

Families of Children with Disabilities

January – March 2010

The following document is a list of upcoming events in the Chattanooga area that are available to families of children with disabilities. It is not considered to be comprehensive but rather is an attempt to list in one place some of the many informative and supportive activities available for families. These listings cover late January through March. Similar calendars will be developed on a quarterly basis.

The entries are the result of a collaborative effort by many agencies in our community to provide a quick and easy way to view available services. We welcome all organizations and support groups in the area to submit events for inclusion in this quarterly calendar. To submit events for the second quarter 2010 calendar, send your contributions to Beth Oldham, Family Support Coordinator at Siskin Children's Institute. beth.oldham@siskin.org or (423) 648-1757

We hope this is a helpful document that you and your colleagues share with families.

2010 Contributing Agencies:

- Catoosa County Schools
- Chattanooga Association for the Education of Young Children
- Children's Advocacy Center
- City of Chattanooga, Therapeutic Recreation Div.
- Creative Discovery Museum
- East Tennessee Chapter — Autism Society of America
- Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Tennessee
- First Things First
- Lifeline
- Mothers Moving Mountains
- Parents Are First Teachers
- Relative Caregiver Program
- S.H.A.R.E.
- Signal Centers
- Siskin Children's Institute
- Southeast Tennessee Council on Children and Youth
- Support and Training for Exceptional Parents
- Tennessee Voices for Children
- United Way
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- Vanderbilt Kennedy Center
- Walker County Schools

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JANUARY

DATE	TITLE OF EVENT	AGENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
01-12-10	ADHD Training Trainer: Julie Mickel Training and Outreach Specialist Siskin Children's Institute	Catoosa County Schools	6:30 p.m.	Cloud Springs Elementary School	Robin Smith 706.965.4052 rsmith@catoosa.k12.ga.us
01-12-10	Support Group	Relative Caregiver Program	10:00 a.m.	Southeast Tennessee Development District	Elizabeth Wood 423.424.4202
01-13-10	Children's Rights Conference Keynote speaker: Martin Luther King, Jr	Southeast Tennessee Council on Children & Youth	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Second Missionary Baptist Church	Kathy Daniels 423.634.6210 Kathy.Daniels@tn.gov
01-13-10	Special Rights – Basic Education	STEP (Support and Training for Exceptional Parents)	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	ARC of Hamilton County	Betty Bianchi 423.624.6887 Betty.archc@hotmail.com
01-14-10	Free Family Night	Creative Discovery Museum	5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	321 Chestnut Street	423.756.2738
01-14-10	Volunteer Advocacy Training	Lifeline			Angel Lumpkin 423.894.0112 lifelineministry@juno.com
01-15-10	Book Group for Families of Children with Disabilities	Siskin Children's Institute	12:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Siskin Children's Institute	Karen Coleman 423.648.1754 Karen.coleman@siskin.org
01-16-10	Autism Support Group	East Tennessee Chapter Autism Society of America	6:00 p.m.	Tri-County Bank Training Center Dunlap, TN	Shannon Cunningham 423.802.1275 Gizmo31980@aol.com
01-19-10	Transition to Adulthood Workshop	STEP and Lifeline	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Lifeline Office 1609 McCallie Avenue	Angel Lumpkin 423.894.0112 lifelineministry@juno.com
01-21-10	Volunteer Advocacy Training	Lifeline			Angel Lumpkin 423.894.0112 lifelineministry@juno.com

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01-21-10	Siskin Family Association Meeting	Siskin Children's Institute-East Brainerd Campus	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Siskin Early Learning Center 1602 Gunbarrel Road	Shelia Garner 423.643.4059 shelia.garner@siskin.org
01-22-10	Youth and Teen Movie Night	Relative Caregiver Program	6:00 p.m.	Chattanooga Career Center at Eastgate 5600 Brainerd Road	1-866-735-8752
01-23-10	Topics in Behavioral & Developmental Pediatrics	Siskin Children's Institute	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Siskin Children's Institute Downtown Campus 1101 Carter Street	Tracey Carisch 423.648.1761 tracey.carisch@siskin.org
01-23-10	All-Pro Dad	First Things First	9:00 a.m.	Chick-fil-A Gunbarrel Pointe	Julie Baumgardner 423.267.5383 julieb@firstthings.org
01-25-10	Family Share	Lifeline			Lisa Mattheiss 423.894.0112 lifelineministry@juno.com
01-25-10	Awesome Autism Support Group	Tennessee Voices for Children	7:00 p.m.	Ronald McDonald House 200 Central Ave.	Jackie Benkert jsbenkert@bellsouth.net
01-26-10	Special Education Basic Rights	STEP	5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Rhea Co. Hospital	Tracie Miller 423.775.5003 rheadiologytb@hotmail.com
01-26-10	Keeping Your Child Safe	Children's Advocacy Center	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Children's Advocacy Center of Hamilton County 909 Vine Street	Cathy Eldahan 423.266.6918 WCEldahan@cachc.org
01-26-10	Family Conversations	Siskin Children's Institute	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Siskin Children's Institute Downtown Campus 1101 Carter Street	Beth Oldham 423.648.1757 beth.oldham@siskin.org
01-28-10	PAFT Group Meeting	Parents Are First Teachers	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Children's Home Chambliss Shelter 315 Gillespie Road	Marguerite Chambers 423.493.5130
01-28-10	Volunteer Advocacy Training	Lifeline			Angel Lumpkin 423.894.0112 lifelineministry@juno.com

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01-30-10	Families First Workshop: Improving Communication in Children Who are Talking	Vanderbilt Kennedy Center	Room 241 MRL Building Vanderbilt Kennedy Center	615.322.6027 kc.vanderbilt.edu/registration
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02-02-10	Special Education Basic Rights	STEP/Lifeline			Lisa Mattheiss 423.894.0112 lifelineministry@juno.com
02-02-10	4-Part Autism Series: Beginning Toilet Training	Vanderbilt Kennedy Center	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Room 241 MRL Building Vanderbilt Kennedy Center	kc.vanderbilt.edu/registration 615.322.6027
02-04-10	Volunteer Advocacy Training	Lifeline			Angel Lumpkin 423.894.0112 lifelineministry@juno.com
02-04-10	Support Group Topic: IEP, IHP and 504 Presenter: Virginia Piper Project Director of Chattanooga Area Resource & Education Center - Lifeline	Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast TN	5:30 p.m.	Siskin Rehab Hospital One Siskin Plaza	Aubree Sullivan 423.634.1772 asullivan@epilepsy-setn.org
02-05-10	Special Education Basic Rights (Summary)	STEP/Lifeline			Lisa Mattheiss 423.894.0112 lifelineministry@juno.com
02-05-10	Conference – Autism: Connecting the Pieces Through the Lifespan	TEAM	8:00 a.m. – 4:25 p.m.	Sheraton Read House	June Phillips 423.622.0500 jphillips@teamcenters.org
02-08-10	First Annual Valentine's Dance	City of Chattanooga Therapeutic Recreation Division	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Brainerd Recreation Complex 1010 Moore Road	Elaine Adams 423.697.1345 adams-e@mail.chattanooga.gov

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02-09-10	Support Group	Relative Caregivers Program	10:00 a.m.	Southeast TN Development Dist. 1000 Riverfront Pkwy.	Elizabeth Wood 423.424.4202 ewood@sedev.org
02-09-10	4-Part Autism Series: Beginning Toilet Training	Vanderbilt Kennedy Center	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Room 241 MRL Building Vanderbilt Kennedy Center	kc.vanderbilt.edu/registration 615.322.6027
02-11-10	Support Group	Relative Caregivers Program	5:30 p.m.	Ooltawah United Methodist Church 6131 Relocation Way	Elizabeth Wood 423.424.4202 ewood@sedev.org
02-11-10	Volunteer Advocacy Training	Lifeline			Angel Lumpkin 423.894.0112 lifelineministry@juno.com
02-11-10	Free Family Night	Creative Discovery Museum	5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	321 Chestnut Street	423.756.2738
02-12-10	Support Group	Mothers Moving Mountains	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Hamilton YMCA 7430 Shallowford Road	Lisa Dupree autismhope4you@yahoo.com
02-16-10	Standing Up for Your Child Without Stepping on Toes	Lifeline			Lisa Mattheiss 423.424.4202 lifelineministry@juno.com
02-16-10	4-Part Autism Series: Beginning Toilet Training	Vanderbilt Kennedy Center	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Room 241 MRL Building Vanderbilt Kennedy Center	kc.vanderbilt.edu/registration 615.322.6027
02-18-10	Volunteer Advocacy Training	Lifeline			Angel Lumpkin 423.894.0112 lifelineministry@juno.com
02-20-10	Celebrate Marriage Seminar	First Things First	9:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Ridgedale Baptist Church 1831 Hickory Valley Road	Julie Baumgardner 423.267.5383 julieb@firstthings.org
02-22-10	Awesome Autism	Tennessee Voices for Children	7:00 p.m.	Ronald McDonald House 200 Central Ave.	Jackie Benkert jsbenkert@bellsouth.net

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02-23-10	Summer Camp Workshop	S.H..A.R.E. (family support center for families of children with disabilities in Catoosa County)			Robin Smith 706.965.4052 rsmith@catoosa.k12.ga.us
02-23-10	Keeping Your Child Safe	Children's Advocacy Center	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Children's Advocacy Center 909 Vine St.	Cathy Eldahan 423.266.6918 WCEldahan@cachc.org
02-23-10	4-Part Autism Series: Beginning Toilet Training	Vanderbilt Kennedy Center	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Room 241 MRL Building Vanderbilt Kennedy Center	kc.vanderbilt.edu/registration 615.322.6027
02-23-10	Family Conversations	Siskin Children's Institute	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Siskin Children's Institute Downtown Campus 1101 Carter Street	Beth Oldham 423.648.1757 beth.oldham@siskin.org
02-25-10	Volunteer Advocacy Training	Lifeline			Angel Lumpkin 423.894.0112 lifelineministry@juno.com
02-25-10	Support Group	Relative Caregiver's Program	6:00 p.m.	Eastgate Town Center 5600 Brainerd Rd.	Elizabeth Wood 423.424.4202 ewood@sedev.org
02-27-10	All-Pro Dad	First Things First	9:00 a.m.	Chick-fil-A Gunbarrel Pointe	Julie Baumgardner 423.267.5383 julieb@firstthings.org
02-27-10	Scenic City Half Marathon 5K and Charity Challenge	Children's Advocacy Center			www.sceniccityhalfmarathon.com
02-27-10	Families First Workshops: Family Activity Routines – Cooking, Chores, Family Games	Vanderbilt Kennedy Center		Room 241 MRL Building Vanderbilt Kennedy Center	kc.vanderbilt.edu/registration 615.322.6027

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03-05-10	Child Engagement Conference	Chattanooga Area Association for the Education of Young Children Siskin Children's Institute United Way University of Tennessee at Chattanooga		University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	Tracey Carisch 423.648.1761 tracey.carisch@siskin.org
03-06-10	Walker County Disability Resource Fair	Walker County Schools	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Georgia Northwestern Technical College 265 Bicentennial Trail Rock Springs, GA	Michal Jones 706-866-7833 michaljones@walkerschools.org
03-10-10	Disability Days on the Hill (Meet with state legislators to discuss disability issues)	Tennessee Disability Coalition		State Capitol Building Nashville, TN	Courtney Jenkins-Atnip 615.383.9442 Courtney_j@tndisability.org
03-11-10	Free Family Night	Creative Discovery Museum	5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	321 Chestnut Street	423.756.2738
03-11-13-10	Mercy Ministries Conference	Lifeline			Lisa Mattheiss 423.894.0112 lifelineministry@juno.com
03-12-10	Book Group	Siskin Children's Institute	12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Siskin Children's Institute Downtown Campus 1101 Carter Street	Karen Coleman 423.648.1754 karen.coleman@siskin.org
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03-23-10	Moving On Up Transition Workshop	Catoosa County Schools	4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Catoosa County Learning Center Benton Place Campus	Robin Smith 706.965.4052 rsmith@catoosa.k12.ga.us
03-25-10	Support Group	Relative Caregiver's Program	6:00 p.m.	Eastgate Town Center 5600 Brainerd Rd.	Elizabeth Wood 423.424.4202 ewood@sedev.org
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03-27-10	Families First Workshop: Out & About – Grocery Stores, Restaurants, & Playgrounds	Vanderbilt Kennedy Center		Room 241 MRL Building Vanderbilt Kennedy Center	kc.vanderbilt.edu/registration 615.322.6027
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