

Celebrate the Children



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dr. Paul M. Ferbank Joins the SFSS Team

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CTC's Student and Family Support Services (SFSS) welcomes Dr. Paul M. Ferbank to the SFSS team. Dr. Paul, as he is known by our students, holds a combined doctoral degree in child clinical and school psychology from Yeshiva University.

Dr. Paul believes that a child's healthful development is mobilized within the context of a child's relationships with others; he has long subscribed to CTC's DIR model. Dr. Paul explains "the DIR approach is an evidenced-based practice that is not only efficacious, but it also has the flexibility to incorporate other therapeutic approaches to serve each child's unique needs and profile."

Dr. Paul has decades of experience in public school settings, private schools for children with special needs, and inpatient and outpatient settings. He has two children and lives in Bergen County.

REMINDER

Pre School thru High School will be going pumpkin picking on Monday, October 24th at Ort Farms in Long Valley. Please send a picnic lunch with your student.

A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM MICHELLE'S CLASS

Michelle's class has been celebrating the fall season with many fun and meaningful activities. In language arts, after working on our fall vocabulary, students practiced rolling the pumpkin to a box, where they practiced the concepts of 'inside' and 'outside'. The class read Spookley: The Legend of the Square Pumpkin and practiced visualizing and verbalizing the color and shape of the pumpkins. They then made their own unique pumpkins that we displayed on the bulletin board.



During math, the students used 10-frames to practice concept of numbers as well as adding and subtracting with little pumpkins. In social studies and science, the students practiced concepts involving weather and seasons.



To culminate the lessons and to truly experience the beauty of the season, the class went on a fall scavenger hunt and hike for Community-Based Instruction.



DRIVEWAY FUN DAY!!

All elementary and middle school students are invited to join the Physical Therapy department to celebrate PT month on Wednesday, November 2nd for a **DRIVEWAY FUN DAY!**



Students will be playing outside with all “driveway” related games during their classroom CBI time. The fun will include bikes, scooters, tricycles, and anything on wheels, as well as games like hopscotch and corn hole! The activities will target various gross motor skills, such as motor planning/coordination, social peer interaction, and safety awareness.

Dress your student accordingly for the weather. Please contact the Related Services department with any questions regarding this activity at (973) 989-4033 x123.





Our 2016 Caregivers Conference is less than 1 month away, please register now! United Way Caregivers Coalition is dedicated not only to honoring the important role caregivers play, but also to connecting them to resources and information that empower them to best support their own needs and those of their loved ones. If you provide care for a loved one or work to support those who do, our free Essex County Conference is just for you. The event is on Saturday, November 5 and the doors open at 8:30am for registration. A complimentary breakfast buffet will be available all morning and a light take home snack will be given to all attendees. Join us this November 5th for **Caregiver Bootcamp**. Hope you can join us to learn valuable information from local experts, learn about local resources, and connect with other caregivers.

Join Us!

Caregivers Conference in Essex County

Saturday, November 5, 2016

8:30am – 1:00pm

Immaculate Conception Church

Madonna Hall

1 Munn Street

Montclair, NJ

Workshop Topics:

- Care Management
- Important Legal Issues for Caregivers
- Demonstrations on Hands-On Care in the Home
- Caregiver College 101 - How to Survive

For questions about this conference, call [Deborah Day](mailto:Deborah.Day@UnitedWayNNJ.org) at [973.993.1160](tel:973.993.1160), x209.

For more information on the United Way Caregivers Coalition Conference Series, email CaregiversCoalition@UnitedWayNNJ.org or call 1.888.33UWCARES([888.338.9227](tel:888.338.9227)). We hope to see you at the conferences!

Deborah Day

Manager, United Way Caregivers Coalition

CTC School Portraits ~ 2016/2017

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Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey (SHA) is a statewide non-profit membership organization, founded in 1998, whose mission is to promote and maintain a strong supportive housing industry in the state of New Jersey serving people with special needs.

Seminar presentation discusses: "The Journey to Community Housing with Supports/A Road Map for Individuals with Disabilities and their Families"



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Special Needs Seminar Series

We are proud to announce we will be hosting a Special Needs Seminar Series at the Allied Wealth Office!

WHERE: 14 Walsh Drive,
Parsippany, New Jersey
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM

WHEN: October 27th, 2016

TIME: 6:30-8:00 pm

RSVP: 973-265-1317

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**Upcoming
Family Support Center of New Jersey
Webinars**



**Family Support
Center of
New Jersey**

Go to <http://www.fscnj.org/resources/webinars/> to register for upcoming webinars.

**Accessing Educational Services Beyond the Typical School Day
October 25, 2016
12:00 - 1:00 PM EDT**

Many students with disabilities require educational services that extend beyond the typical six-hour school day. This may be due to a need for additional repetition and practice in order to master skills as compared to non-disabled students, or to allow students to generalize skills learned at school to their homes and communities, or to provide students with the opportunity to develop skills in areas such as socialization or recreation which may come naturally to non-disabled students but which may be very challenging for students with disabilities. This workshop will focus on the wide variety of legal and educational arguments that support the provision of educational services to allow students with disabilities to take advantage of the rich learning environment that is available beyond the regular school day.

**Addressing Behavioral Challenges Through the Lifespan
November 14, 2016
12:00 - 1:00 PM EST**

It is widely known that individuals with disabilities may present challenging, and sometimes dangerous behaviors that interfere with their abilities to participate in learning opportunities, job experiences, or even simple outings into the community. At each stage of the life of an individual with disabilities, a variety of federal, state, local, and private agencies are responsible for providing services geared towards reducing undesirable behaviors and promoting positive, life-enriching behaviors. In New Jersey, responsible agencies may include school districts, the Department of Children and Families, the Division of Developmental Disabilities, the Medicaid system, private insurance, and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, among others. In this workshop, participants will gain an understanding of the responsibilities of each of these agencies, how to access their services, and how to ensure that service delivery between agencies is coordinated and structured so as to provide individuals with behavioral challenges the greatest opportunities for success. This session is being presented by Hinkle, Fingles, prior, and Fischer.

**Psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES)
November 16, 2016
12:00 - 1:00 PM EST**

Psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES) are experiential and behavioral episodes that superficially resemble epileptic seizures but aren't produced by electrical discharges in the brain. Instead, they represent a psychological condition that is often misdiagnosed as epilepsy. This webinar will explain PNES, how it is diagnosed and treated.

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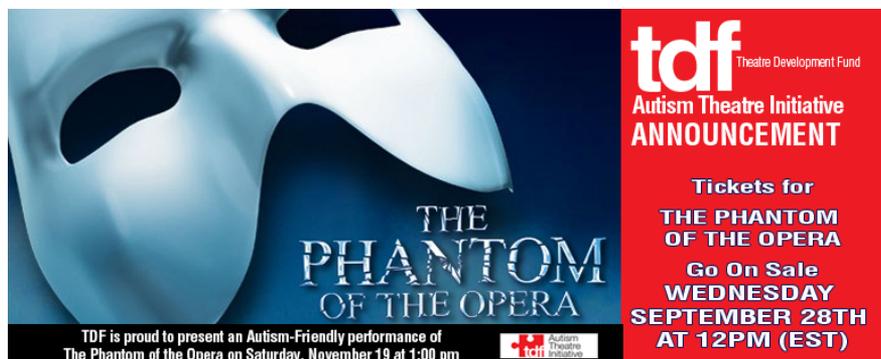
**Autism and Epilepsy
November 18, 2016
12:00 - 1:00 PM EST**

Seizures occur in up to 30% of patients with autism, with an even larger percentage having silent seizure activity. Recognition and treatment of seizures is very important in general, and specifically in patients with Autism, where treatment can sometimes improve cognitive function. This webinar reviews the relationship between Autism and Epilepsy and various treatment options.

Accessing Appropriate Educational Supports for Individuals with Epilepsy and Other Health Issues

**December 14, 2016
12:00 - 1:00 PM EST**

Students with epilepsy and other health issues that interfere with learning are entitled to educational services that are geared towards minimizing the detrimental impact of the student's health condition on his or her education while also providing the student with the skills necessary to successfully function as an adult despite their health conditions. Attorneys from Hinkle, Fingles, prior and Fischer will discuss the scope and nature of these services varies widely based upon students' unique learning needs, but may range from relatively simple issues such as managing the administration of medication at school to more complex matters such as how to plan for a student who may be absent for unpredictable or sporadic periods of time. Participants in this workshop will gain an understanding of the responsibility of school districts to address health- or medically-oriented needs, how to distinguish educational services from medical services that are beyond the scope of school districts' responsibilities, how to effectively advocate for students with epilepsy or other health issues, and how to separate myth from reality when it comes to school districts' responsibilities for addressing medically-related needs.



**Please save the date for
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
Autism-Friendly Performance:
Saturday, November 19,
2016 @ 1pm
Majestic Theater
245 West 44th Street
New York, NY 10036
TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE
Only at: www.tdf.org/phantom**

For this special performance, accommodations will be made including a supportive audience environment, designated activity and quiet areas, adjustments to lights and sound, and online resource materials. This performance is not recommended for children under 8 years old. For more information regarding the performance and modifications that are being made, please go to www.tdf.org/phantom.

CTC CONNECTIONS - RESOURCE WEBSITE

...everything you need to navigate the journey!!

On this site you will find access to a vast array of Local, State, & National Resources and Organizations dedicated to supporting children, families, and professionals. You can sign up for newsletters & publications, locate workshops, seminars and conferences, access webinars, find publishers, connect to other families, get homework help, and the list goes on!

We encourage you to explore, connect, and utilize the vast resources available to you through these organizations. The knowledge you will gain, the confidence it will afford you in your journey, and the community connections you will secure are invaluable!

Look for "CTC Connections" on the home page of the CTC School website
Go to the "MORE" tab, click on "RESOURCES", then "CTC CONNECTIONS"

<http://www.celebratethechildren.org/ctc-connections.html>

Featured CTC Connections Resource Link:



Planned Lifetime Assistance
Network of New Jersey, Inc.

Lifetime Advocacy for People with Disabilities

PLAN/NJ is a unique, not-for-profit agency that provides solutions to families concerned about the future lifetime support and quality of life of a loved one with a significant disability or mental health challenge.

CORE SERVICES:

- Life Planning – Legal, Estate & Independent Living
- Special Needs Trust Administration
- Home Visit Monitoring
- Guardianship
- Representative Payee (SSI)

This site is listed under the "NJ Disability Organizations" Tab
We encourage families and professionals to visit this website and many others listed on the CTC Connections Resource Website:

<http://www.celebratethechildren.org/ctc-connections.html>

Morris County HOW

Our "HOW" Hands On Workshop Series

Is your student ready for life after high school?

Are you?

"HOW" is a five-part workshop series to help families navigate the transition from school to adult life.

Our NEXT MEETING of the 2016-2017 School Year is

Monday Nov 14, 10:00-11:30am

RSVP REQUIRED

email Cheri calexander@celebratethechildren.org

Mark Your Calendars with the Additional Meeting Dates in the Series: Jan 9, Feb 13, March 13

*"Life is
what you
make it,
always has
been,
always will
be."
-Grandma
Moses*



CTC Parent Support Groups & SFSS Small Group Parent Series

We have a few Parent run Support Groups that meet on and off premise. Contact your SFSS Case Manager for more details!

We also strongly encourage families to reach out to their home communities for support and recreation opportunities!



Profectum Foundation 6th Annual NY Conference

Stress: Understanding its Impact, Symptoms & Recovery

Bridging Developmental Practice, Neurobiology and Cutting Edge
Technology to Promote Emotional Well Being and Progress for Children
and Young Adults with Developmental Challenges

October 30, 2016

JOHN JAY COLLEGE

524 West 59th Street
New York, NY 10019

GUEST SPEAKERS

Rosalind W. Picard, ScD
Theresa Hamlin, EdD

PROFECTUM FACULTY

Serena Wieder, PhD
Ricki Robinson, MD, MPH
Tal Baz, MS, OTR/L
Gilbert Foley, EdD
Sima Gerber, PhD, CCC-SLP
Connie Lillas, PhD, MFT, RN
Monica G. Osgood
Ruby Salazar, LCSW, BCD
Traci D. Swink, MD



One Night Only
Oct. 22, 2016

Comedy Night

to benefit **Celebrate the Children Foundation**

Featuring:



Leighann Lord
Smart, sexy, and funny! Stand-up Comedian, Author and Keynote Speaker. Leighann Lord has been named one of New York's 10 Hottest Comics. She's also been seen on Lifetime, AspireTV, Comedy Central, HBO's Def Comedy All-Star Jam and ABC's The View.



Your MC for the Evening:
Terry-Ann Zander

Sherry Davey

She is a single mother of two daughters aged 17 (God help her) and 11. She is a professional comedian, writer and actress. Sherry was seen most recently on NickMom's NICKMOM NIGHT OUT and NICKMOM ON... She also recently appeared on AXS TV'S GOTHAM LIVE and TV Guide Channel's STAND UP IN STILETTOS. Her credits include: Nick At Nite's SEARCH FOR THE FUNNIEST MOM IN AMERICA Seasons 1 & 2; Comedy Central's TOUGH CROWD WITH COLIN QUINN and PREMIUM BLEND; Tru TV; NBC's THE TODAY SHOW; and Fox News Channel.



Alex Barnett

Alex Barnett's comedy is about family, specifically his family. Alex (who was born in New York City and exiled to Long Island, where he was raised in an over-protective shell) is the White, Jewish husband of a Black woman (who converted to Judaism) and the father of a 5-year-old, Biracial son. Featured on Sirius/XM Radio's "Raw Dog Comedy," and NBC's EVB Live, and in VH1.com, The Wall Street Journal, The Huffington Post, and CNN.com.



The evening includes light hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, beer, and wine (for a suggested donation).

Sat., October 22, 2016, Doors open at 7 p.m.; Show starts at 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate the Children School, 230 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834

Tickets in advance: \$50 per person _____ # of tickets

Tickets at the Door: \$60 per person

Friend of _____

I will not be able to attend.

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Make all checks payable to Celebrate the Children Foundation.

Payments by credit card will be accepted at www.ctc-foundation.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Profectum

6th Annual New York Conference

Sunday, October 30

8:30am to 5:15pm

John Jay College

524 West 59th Street

New York, NY 10019

Register @ profectum.org

Comedy Night

To benefit **Celebrate the Children
Foundation**

October 22 @ 8pm

Doors open @ 7pm

Tickets in advance \$50

Tickets at the door \$60

See flyer for details



Picture Days

Tuesday, October 25 Elementary & Middle School

Thursday, October 27 High School - Young Adult

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Benefit/Gala

March 11 @ 7pm

Meadow Wood Manor,

Randolph, NJ

SAVE THE DATE



Bowl A Thon

December 3, From 11-1

Circle Lanes

Ledgewood, NJ



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Phone: 973.989.4033

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