



Autism Support Center

Family Newsletter

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autism.services@tillinc.org

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TILL'S AUTISM SUPPORT GROUPS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Dorchester Neighborhood Group at Grove Hall Library

2nd Thursday of the Month

41 Geneva Avenue, Dorchester

Light dinner and childcare available

Register with Nichole at: nicholebarros70@gmail.com

Vietnamese Neighborhood Group

Third Tuesday of the month

Dorchester House, 6-8 pm

1353 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester

Register with Oanh Bui: 617-399-8328

East Boston Neighborhood Group

Samuel Adams School (Sept-June)

165 Webster Street, Rm. 9, East Boston. Register

with Jill at: jfabbrucci@bostonpublicschools.org

Somalian Neighborhood Group

Primarily for Somali Families

Marcus Garvey Gardens

44 John Eliot Square, Roxbury

Contact Asha Abdullahi at:

asha.abdullahi35@gmail.com

WORKSHOP ON INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM "IEP" .

FRIDAY, 1/17/2020, 5:00PM-8:00 PM.

Somerville Neighborhood Group

Primarily for Haitian Creole Speaking Families

First Saturday of the month 2-4pm.

St. Ann School, 50 Thurston Street Somerville, MA 02145.

Contact Louise Dominique at: 978-335-0183 or

ldoninique@ymail.com

Resources

Check out our Website at www.tillinc.org!

You can find this monthly newsletter at

www.tillinc.org/services/autism-support-center

The Autism Insurance Resource Center (AIRC) at UMass Medical School assists with issues related to accessing insurance coverage for autism treatment. For more information, visit: www.massairc.org or call 774-455-4056. Hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-5 pm.

Massachusetts Autism Commission's Resource Guides for families on Turning Three, School-Aged Youth 3-14 with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and Transition-Aged Youth and Young Adults with ASD ages 14-22 are available in several languages by visiting: www.mass.gov/autism-resources-for-families

Parent Leadership and Networking Opportunities

Are you looking for 1:1 guidance, advice, or encouragement from another parent of an individual with ASD? Are you wanting to connect with others and build your community? **Reach out to the Parent Leadership in Autism Network (PLAN) for support.** Contact autismprogram@bmc.org; 617-414-3842. Visit www.bmc.org/autism for more info.

Wishing our TILL Families a very Happy and Healthy New Year! Welcome 2020!

Thank you to all of our families, volunteers and the Irish Social Club of Boston for participating in our TILL Annual Holiday Party on December 15th. Hope to see you next year!

January Happenings

TILL's Autism Support Center presents:

The Return of the Dorchester Neighborhood Group Kick-Off Party. **Grove Hall Library 41 Geneva Ave. Dorchester. Thursday, 1/9/20, 6:00-7:30 pm.** Pizza, Ice Cream Bar and balloon animals for the kids. **RSVP by 1/3/20 to nicholebarros70@gmail.com.**

AANE presents Asperger Syndrome and Adult Life: Navigating the **Massachusetts Public and Private Supports and Service Systems Conference**. Saturday, 1/11/20. Fees apply, registration is required to www.aane.org/event/aanes-jody-acford-winter-conference/or contact Stephanie Birkdale, Asperger/Autism Network at 617-393-3824 x32 or events@aane.org
***To request financial assistance to attend the conference please contact the organizer at events@aane.org.**

TILL's Somali Neighborhood Group and BPS presents a workshop on **Individualized Education Program "IEP"**. Friday, 1/17/20, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. Translator available for families. See front for address. RSVP to asha.abdullahi35@gmail.com

The SPARK team at Boston Children's Hospital is hosting a **Winter Autism Fair** on Saturday January 18, 2020, at BCH Peabody, 9am-1pm (10 Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA, 01960). There will be arts and crafts, a photo booth and magic tricks, as well as the chance to speak to a variety of resource groups and participate in landmark research! Please RSVP here: <https://winterautismfunfair.eventbrite.com>

Winter Outings for Teens & Young Adults- Brookline Recreation Department, January 5th through March 27th, 2020.

For teens and adults with special needs ages 14 and older. The **On The Town** outings are a great way to explore the community, experience different recreational activities and build friendships.

* Facilitated by the Brookline Recreation Therapy Staff.

* Fees include transportation to and from the Eliot Recreation Center, food, and any program fees.

* Pre-registration is required for these trips

- **Blue Man Group 01/03/20**
- **Rock Climbing 01/17/20**
- **Laserquest 01/31/20**

Fees apply, registration is required:

www.brooklinerec.com/190/Recreation-Therapy or contact mbarshay@brooklinema.gov or call 617-730-2069.

Boston Children's Museum Morningstar Access offers children with special or medical needs the opportunity to enjoy the Museum in an uncrowded environment as well as reduced admission. **Monday, January 20, 2020 (MLK Day), 8-10am**

Lurie Center for Autism Coffee Convo presents **What to Expect after Age 22 for Individuals with ID: Nuts and Bolts of Planning**. Wednesday, 1/29/20, 6:30-7:30. Register at LurieCenter@partners.org or call 781-860-1700.

Save the Date in February!

The Circle of Vietnamese Parents celebrates its New Year 2020 on Saturday, February 1, 12:00-3:30 pm at Dot House Health, Dorchester. RSVP by 1/25 to: <https://forms.gle/RjXqxeYNvS5Y8Lzb8>

TILL's Autism Support Center and ETC Cafe invites you to: **Cookie Time at ETC Café**

Join us to decorate **Valentine** cookies at our ETC cafe kitchen, 1300 Hyde Park Ave., Hyde Park. **Saturday, February 8, 2020. Cost \$5 per child "Limit to 2 children per family"**

11:00am- Ages 5-10

12:00pm- Ages 11-15

1:00pm- Ages 16 & up

Class is limited to 10 participants. **RSVP by Saturday 2/1/20 to autism.services@tillinc.org**

Boston Children's Museum Morningstar Access offers children with special or medical needs the opportunity to enjoy the museum in an uncrowded environment at a reduced admission. Monday, February 17, 2020 (Presidents' Day) from 8 am-10am

Lurie Center for Autism Coffee Convo presents **Supporting Siblings throughout the Journey**. Wednesday, 2/26/20, 6:30-7:30. Register at LurieCenter@partners.org or call 781-860-1700.

February School Vacation Week – 2/18-2/21.

TILL's Autism Support Center and TRASE are happy to offer **Camp City Scape** for children 15 and up with an autism diagnosis, Feb 18-21, 2020. Participants must be fully independent and must be able to tolerate being out in the community. **More details to come in our February Newsletter**. Please contact: martine.pierre@tillinc.org (781) 302-4835 or dale.belcher@tillinc.org (781) 302-4619 with any questions.