



# 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

## **Featured Variety Program:** **Saturday Arts Program at the Camp!**

This program is designed to meet the creative and social needs of children and adolescents (ages 5-21) with developmental disabilities including those children with a diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum.

Cost is \$500/10 week session. Children can start at any time in the 10 weeks if space is available and the fee will be pro-rated.

Art, music, dance, and storytelling sessions are held in the morning and the students participate in free choice activities in the afternoon.

The program follows an "Arts around the World" theme. The Fall 2011 program will cover Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, and Polynesia. The Spring 2012 program will Move to the Middle East and Northern Africa for inspiration

**For information call Jean Merkl  
610-584-4366, x 1101**



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

**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.**

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 kids' lunches are packed and we are test driving our current IEPs. Now's the time to find out what is happening in the community and learn how to best help our kids be as successful as possible!

Wishing you smooth transitions and a successful school year!

*Nicole Simon*

Autism Resource Coordinator

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!

**REAL  
HELP  
NOW**

Listen, Learn and Take Action for your Child at the [Real Help Now Conference!](#)

Musser Auditorium, Penn State Great Valley  
30E Swedesford Rd Malvern, PA 19355

Searching for and finding the right information to help your child can be overwhelming for families affected by autism. The Real Help Now Conference was developed to bring the latest information on medical, dietary and legal issues for children with autism, and most importantly, help parents through the often daunting process of determining how to organize and prioritize their intervention efforts.

Learn from nationally known experts in the field!

\*Lisa Ackerman founder of [TACA](#) will be at this event! You do not want to miss this rare opportunity to be inspired from the mom who started a movement.

[Register Now!! Scholarships Still Available!!](#)



### "Nutrition and Feeding Interventions for Autism, Asperger's, and ADHD"

September 21, 22 or 23, 2011

This one-day seminar will be held at three locations in Pennsylvania: Harrisburg on Sept. 21, Scranton on Sept. 22 and Philadelphia on Sept. 23. Speaker: nutritionist Elizabeth Strickland, author of "Eating for Autism: The 10-Step Nutrition Plan to Help Treat Your Child's Autism, Asperger's, or ADHD." Information and registration: visit the [event website](#) or call 800-397-0180.



### 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 5<sup>th</sup>      **Social Language Skills**  
Susan Chaplick, M.S., CCC -SLP  
Bryn Mawr Child Study Center

October 26<sup>th</sup>      **Managing Tantrums and Difficult Behaviors**  
Arlene Wallace, Ph.D.

**INCLUSIVE PRACTICES**  
*It's More Than Access.*  
PEAC's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Inclusion Conference.  
Philadelphia, November 6-8, 2011, hosted by PEAC.

Sign up!