



Dear Pathway Parents,

As the end of this school year gets closer, there are several upcoming Transition Events and announcements that I want you to be aware of:

### **Autism Mini-grants**

The Bureau of Autism Services of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare is pleased to announce the availability of mini-grants to support children and adults with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and families that include an individual with ASD.

The full application packet including directions, frequently asked questions and answers, and the application are available at [2011 Mini Grant Application Packet](#).

If you do not have internet access or printing capabilities, requests for paper applications to be mailed to you can be made after 5:00pm on February 18, 2011 by calling our toll free number at 1-866-539-7689 (select option # 2) or email [DPW-AutismOffice@state.pa.us](mailto:DPW-AutismOffice@state.pa.us). Please include and spell your name, complete mailing address and a phone number with area code.

Additionally, this year we will be posting a webcast regarding the mini grant application process, please visit <http://bastraining.acrobat.com/p53796987/> after February 18, 2011 to view this informative webcast.

### **March 12 : IEP Clinic Sponsored by Norristown Education and Advocacy**

Norristown Education and Advocacy for Children with Differing Abilities (NEACDA) and Pennsylvania Education for All Coalition (PEAC) are sponsoring an IEP Clinic to be held on Saturday, March 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Norristown Public Library. RSVP by March 5 to [contact@neacda.org](mailto:contact@neacda.org), or visit [www.neacda.org](http://www.neacda.org).

### **May 4 : Post-secondary programs for students with Asperger syndrome.**

Presented by The Pathway School and Montgomery County Community College from 6:30 to 8:30 at Montgomery County Community College. Panel comprised of staff from MCCC, Mercyhurst College, Chapel Haven, College Internship Program, and College Living Experience Program. Each of these programs offer varying levels of support to students who plan to pursue post-secondary education but need support with executive function, academic accommodations, and independent living skills.

RSVP to Jennifer Graham, [jgraham@pathwayschool.org](mailto:jgraham@pathwayschool.org), or 610-277-0660 x 264.

**May 5 : Montgomery County IU Transition Resource Fair 6:00 to 9:00 at  
Norristown High School.**

Representatives from the following areas will be available to provide information and to answer your questions: Advocacy Groups, Community Resources, Postsecondary Education, Recreation and Leisure, Employment/Day Programming, plus a panel presentation on Navigating Transition Resources. For more information, contact : Jacki Lyster, MCIU Training and Consulting, 610-755-9393 or [jlyster@mciu.org](mailto:jlyster@mciu.org).

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