

Autism Resources Miramichi Inc.

Newsletter 9

www.autismmiramichi.com

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October is Autism Awareness Month



To show your support, how about putting a ribbon magnet on your car. They are available here at the centre for a cost of \$5.00.



New Hours of Operation

Tuesday to Friday
11:30 am – 4:30 pm
Effective September 29, 2008

*Or by appointment as necessary.

Upcoming **ARM** Events and Important Dates

- October 6** Presentation on National Service Dogs
7:00 PM at Centre
- October 8** NBACL Information Session at centre
7:00 PM
- October 11** Fundraising Dance: Newcastle Lion's Club.
9:00 PM- 1:00 AM
- October 21** "Autism Safety and Risk Management" Workshop
with Dennis Debbaudt
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Rodd Miramichi,
- Evening Information Session with Dennis for parents/caregivers on Safety at Dr. Losier Middle School Theatre
Please register by calling 622-8137

NBACL Information Session for Families – October 8th

The New Brunswick Association for Community Living has been helping families and individuals with intellectual disabilities for over 50 years. In recent years, more and more families of children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder are coming to NBACL for support. However, many other parents are still not familiar with the supports and resources NBACL has to offer.

It is with these two goals in mind that NBACL wants to meet parents of children with autism:

- 1) to provide families with information and resources on NBACL,
- 2) to gain information on issues affecting families and how NBACL can help.

THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CENTRE ON OCTOBER 8, 2008 AT 7:00 PM. PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE, EVERYONE WELCOME!

Fundraising Committee News

Last committee meeting was held on September 8/08. If you want to help out in any way, please call Belinda Shaddick at 622-0249 or by email at dbshad@nb.sympatico.ca. Thank you to all committee members who have stepped up to help with the past and present projects. It takes many volunteers to make our centre a success. Here are our upcoming events:

Fundraising Dance

October 11, 2008

Music by *Short Sweet Ride*.
9:00 pm to 1:00 am
Newcastle Lion's Club
Tickets \$10.00 each.

**Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Centre, Books Inn, N&J Convenience and Bill's Quik Way.

Penny Sale

November 2, 2008
Knights Of Columbus
345 Campbell St
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Bangor Shopping Trip

November 14-16, 2008



Cost per person:
Single Occupancy: \$345.00 pp
Double Occupancy: \$240.00 pp
Triple Occupancy: \$220.00 pp
Quad Occupancy: \$200.00 pp

Cost per person includes Bus and 2 nights accommodations at the Ramada Inn in Bangor.

Seating is limited and registrations will be on a first come first serve basis and a \$50.00 deposit must be given to hold your seat. Full payment required by October 13/08.

For further information or to book your seat, please call ARM at 622-8137 or email us at arm@nb.aibn.com

All information has been posted on our website.

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Please mark your calendars!

Autism Risk and Safety Management Workshop

Tuesday October 21, 2008

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Rodd Miramichi River Hotel

1809 Water Street

Miramichi, New Brunswick, E1N 1B2

Tel: (506) 773-3111, Fax: (506) 773-3110

www.roddhotelsandresorts.com

Separate Parent's Information Session

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Dr. Losier Middle School Theatre

With presenter Dennis Debbaudt



Dennis, the proud father of Brad, a young man who has autism, wrote the ground-breaking booklet "Avoiding Unfortunate Situations" in 1994, the first-ever look at the interactions between children and adults with autism and law enforcement professionals. He has since written frequently on the topic including the book "Autism, Advocates and Law Enforcement Professionals: Recognizing and Reducing Risk Situations for People with Autism Spectrum Disorders" and articles for the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin and Sheriff Magazine. He consulted to ABC News 20/20 for the segment, "A Simple Man", about autism and false confession, and was instrumental in the development of the state of Maryland's Police and Correctional Training Commissions 1999 curriculum "Why Law Enforcement Needs to Recognize Autism".

An author, video producer and law enforcement trainer, Dennis turned his attention to providing autism recognition response and risk management training to law enforcement and emergency first responders in 1991.

He presents to law enforcement agencies in the United States, Canada and United Kingdom. His materials are in use by police departments around the world.

A Detroit native, he now resides with his wife Gay and son Brad in South Florida. For more information about the presenter, please visit his website at:

www.autismriskmanagement.com

Back to School

Do you need any help with new visuals, schedules, PECS pictures, etc. Drop by and we will do what we can to help.

Also, if there are any particular books you are looking for or can recommend, please let us know.

Thank you to.....

To St. Michael's CWL for their donation.

The following families hosted a yard sale and gave the proceeds to

ARM:

Beth and Frank Wilson
Kirsten and Greg Scott
Laura and Frank Roach
Hal and Brenda Somers
Paula and Rick Matthews
Sylvia Wilson