participating in trunk-or-treat to be ready and set-up by 9:45 in the side parking lot. Please send your child in with their costume clearly labeled with their name on the day of the event. Any questions, please contact Katie McColligan at 973-989-4033 ext. 150 or kmccolligan@celebratethechildren.org.

All family and friends are welcome to attend this wonderful event!
We hope to see you there!!!!

BOWL-A-THON SUPER HERO STYLE

Celebrate the Children will host their 5th Annual Bowl-a-Thon on Sunday, November 23 from 12-2 pm at Circle Lanes in Ledgewood, NJ. The event will include bowling, a costume contest, music by 105.5 WDHA and more! The event over the past four years raised enough money to buy a NEW CTC SCHOOL BUS and offer 12 After School Program scholarships to our students! This new bus will enable our students to take advantage of an array of new opportunities within the community as well as transport them to their numerous job sites! This year we are hoping to raise enough money to finish our stage and round out our Performing Arts program at CTC! Don't delay, pre-register TODAY! Any questions, please contact Katie McColligan at 973-989-4033 ext. 150 or kmccolligan@celebratethechildren.org.

TOP PRIZES!
Mac Book AIR
iPAD AIR



Sunday, November 23rd
12:00pm
Circle Lanes
Ledgewood, NJ

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER OF NEW JERSEY

LIFE LINE FOR THE JOURNEY

The Family Support Center of New Jersey proudly presents a free education and information session promoting the leadership role of parents/guardians in the lives of their children.

Who should attend?

Parents, caregivers and interested professionals seeking to gain information, resources and tools for navigating the special education systems for children from birth to age 14.

Workshop Learning Objectives include:

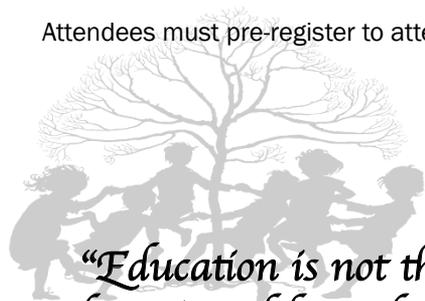
- Become empowered in life's journey.
- Activities to practice effective communication and advocacy skills.
- Goal setting strategies.
- Gain an understanding of Person Centered Thinking.
- Exploring what the next step might be to help your child and family.

Life Line for the Journey - Hunterdon @ Hunterdon County Senior Center
Oct 29 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Life Line for the Journey - Camden @ Family Resource Network Office
Nov 19 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Life Line for the Journey - Mercer @ Mercer County Library - Lawrenceville Branch
Dec 3 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Attendees must pre-register to attend these events.



“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.” -Albert Einstein

TRANSITION MATTERS

Transition Matters is a training developed specifically for parents who are working with high school age students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) that will require adult services upon exiting the school system.

Who should attend?

Parents and Caregivers of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities between ages 14 and 21 seeking: information, resources and tools for navigating transition from school to adult services.

Workshop Learning Objectives include:

- Increasing awareness of transition planning while still in the school system.
- Enhance knowledge of in-school and post-school supports and services.
- Activities to practice Person Centered Thinking and Planning.

Transition Matters Workshop - Essex County - CPNJ
Horizon High School
Oct 23 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Transition Matters Workshop - Mercer County - Mercer County Library - Lawrenceville Branch
Nov 5 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Transition Matters Workshop - Atlantic County - Atlantic County Library - Mays Landing Branch
Nov 13 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Transition Matters Workshop - Monmouth County - Children's Center of Monmouth County
Nov 20 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Attendees must pre-register to attend these events.



Be sure to check out the [CTC Connections Site](#) (found on our home page) often for all the latest information, training calendars, supports and services available to families and professionals!

WHY ARE WE USING SOCIAL MEDIA AND WHY SHOULD YOU FOLLOW US?

Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the United States and now affects 1 in 50 children. More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than AIDS, Diabetes and Cancer combined.

We are at an important time in the field of special needs intervention as many people are beginning to recognize the need for approaches that look at the overall development of a child and target areas such as abstract thinking, problem solving, independence, self-esteem, emotions, language, and social interactions in a natural and supportive setting. At this time, the demand for this type of intervention is much greater than what clinicians and educators are able to supply. Therefore, it is crucial that we share the amazing programs we have to offer and the "how to" with others.

To fulfill our mission, we need your help and ask you to participate with us in the development of work, in the sharing and building of materials, and in the structure and growth of our organizations: Celebrate the Children and Profectum. Like us on Facebook, Pinterest and Twitter and spread awareness of progressive programs that support families and help individuals reach their highest potential and find success in society.

Please share our pages and posts with your family and friends! ☺

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The PTO is currently collecting Box Tops for Education for CTC! Did you know, each Box Top is worth \$0.10? Sometimes more? And you can find them on 100's of products, many items you already have in your pantry! All you have to do is simply cut the Box Top off your product, place it in a bag or envelope with your child's classroom teacher name and send it to school. Viola! It's as simple as that! Now through October 31st, the PTO is awarding the class who collects the most Box Tops a PAJAMA PARTY BREAKFAST!



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 29th
Planning for Adult Life
Parent Workshop Series
CTC, Denville
10:30am-12:00pm

October 30th
Parent Training Series
Specific Behavior Strategies to Use
With Your Child, Part 2
10:00am

October 31st
Trunk-or-Treat
10:00am

November 11th
Parent Training Series
Get Ready for School
10:00am

November 16th
Profectum Conference
John Jay College, NYC

November 23rd
Bowl-A-Thon
Circle Lanes
Ledgewood, NJ

March 27th
Annual Benefit
SAVE THE DATE!



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