

Abilities Center February News

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FEBRUARY
2009

Upcoming Dates of
Interest:

FEBRUARY IS
"PLANT THE
SEEDS OF GREAT-
NESS MONTH!"

- "How to Plant the Seeds of Health in Your Child" Workshop
Feb. 12th, 7-9 PM
Guest Speaker:
Dr. Susan McCreadie
- Open Play
Sunday, Feb. 8
2-4 PM
- Open Play
Saturday, Feb. 21
Noon-29 PM
- "Gifted & Misunderstood" Workshop
Feb. 26th, 7-9 PM
- Feb. 1-28th Everyday Miracles Grant Period Opens! Applications must be received no later than 2/28/09
- MASPOT Spring Conference "Optimizing Treatment of the Young Child with Neuromotor Dysfunction" Kalamazoo, March 2, 2009
Visit our website for more details.



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Abilities Center offers Saturday appointments!
Call the scheduling desk for available openings.



Summer Programs Gearing Up



Summer is quickly approaching and Abilities Center can't wait to break out the summer programs! Group programs, including social skills, bike riding, martial arts and day camp are currently in the planning stages.

Individual Therapy Services are also available.

Let our staff help to maintain and build on the progress that occurred during the school year. **Specialized Summer Support Programs** are offered for children who receive OT, PT and/or Speech services at school. Therapists work on goals and objectives stated in your child's IEP

or evaluation. At the end of the summer, Abilities Center provides a discharge progress report. Visit our website often at www.abilitiescenter.com for the latest group schedules. Call Abilities Center at 248.926.0909, ext. 0 to register for all programs.

Could your child benefit from a Play Partner?

Play Partner is a program designed to provide intense play interaction which supplements the Play Therapy Parent Training program offered at Abilities Center. Based on the DIR® (Developmental Individualized Relationship-based)/Floortime™ theories developed by Stanley Greenspan, M.D. and Serena Wieder PH.D., this parent and child therapy program is best used intensely.

What is the Goal of Play? Play is truly the most important occupation of children. It facilitates development in all aspects of childhood—motor, sensory, cognitive and psychosocial. Children with autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders often play in a very different way than their typically developing peers. With successful positive play intervention, many children have shown an improvement in their ability to attain developmental milestones (Solomon et al., 2007).

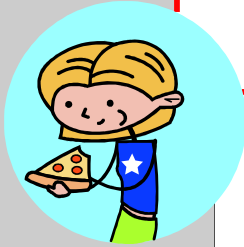
What is the benefit of Play Partner? The Play Partner program provides added play time with a trained staff member at Abilities Center. All Play Partner sessions are video-reviewed and critiqued by a Play Consultant/Occupational Therapist. Your child benefits from a more intense therapy experience. Call Abilities Center to learn more about Play Therapy and the Play Partner supplemental program.

Kindermusik is back!

Our Time Saturday, 10 – 10:45 AM
February 14 – May 2 (No class April 11 & 18)
Session Fee: \$160 (Includes take home materials)



Family Time Saturday, 11 – 11:45 AM
February 14 – May 2 (No class April 11 & 18)
Session Fee: \$210/Family (Includes take home materials)
Call Abilities Center to register!! 248.926.0909, Ext. 0



Is your child gluten free?

Abilities Center has a list of area restaurants with gluten free choices on the menu. Stop by the front desk to pick up your copy!

More Martial Arts

Martial Arts has become a hit at Abilities Center! The first session is underway and we are currently making plans for our second session, with an added class to accommodate more kids!

Wednesday Evenings

5-6 PM 2/25-4/1/2009 OR 6-7 PM 2/25-4/1/2009

Fee: \$95

Register for a six week session and watch as your child begins to improve balance and coordination, cognitive, social and emotional skills, all while having fun!

Black Belt instructor Dave Reicher has extensive experience working with children with developmental delays and other challenges. His experience has taken him across the state to teach children at all levels. The incredible success stories of children meeting and exceeding their potential keep him motivated and inspired.

Call Abilities Center to register your child, 248.926.0909, ext. 0.

Not sure if your child is ready? - Observe a class. Call Abilities Center for available dates and times.



Grant \$ available from Everyday Miracles

Everyday Miracles ACE (Autism Can End) Grant period opens February 1st 2009! Michigan families interested in receiving grants may download the application form from the website (www.everydaymiracles.org) and have the application post-marked by 2/28/09. Applications received after the end of the month will be

considered incomplete and will be rejected by the grant committee.

The grant committee will review requests after 2/28/09. Applicants can expect the decision from Everyday Miracles in April 2009.

Although it would be ideal to award every family in need with a grant, financially it isn't possible. EDM

encourages all applicants to ensure their applications are completed. Each year, many families do not receive grants because the needed information is not provided. **EDM asks that everyone consider joining our fundraising activities to allow EDM the ability to help more families.**



Catch us on Fox 2 News @ 10 PM!

Abilities Center was recently delighted to welcome **Fox 2 News** to our facility.

In a week long series on Autism, the local news channel features an Abilities Center

family. The report highlights the challenges, triumphs and struggles faced in the day to day life of a family dealing with autism.

Abilities Center was singled out for its extensive knowledge and expertise in working with autistic

children, and for its unique approach to sensory integration dysfunction.

The entire series airs the last week in February on Fox (local channel 2) at 10 PM. Or visit the Fox Webpage at www.myfoxdetroit.com.