



THE AUTISM CONNECTION

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The Autism Connection is a monthly Newsletter that delivers information about workshops, conferences and events for families affected by autism

Happy October!

There are some great events going on in the community. Whether you are newly diagnosed or have been on the journey for a while there is something for everyone. Be sure to register now for Variety's Annual Halloween Spooktacular! Hope to see you there!

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Autism Resource Coordinator

Featured Variety Program: Cool Kids Meet Up

Cool Kids Meet up is a social skills/social thinking group for individuals on the spectrum ages 11-16.

Cool Kids will:

- Develop skills to communicate effectively in verbal and nonverbal ways
- Develop problem solving and conflict resolution skills
- Understand, express and inference emotions
- Share space effectively
- Learn to work as part of a group

Skills will be taught through a hands-on team project as well as through role-play, social stories and discussions. Most of all, participants will have fun and have the opportunity to build lasting friendships!

If you feel that this program might be a good fit for your child, please contact us for an application and to schedule an intake.

Cool Kids Meet Up is a partnership between Variety and SPIN.

The program welcomes college students for volunteer opportunities. Volunteers will provide participants with additional support and peer modeling.

Click brochure for more information.
Click [HERE](#) to apply!



Have you Registered Yet?

Sesame Place and Variety – The Children's Charity has once again teamed up to host a fun-filled day for children with disabilities!

Variety's Annual Halloween Spooktacular at Sesame Place.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011
10 AM – 4 PM**

This wonderful one day event is being held exclusively for all of the Children of Variety and their immediate family members.

Register online or call **215-735-0803** to be mailed a registration form for this special event

There are no admission or registration fees; however, parking will be \$25 per vehicle

[Register online Today!](#)



THE AUTISM CONNECTION CAN INSTANTLY CONNECT YOU TO THE RESOURCES YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT! CLICK ON THE ICONS TO BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO THE WEBSITE!



PEAC's 1st Annual Inclusion Conference

"Inclusive Practices - It's More than Access"

November 6 - 8, 2011
Hyatt Regency Penn's Landing, Philadelphia

Two internationally known inclusion-rights speakers Norman Kunc and Keith Jones will be the keynote presenters.

[Register Today!](#)



PHILADELPHIA AUTISM NETWORK

A supportive workshop for families and professionals helping children with Autism

Seedlings 3300 Henry Ave, Philadelphia PA 19129
Wednesdays 6-8pm
Childcare Available • No Registration Needed

October 26th

Managing Tantrums and Difficult Behaviors
Arlene Wallace, Ph.D.



Alternative Choices Presents: Living with Autism: A dialogue with Drs. Stephen Shore and Robert Naseef

Saturday November 12th, 2011 from 9:00am-1:30pm

The First Unitarian Church, 2125 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

Cost: \$60.00 (Lunch will be provided), *Scholarships available* Limited child care available: \$10.00 per child; \$5.00 for siblings



Join TACA PA for a family-friendly Fall celebration for children affected by autism with TACA families and friends!

Activities will include moon bounces, face painting, pumpkin painting, horse back riding, fire trucks (without the sirens), a DJ, games and much more!

[RSVP Here!](#)

Pathways to Independence

Friday, November 11, 2011
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
White Manor Country Club
831 Providence Road, Malvern, PA.

More info: [Via email](#) or 267-426-4903



This conference is for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder who are transitioning to adulthood and for professionals working in this field.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Stephen Shore.
Cost (Includes continental breakfast and lunch)

\$65 without Continuing Education Credits
\$85 with Continuing Education Credits (Psychology, Social Work, Act 48)



Next Steps Workshop for Families:

A Workshop for Parents Supporting Young Children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder

When: Wednesday, October 26th, 2011 8:30am to 3:30pm

Where:

3535 Market Street 16th Floor, Room D Philadelphia, PA 19104

Contact: Gail Stein, LSW, ACSW

Presenters will include experts in developmental and behavioral pediatrics, speech and language pathology, occupational therapy, education, and special education law. Participate in a discussion with a panel of parents who have made the next steps with their children

Cost: \$20 per person - includes resource CD, continental breakfast, and lunch