



**Autism Society of
Cumberland County**

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Calendar of Events:

- § Jan. 6 @ 11:00 am ~
ABA Support Group at
Jason's Deli
- § Jan. 12 @ 5:45 pm ~
HFA Support Group at
Spainhour
- § Jan. 12 @ 6:30 pm ~
Parent Ed. Mtg. at
Spainhour
- § Jan. 13 @ 11:30 am ~
ALC Support Group at
Rock-Ola
- § Jan. 22 @ 9:30 am ~
ABC Support Group at
McDonald's Sante Fe;
***please note date and
location change***
- § Jan. 27 @ 11:00 am ~
Board of Directors Mtg.
at Omni Family Resource

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Monthly Parent Education Program

Laura Lawyer, MSW, LCSW

Will Present

***Autism at School: Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA) and
Behavior Intervention Programs (BIP)***

Discussion will include information about:

1. The basic steps in the development of a Functional Behavior Analysis (FBA);
2. The basic steps in the development of a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP);
3. The common errors in the FBA and BIP process; and
4. How to best address FBA and BIP errors at your child's IEP meeting.

**Join us January 12, 2009
at 6:30 pm at the
Dorothy Spainhour Center
223 Hull Road, Fayetteville, NC**

For your convenience, free respite care is available on site through Community Based Developmental Services. Contact Cynthia Billops at least 24 hours prior to reserve your space at 488-5820/488-4584. You may leave a message to reserve your space; you will not receive a return phone call.



Grandparent Support Group:

The ASCC would like to start a Grandparent Support Group. If you are interested, please contact the ASCC at 826-3004 with suggestions for date, time and location!





Support Groups

ASCC Monthly Support Groups are open to parents, professionals, and anyone else who wishes to attend. Our support groups are a great place to network with other parents and share your ideas or concerns. Find a support group meeting to fit your busy schedule.

The **Autism Breakfast Club** (ABC) Support Group will meet **Thursday, Jan. 22** at 9:30 a.m. at McDonald's on Sante Fe. This group is for parents of ages pre-school—elementary with autism. **PLEASE note date/location change.**

The **Autism Lunch Club** (ALC) Support Group will meet **Tuesday, Jan. 13** at 11:30 am at Rock-ola. This group is for parents of ages middle school—adults with autism.

The **High Functioning Autism** (HFA) Support Group will meet **Monday, Jan. 12** at 5:45 pm at Dorothy Spainhour Center. This group is for parents of individuals with high-functioning autism/aspergers.

The **Applied Behavior Analysis** (ABA) Support Group will meet **Tuesday, Jan. 6** at 11:00 am at Jason's Deli.

ASNC Presents The Early Start Denver Model: An Overview

The Autism Society of NC is proud to present a one-day workshop provided by **Dr. Sally J. Rogers on the highly regarded Early Start Denver Model** for toddlers with an autism spectrum disorder.

The workshop will be **January 9, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Greensboro**, NC. Check in will be held from 8 am—9 am and the workshop will be held from 9 am—3:30 pm. **Register online at www.autismsociety-nc.org or call 919-743-0204 ext. 32.**

Snyder Music Academy Music Therapy Services

Music Therapy is an established healthcare profession that uses music to address physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of individuals of all ages. Music therapy improves the quality of life for persons who are well and meets the needs of children and adults with various disabilities or illnesses.

Music therapy services at Snyder Music Academy are provided by a Board Certified Music Therapist, who has completed at least an undergraduate degree in music therapy at an accredited school as well as a specialized 6 month internship in a specific field. Upon registration for music therapy services, an individual assessment with the music therapist will be scheduled at a time agreed upon by the therapist and the caregiver. During this time, the therapist will ask questions and have the client perform specific tasks so that individual needs and goals can be established. He/she will suggest a proper placement in one of the following groups that will meet the client's needs and schedule.

Classes offered in the spring 2009 semester are: Drumming, Early Beginnings, and Music Therapy Group I.

For more information on all programs contact: Contact **Joy Cogswell** at (910) 484-1041 or music@snydermbc.com.

Teacher's Wish List:

This local classroom has requested donations of the following items for their students. If you can donate some of these items, please contact ASCC at 826-3004.

Ms. Martha Fuller (Ben Martin Elementary)

- ◆ Thomas the Tank books
- ◆ Thomas the Tank puzzles
- ◆ Thomas the Tank toy items (for block center, to use as reinforcers)
- ◆ Children's CD/Cassette Player
- ◆ Trucks/Big Cars for Block Center
- ◆ Children's Computer Programs



January 20 & January 21 9:00 a.m.— 1:30 p.m.

At the Reserve Center on Fort Bragg

Information Booths :

- ◆ Autism Society of Cumberland County
- ◆ STOMP
- ◆ Child INC.
- ◆ Family Support Network, Sandhills
- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ Therapy Playground
- ◆ CDSA Fayetteville
- ◆ A Small Miracle
- ◆ Cumberland County Mental Health & More

Scheduled Speakers :

- ◆ Autism Society of Cumberland County
- ◆ TEACCH
- ◆ Terry Dutton (“What we Have Learned from Adults with Autism: Implications for Parents and Teachers”)
- ◆ ECAC (IEP’s & 504’s)
- ◆ Cumberland County Schools
- ◆ Fort Bragg Schools
- ◆ Tricare ECHO
- ◆ Denise Freeman (Applied Behavior Analysis)
- ◆ ECAC (Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Health Care)
- ◆ (Speakers and order are subject to change)

Light refreshments will be provided; however, guests are asked to please BRING their lunch.

To register and for directions, please call (910) 907-3405.





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Supporting Individuals Within The Autism Spectrum



The Autism Society of Cumberland County is an affiliate of the Autism Society of North Carolina

Mission Statement

The Autism Society of Cumberland County is committed to providing support and promoting opportunities which enhance the lives of individuals within the autism spectrum and their families.

Vision Statement

The Autism Society of Cumberland County strives to create a community where people within the autism spectrum and their families receive respect, services, and supports based on individual differences, needs, and preferences.

Funded In Part By:



Donations

Please remember the ASCC with your **tax-deductible** charitable contribution!

Checks should be made payable to:

Autism Society of Cumberland County
PO Box 35600
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Name _____

Address _____

Amount of Contribution _____

The Nicholas Fasul Finch Autism Fund was established in 1998 by Hank and Anna Fasul Finch, in honor of their son Nicholas. The fund is a donor advised fund of the Cumberland Community Foundation and was created for the purpose of supporting programs and services for individuals with autism in the Cumberland County area. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Checks should be made payable to:

Cumberland Community Foundation
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