



**Autism Society of
Cumberland County**

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Monthly Parent Education Program

**Apple Boyce, HSP-PA, BCBA
Priorities ABA, PLLC**

Will Present

***ABA Therapy for Children with
Autism: Learning to Learn***

Join us November 11, 2008
at 6:30 pm at the
Dorothy Spainhour Center
223 Hull Road, Fayetteville, NC

Calendar of Events:

- § Nov. 5 @ 11:00 am ~
ABA Support Group at
Jason's Deli
- § Nov. 10 @ 5:45 pm ~
HFA Support Group at
Spainhour
- § Nov. 10 @ 6:30 pm ~
Parent Ed. Mtg. at
Spainhour
- § Nov. 11 @ 11:30 am ~
ALC Support Group at
O'Charley's
- § Nov. 19 @ 9:30 am ~
ABC Support Group at
McDonald's Skibo
- § Nov. 25 @ 11:00 am ~
Board of Directors Mtg.
at Omni Family Resource

**Discussion will include
information about::**

- ◆ The steps to build a successful ABA program;
- ◆ The facts behind many common myths and misconceptions about ABA therapy programs;
- ◆ The core areas addressed by a good ABA program;
- ◆ Where to begin, including some options for funding sources, if they are interested in pursuing an ABA program for their own child;
- ◆ Key features of strong vs. weak ABA programs.



Board of Directors:

- President: Chris Leacock
- Vice Pres.: Anna Finch
- Treasurer: Gwen Scott
- Secretary: Brenda Brown

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.

General Board Members:

- Cynthia Billops
- Dr. Debra Gillum
- Cathy Howell

Attention Members

**Director of Programs and
Outreach**

Jackie Pfuntner

**Program and Outreach
Assistant**

Jennifer Cashwell

The nomination and election of the Board of Directors of the ASCC will be held at the November 11 meeting of the general membership. Nominations for the Board of Directors may be made by the general membership and a majority vote of the members present shall be required to elect all directors. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Jackie at 826-3004.





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 **Wednesday, Nov. 19** at 9:30 a.m. at McDonald's on Skibo. This group is for parents of ages pre-school—elementary with autism.

The **Autism Lunch Club** (ALC) Support Group will meet **Tuesday, Nov. 11** at 11:30 am at O'Charley's. This group is for parents of ages middle school—adults with autism.

The **High Functioning Autism** (HFA) Support Group will meet **Monday, Nov. 10** 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 **Wednesday, Nov. 5** at 11:00 am at Jason's Deli.

SAVE THE DATE

20th Annual

Leo M. Croghan Conference on Developmental Disabilities

*A Conference for Parents and Professionals Concerned with
the Care and Development of Young Children*

Wendy Stone from Vanderbilt University will be giving a plenary and a concurrent session on early intervention in autism. There will be numerous break-out sessions.

December 8, 2008

Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, NC

For more information please visit www.croghanconference.org

Twenty scholarships are available for parents who have a child less than 5 years old with special needs.

Autism Society of NC Parent Advocate Position Opening:

Advocate will be 15 hours a week, based out of the ASNC Fayetteville office. Advocate will primarily be responsible for supporting families in Cumberland County. Because of the strong military presence in the area, it is preferable but not necessary that the advocate have some military-related experience. Depending on the needs, advocate may also be a resource for neighboring counties and may possibly have to do some traveling. Advocate will be involved in quarterly advocate meetings in Raleigh and will participate in our yearly Leadership Retreat in the fall. Advocate should have some flexibility with their time as IEP meetings and support group meetings are often not during school hours.

Applicants should send their resume to Ann Palmer, Director of Advocacy and Chapter Support, Autism Society of NC at apalmer@autismsociety-nc.org. She can also be reached at 919-743-0204 ext. 52.



Walt Disney World Resorts Guest Assistance Card:

The Guest Assistance Card is a tool provided at all four WALT DISNEY WORLD Resort Theme Parks to enhance the service we provide to our Guests with disabilities. It was designed to alert the Cast about those Guests who may need additional assistance. The intent of these cards is to keep Guests from having to explain their service needs each time they visit an attraction.

The Guest Assistance Card is available to the Guests with non-apparent, special assistance needs (i.e., autism, heart condition, etc.). Depending on a Guest's need, this card may provide a variety of assistance such as allowing Guests to wait in a shaded area, or providing admission to our attractions through auxiliary entrances, where applicable. However, the intention of this card has never been to bypass attraction wait times, or to be used by Guests with a noticeable service need.

A Guest with a specific need for assistance can request a Guest Assistance Card at any Theme Park Guest Relations location. To accommodate the individual needs of Guests, all Guests are asked to discuss their assistance requests with a Guest Relations cast member prior to the card being issued. The Guest Relations Cast Member will discuss the available service options with the Guest and provide written instructions for the cast on the Guest Assistance Card. The Guest will be directed to present the Guest Assistance Card to the Greeter or first available Cast Member at the attraction and await further directions for their experience.

Goody Bag Items:

Next time you are out...

Pick up a bag of candy, some pencils, large erasers, or even little cars. Be creative but remember nothing too small as that will impose a choking hazard. This applies with candy too! Bring it to the November 11 meeting or to the office between now and December 1. We will use it to stuff goody bags for all the children in self-contained autistic classrooms.

We will be stuffing over 350 goody bags for the self-contained classrooms on Tuesday, December 2 at 10:00 am at the Omni Family Resource Center (upstairs conference room).

Call Jackie or Jennifer if you can help at 826-3004/3005.

Teacher's Wish List:

Over the years, ASCC has tried to assist the teacher's of self-contained autistic classes by printing their wish list in the ECHO. We are once again asking that the teachers of Cumberland County send us any wish list items they would like to have, such as Velcro, laundry baskets, books, CDs, puzzles, etc.

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Winner of the Autism Society of
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Award—1996, 2002, & 2003

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
PO Box 2345
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***Please write "For the Nicholas F. Finch Autism Fund" on your check.**