



PA Budget Passed – Waiting List \$\$ Included!

The Governor's FY08 Budget, signed into law by Governor Rendell on July 17, 2007, includes:

- Increased funding for new Mental Retardation and Autism services
- A 3% cost of living adjustment (COLA)
- \$26.9 million to support the 3,428 people on the statewide Waiting List for mental retardation services, including those people in “emergency status,” and 800 students graduating from high school

Pennsylvania's FY08 Budget for mental retardation services provides a great opportunity for more people to receive services, especially people who currently receive little or no service. In addition to individual planning meetings, MRS and the four SCOs will be holding meetings for those who will be enrolling in one of the Waivers (Consolidated or Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS). The meetings will be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss service options and what individuals and

families will need to do. Some people already enrolled in the Consolidated Waiver are considered to be “underserved” due to their changing needs, and according to the rules of that Waiver, the needs of all enrollees must be met. Although this budget represents the largest increase in nearly a decade for new Mental Retardation services, this initiative will not serve everyone on the waiting list.

For those who will be enrolling in one of the Waivers, requirements include getting a physical examination and having income and asset information available for the individual, not the family.

For the second year in a row, money has been earmarked for graduates. Estelle Richman, Secretary of the Department of Public Welfare, has publicly stated an ongoing commitment to people graduating, or leaving school, so that they “will have a real life after high school.” There will be an Employment EXPO (see insert and info on page 5) on October 10, and Resource Fairs related to other services will be scheduled soon.

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— TASH, 1994

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Spotlight On Elwyn's NEW Dental Clinic in PHILADELPHIA

In August, Family Forum, along with Dina McFalls, Director of Philadelphia Coordinated Health Care (PCHC), visited the new Elwyn Dental Clinic. Elwyn, with a dental clinic in Media for many years, now offers a full range of dental services at its second new, convenient location at 4040 Market Street in Philadelphia. Specializing in services for people with special needs, Elwyn employs caring, experienced staff to work closely with people with disabilities, age three and older, to ensure that they are comfortable and well cared for while receiving dental services.

“I think that what sets us apart from your typical dental clinic is that we offer consistent, continuing, and comprehensive dental care. Because our highly qualified staff will be here long-term, we build a rapport with the people we serve, and they see the same faces each time they come ... the same staff who are dedicated to helping them feel comfortable and know them as individuals,” says Donna Heenan, Director of Elwyn Dental Services. “And the look and feel of the clinic is like you’d find at most dentists’ offices in the community.”

Both Donna and Dina are well aware of the issues surrounding access to comprehensive dental care for people with disabilities. Medical Assistance and other insurance issues, a crisis-mentality as

opposed to preventive care, barriers to finding a local dentist, limited access to specialists, and getting the appropriate ‘level of care’ related to sedation and anesthesia all have an impact on the way dental services are provided to people with cognitive and other disabilities.

The issue of levels of care is important for a variety of reasons. “Often, people with mental retardation and other cognitive or developmental disabilities are given pre-sedation medications, such as IV sedation, or even anesthesia. This is done

basically because of their disability, without personnel knowing much information about the individual, simply in an attempt to avoid difficult behaviors,” says Dina McFalls. “This type of sedation is often not appropriate for many procedures, would be offered less frequently in the community, and devalues individuals by not offering the support and continuous dental care that could increase an individual’s comfort level and

decrease their need for unnecessary sedation. The goal is to match the right level of care with each individual.” (See Sedation box on page 12.)

Donna Heenan agreed with Dina’s observations, and noted that the continuity of staff, the layout and other features of the clinic, designed to be warm and welcoming, will help

Elwyn achieve the comfort

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State-of-the-art dental equipment in Elwyn’s new dental clinic at 4040 Market Street.

level necessary to avoid some of the issues related to levels of sedation. IV sedation, when necessary, will be offered next year at 4040 Market Street.

Medical Assistance (MA) regulations, especially related to reimbursement for dentists, have made it difficult to find a community dentist who accepts MA, and virtually impossible to find a dentist who performs specialized services, such as periodontal, endodontal, and prosthetic services. This situation helps lead to the necessity of only addressing dental



The Panorex — a “biteless” x-ray machine.

care when there is a crisis, rather than providing preventive care. In times of crisis, families and staff are focused on the quick resolution of the current problem. Says Donna, “So much information is available now linking dental health to overall health. Not only that, sometimes we find that behavioral issues are related to dental issues, and that when dental health is restored for

some individuals, certain behaviors subside.” (Editor’s Note: This is an excellent example of the theme of the upcoming My City, My Place and Brighter Futures Awards, “Everyone Communicates” - see page 2).

Elwyn’s dental services are rendered by experienced Board Certified Dentists, Hygienists, and Dental Assistants. Anesthesiology services are provided by Board Certified Anesthesiologists with the assistance of ACLS (Accredited Life Support) Certified Registered Nurses. All staff have many years of experience working with individuals with

“NPO” – Important Instructions

NPO means “nothing by mouth.” When surgery or anesthesia is scheduled, often the dentist or doctor will prescribe “NPO”. The instructions will give a specific time after which no food or drink should be consumed. This includes no snacks, coffee, tea, soda, fruitjuice, or water. If morning medications before a procedure are required, check with the doctor or dentist. The most serious health consequence if an NPO is not followed is aspiration, which occurs when food, fluid, or other foreign material enters the lungs. Aspiration can cause emergency hospitalization, pneumonia, or even death. Honesty is crucial. If the person you are supporting has accidentally consumed food or beverage before surgery, or a dental procedure, immediately call the office to report and reschedule. Philadelphia Coordinated Health Care (PCHC) can provide an informational pamphlet on NPO by contacting Julio Nieves, Healthcare Community Outreach Specialist, at 215-546-0300, ext. 3387.

special needs. Susan Proulx, Elwyn’s Director of Corporate Clinical Services, estimates the capacity of the new clinic to be 1,800 people served on a rotating basis, and noted there has been a good response from families and providers, including some who have transferred from the Media clinic to take advantage of the new location, convenient to public transportation.

A full range of dental services are offered, including preventive care and exams, x-rays and panographs (a special machine easily provides x-rays for people who cannot tolerate biting down to hold typical x-ray bite wings), behavior management, fillings, periodontics, endodontics, and removable prosthodontics (partials and dentures), and extractions.

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FREE Employment EXPO for Everyone Who Wants to Work!

*Transition Students Ages 16-21, Recent Graduates, and Adults
If You Want to Work, This is Your EXPO*



www.PhilaOntheJob.org
Check it Out!

What kind of work would you like to do?

Do you want to work, but don't know what to do?

In one convenient location, the Employment Expo is a great opportunity for individuals, family members, and Supports Coordinators to meet the many providers of employment supports in Philadelphia. Take some time to visit and talk with them – find out who can best meet your needs!

**October 10, 2007
1 p.m. — 7 p.m.**

**Community College of Philadelphia
CBI Building, 3rd floor
Corner of 18th and Callowhill Streets**

Registration in advance for the Employment Expo is recommended. However, walk-ins are welcome. To register and for more info, contact Thomas Sessions at MRS, 215-685-5927, or thomas.sessions@phila.gov.

Employment Initiatives are produced in collaboration with the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services. Funding is provided by the Commonwealth Office of Developmental Programs (ODP).

Parents Do Not Need Lawyers ... Says Supreme Court

The Supreme Court has sided with parents of a boy with autism who said they could not afford a lawyer in their fight against an Ohio school district about their son's education. Justice Anthony Kennedy, writing for the court, said parents have legal rights under IDEA and are entitled to prosecute IDEA claims on their own behalf without a lawyer. For more information, the case number is *Winkelman v. Parma City School District*, 05-983.

The responsibility for a child's educational program lies, first, with the Individual Education

Planning team. There is a wealth of resources to enable parents to become effective advocates for their child and all children with disabilities.

Parents have been a powerful force in getting excellent provisions in IDEA to provide quality education for their children. A good resource, "Doing Your Homework," is at www.wrightslaw.com/heath/dyh.index.htm. Another excellent resource on standards-based IEP's is at www.schwablearning.org/articles.aspx?r=1116. Source: PPRN



Philadelphia Transition Planning Project

Two years ago, Philadelphia Mental Retardation Services, in collaboration with Networks for Training and Development, Inc. (Networks), developed the Philadelphia Transition Planning Project. Thirty-two teams from across the City gathered to explore the career possibilities of youth in transition from school to adult life. The young people and their teams participated in three days of team-based activities to discover and act on an individual's preferences and interests from a capacity-based perspective.

The project has re-energized team planning efforts and provided supports coordinators, school personnel, and team members with practical strategies and skills to facilitate meaningful planning and inclusive post-school outcomes for individuals with mental retardation. Focus people, family members, and other team members have actively planned and identified a direction for transition-related activities and potential employment. Focus people have been involved in job tryouts, job interviews, and community exploration activities. Sixteen of the young people who have participated in this project have obtained paid employment. In addition, expectations, hopes, and dreams for a desirable future were raised for family members, focus people, and team members.

This exciting project will continue this fiscal year with renewed energy and focus. **This year the project will focus on young adults (ages 16-21) who attend Swenson, George Washington, Lincoln, Northeast, University City, Benjamin Franklin, and William Penn public high schools.**

Interested participants will take part in:

- ❑ A two-day workshop (offered two times during the year) with the individual focus person and their identified planning team. The two-day workshop will be facilitated by Beth Mount, Ph.D. Each workshop will include approximately ten teams.
- ❑ A follow-up day with the teams to review and update planning and team activities. This session will also be facilitated by Beth Mount. See Workshop Schedule below.

Local mentors, matched to each team, will assist in planning and implementation efforts. Mentors will attend the two-day workshop and follow-up days and provide on-going technical

assistance to the teams. Networks for Training and Development, Inc. will provide overall coordination for project activities.

An Application Form must be completed for

project participation. To obtain an Application for Participation, or for more information, contact any of these people: Michael McAllister, Ph.D. 610-935-6625, Ann Marie Campbell 215-685-5980, Todd Handler 215-685-5952, Leonard Kravitz 215-685-5976, Marianne Roche 215-685-5930, or Wanda Sabb 215-685-5981.

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Workshop Schedule

Locations to be Announced

Session 1: December 13 & 14, 2007,
and February 7, 2008

Session 2 (tentative dates): April 3 & 4,
2008, and May 23, 2008

Philadelphia Transition Planning Project



“When we graduated, we were expected to work. We should have the same expectation for people we support.”

JJ's First Steps to His Lifelong Adventure of Employment

James (JJ) Costello is on the first step to his lifelong adventure of employment! James is still attending school, but also had the desire to start his working life. JJ was part of a Philadelphia MRS Transition Planning Project that helped him, along with his support team, to start his planning for the future. Of course, employment was a major focus in JJ's planning process.

Through the planning process it became evident that wherever he would work there would have to be young people. JJ's dream job was to work at Holy Family University. It satisfied all of his major requirements—within walking distance, lots of young people, and it was Holy Family University!

The job search started. SPIN Employment Services began to develop a position at Holy Family. In the meantime, JJ tried another job as a beverage cooler stocker at Wawa to make some money! JJ enjoyed every part of working: seeing his coworkers, the challenge of the job, and the accomplishment at day's end.



JJ's first job stocking the cooler at Wawa.

JJ worked at Wawa for about three months when word came that he had an interview at Holy Family University! JJ interviewed and won them over with his ambition, positive attitude, and that winning smile! JJ is working

at his dream job in the cafeteria at Holy Family University. He loves his coworkers, loves being on the college campus, and he enjoys the convenience and independence of being able to walk to work. James Costello's first ventures in the work force are a huge success!

“Employment is the great equalizer. When people are employed, earning money, working side-by-side with others, many of the issues that separate people simply go away.”

Service Definitions Update by ODP Deputy Secretary Casey

The following are excerpts of an August 9, 2007, letter from Kevin T. Casey, Deputy Secretary of the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) regarding Service Definitions.

The purpose of this communication is to provide an update on an issue of concern to self advocates, families, providers, administrative entities and friends. As you know, only those services included and described in the Service Definitions may be used in individual support planning, and only those services are funded through the Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) Waivers, as well as through non-waiver funds.

As a reminder, only the current Consolidated Waiver and P/FDS Waiver service definitions that are included in the current approved Waivers and the current Service Definitions Bulletin, effective July 1, 2007, may be used in individual support

planning. In addition, only the Non-Waiver service definitions that are included in the current Service Definitions Bulletin may be used in individual support planning. The current Service Definitions Bulletin is scheduled to be in effect until July 1, 2009. Any new service definitions for Waiver services may only be implemented with approval from CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services).

Editor's Note: The draft service definitions that were distributed for comments are no longer being considered. To find a copy of the current Service Definitions Bulletin #00-07-03, go to <www.hcsis.state.pa.us>.

We anticipate holding face-to-face information and feedback-gathering sessions for individuals and family members. Public comments and feedback will be reviewed and will result in the development of the final service definitions. A special email account has been set up to collect your comments. Please feel free to contact me at ra-odpcomment@state.pa.us with any questions or comments.

Assistance Grants for Medical Services

The United Healthcare Children's Foundation is offers assistance grants of up to \$5,000 to meet the needs of children whose medical services are not fully covered by commercial health insurance. Examples of the types of medical services covered by the foundation grants include speech therapy; physical therapy and psychotherapy sessions; medical equipment such as wheelchairs, braces, hearing aids and eye-glasses, and orthodontic and dental treatments.

To be eligible for the grants, children must be 16 years old or younger. Families must meet economic guidelines, live in the U.S., and be covered by a commercial health insurance plan. For more information, visit <www.uhccf.org> or call 800-328-5979, ext. 24459.



Update for DRN

The Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania (a merger of Pennsylvania Protection & Advocacy and the Disabilities Law Project) is now providing legal advice, technical assistance, and information and referral services related to special education and early intervention issues. For help, call 800-692-7443.

DRN also has expanded its list of available publications to include booklets and fact sheets related to special education and early intervention services. These publications, created by the Education Law Center, can be obtained via DRN's web site <www.drnpa.org/publications>, or by calling the 800 number above. Publications also are available in alternative formats and in Spanish.



For Bob Rosenberg, Life's a Bowl of Cherries

"51 years ago," says Shirley Rosenberg, "I gave birth to my second son, Bob, who was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy. My husband Sid and I were told he probably never would walk or talk. We went from doctor to doctor about his condition because we never wanted to hear a doctor say, 'Why did you wait so long?' But Bob fooled them all! All I can say to the parents with children who have some kind of disability is 'Don't give up!'"

Indeed, Bob does walk and talk and travels independently. He is an example of what children can do to live a full life in the community with the help of parents, siblings, family, and friends who love and support them. Bob enjoys an excellent social life in the community and usually is seen with his roommate and another friend, a woman who lives in the same building. In addition to some trips organized through UCP, he was asked to speak at a community meeting.

"I wasn't at the meeting," says Shirley, "But people were calling my house that night to tell me how great Bob did! Bob has an excellent memory and is a walking TV Guide, because he knows every show, who's in it, what time it's on, how many years it's been on, and more. Bob is so good at so many things, and needs support for other things – sort of like everyone else!"

He now lives independently in an apartment with a friend he has known for 45 years and is very happy, supported by KenCCID. He also has worked part time for T.J. Maxx for the last 19 years, and recently was named Employee of the Month. "I enjoy my job. I like to spend my money on trips and DVDs," says Bob. When he's not working, Bob takes classes at the Norcom Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg say to their son, "We hope life continues to be a bowl of cherries forever."



Bob Rosenberg has worked part time at T.J. Maxx for 19 years and has been an "Employee of the Month."

Resource List

This is a list of resources selected from the 22-page list available from PA Families. For the full list, email pafamilies@alltel.net, or call 800-947-4941.

- ❑ Parents and Caregivers Support Group for Parents/Caregivers of Children with Brain Injury: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Seashore House, Maureen Sullivan, 215-590-7645
- ❑ Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Support Group (FAKS, Inc): Support group for foster, adoptive and kinship parents and their family members for children with disabilities and disorders (developmental disabilities, ADHD, serious mental illness), etc., Jazmin Banks, 215-744-0402, or faks@comcast.net
- ❑ SIMCHA — Special Individuals Meeting Challenges with Heartwarming Activities: Rabbi Yair Robinson or Debby Chaiken, 215-968-3400
- ❑ Tourette Support Group: Sidney Newman, 215-673-3261
- ❑ SPEC – Special Parents of Exceptional Children: Support Group for Families with Children with Special Needs of All Ages, Jean McCoubry, 215-248-5930

Did You Know SEPTA's CCT ParaTransit Services Offers ... ?

▶ The PA Reduced Fare Card – This program is for qualified customers with disabilities. There is a one-page application, which can be obtained by calling SEPTA general information at 215-580-7800. Customers pay lower fares system-wide during off-peak hours on weekdays and all day on weekends and holidays. Presently the fare is 75 cents per ride.

▶ The Travel Training Program – Available to qualified travel trainers assisting customers with disabilities to use SEPTA's fixed route service. A request can be made for a maximum of two "trainer" and "trainee" passes, which allows them, in tandem, to ride SEPTA fixed route service free when providing one-on-one training. A description of the training program and the names of the individual trainers must be provided to CCT prior to receiving the passes. Passes are good for six months, after which an evaluation form must be submitted showing the level of success of each individual trained before new passes are issued.

▶ The SEPTA Bus Familiarization Program – Offers an opportunity for schools or other organizations to have SEPTA come to their site to discuss riding accessible buses with individuals with disabilities. As part of the program, participants can practice boarding the bus and ask the operator questions.

▶ The Route Identifier Kit – This kit enables riders with visual disabilities to let the operator know which bus or trolley route they are waiting to board. Although designed to assist those with visual impairments, it has become an invaluable tool for many customers with disabilities. "Stop Request Cards" also are available to let the operator know at which stop the customer wishes to get off.

▶ Application Assistance – Upon request, CCT Customer Service representatives will assist people interested in applying for ADA complementary ParaTransit service.

▶ SEPTA also offers training to new and current drivers and regional rail personnel on how to provide assistance to people with disabilities and participates in a "Driver Award Program" to recognize drivers who go above and beyond the call of duty when providing service to customers with disabilities. The services mentioned above are free. Call SEPTA CCT Customer Service weekdays at 215-580-7145.

Police Department 9-1-1 Form Emergency Info Instructions

FORM IS INSERTED IN THIS ISSUE

Once again Family Forum is providing this important information. Please take advantage of this opportunity to furnish critical information to emergency personnel. The Communications Division of the Philadelphia Police Department has a form for people with disabilities and families to voluntarily provide information to ensure that 9-1-1 dispatchers and emergency response personnel are aware of the special needs of people with disabilities in your household in the event of an emergency. Information provided will be added to the 9-1-1 Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) System information files for use by 9-1-1 dispatchers.

To participate in the program, you must complete the form and sign it to give your permission to process the information. The information is removed from the CAD files every two years. To just update your address/telephone, call Police Radio Training at 215-685-3940, or if it's been two years, submit a new form. Do not include information about medications.

To get a form, or to ask questions, contact Police Radio Training, Sgt. Joseph Spera, at 215-685-3940, TDD/TTY 215-685-3943. The form also is available online at <www.phila.gov/mcpd/docs/911/911.doc>. It is available in many languages, large print, audio cassette and Braille.

Si necesita una copia en español, por favor llamar al 215-685-3940.

Once the signed form is completed, mail it to the address below, or drop it off at any Police District station: Police Headquarters, Franklin Square, Room 213, Philadelphia, PA 19106, Attention: Sgt. Joseph Spera, or fax it to 215-685-3944.

Alert: Home Health Services

You no longer have to be homebound to get home health services through Medical Assistance (ACCESS, ACCESS Plus, Medical Assistance managed care health plan). Home health services include nursing services; home health aide services; physical therapy; occupational therapy; speech pathology and audiology services; and medical supplies, equipment, and appliances suitable for use in the home.

For the first 28 days, you can get an unlimited number of home health visits. After the first 28 days, the number of visits per month is limited to what is on the Medical Assistance fee schedule. Your doctor can request a program exception to get more visits per month, if needed. Ask your doctor about requesting a program exception if you think that you need more visits than those specified on the fee schedule.

The revised Pennsylvania regulations are at 55 Pa. Code Chapter 1249: www.pacode.com/secure/data/055/chapter1249/chap1249toc.html.

If you need advice or technical assistance, please contact the Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania at 800-692-7443 (voice) or 877-375-7139 (TTY). Information supplied by DRN.

Smoking is a Drag

A child with multiple colds. An asthmatic who frequently winds up in the hospital emergency room despite taking daily medications. A toddler with recurrent ear infections. A teen susceptible to peer pressure. A pregnant mother. All of these scenarios have to do with smoking, either secondary or primary.



Where does a parent, a teen, a Spanish-speaking parent, turn for a smoking cessation program for their needs? On the www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia website, under the Physical Health handout, and under the Resource tab, there is a comprehensive listing of Smoking Cessation programs. Type the following link to go directly to the resources: www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/download/smokingcessationresources.doc.

Q&A Resource for Minimum Wage



This past May, Congress passed a federal minimum wage rate increase, which raised the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 in three stages over two years. This rise is the first for the national minimum wage in this decade, the last having occurred in 1997. Given that many individuals with significant disabilities earn wages at or near the minimum wage, they are likely to be affected by these changes. While the increase provides a wonderful opportunity for many individuals, questions may arise.

An on-line resource at the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) provides a Q&A for service providers and families. The article, “Minimum Wage Increase: A Guide for Disability Service Providers,” deals with, among others, the issue of increased wages and eligibility for public benefits. The link is www.instituteforcommunityinclusion.org/article.php?article_id=203.

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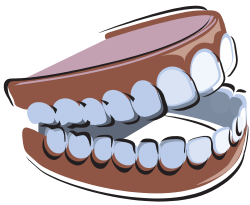
Elwyn Dental Clinic

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Each treatment chair has a computer close at-hand, so the patient's dental care information is readily available, as well as the latest monitors and emergency medical intervention equipment. The clinic is handicapped accessible, with an oversized restroom and plenty of room throughout the clinic.

Patients and families should call to confirm participation in an insurance plan. Some of the insurances accepted are Medical Assistance/Access, Keystone Mercy Health Plan, AmeriChoice, Aetna PPO, Guardian, Cigna, and Delta Dental.

The Elwyn Dental Clinic at 4040 Market is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, or to schedule an appointment, call 215-895-5533. Also, visit www.elwyn.org for information about Elwyn's services.



Do the Right Thing!

Regardless of who provides dental services, Family Forum reminds

everyone about the importance of keeping scheduled appointments. When appointments are not kept, you are at-risk of not receiving important preventive services. Also, missed appointments make it harder to keep services available when those revenues are lost. Calling in advance to cancel your appointment could make time available for someone else.

It's the right thing to do!

Sedation – Appropriate Levels of Care

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities have differing needs when it comes to dental care, just as we all do. Some of us do just fine in the dentist's office and some of us are very nervous about seeing the dentist. When someone has difficulties with going to the dentist, sedation or even anesthesia may be necessary to accomplish dental work. It is important that each person have the ability to use dental care at the specific level he or she needs. The majority of people with disabilities can use a community dentist, with local numbing provided for fillings and other work. However, a small percentage of people, representing a level of dental care that is more specialized, need either pre-sedation, such as Valium or Zanax, for dental appointments, or sedation in the office to accomplish dental care. Finally, a third group of people cannot tolerate any kind of dental care and must be completely asleep (anesthetized) in order for dental care to occur. So, the three levels of care are: dental care with no special supports; dental care with pre-sedation or sedation during the procedure; and dental care while under anesthesia. For help in finding dental care at the correct level, please consult with your managed health care company's Special Needs Unit or contact Julio Nieves at PCHC, 215-546-0300, ext. 3387.



Remember! For everyone enrolled in either the Consolidated or P/FDS Waiver, an annual physical exam is a requirement.

Crystal Larkins Takes Care of Business at Pathmark

By Robert Slack, Arc/PDDC

Since 1996, a quiet, but cheerful, presence has brightened the aisles of the Pathmark grocery store in Wyncote. With job support from PDDC, Crystal Larkins spends three days a week diligently restocking store returns. Focused and deliberate, she gives each item her full attention as she sorts through an overflowing shopping cart. Placing each return carefully on the shelf, Crystal takes personal satisfaction in a job well done.

Usually quietly at work, shoppers in a hurry might not even notice her as they rush down the aisle — but those who take the time are well rewarded. “She’s very quiet,” says fellow Pathmark employee Khayree Gilbert. “Crystal doesn’t speak many words, but she expresses herself very well. When you’re around her, you can actually feel the caring and happiness. That’s how she communicates!” Mr. Gilbert, who works in the deli, says he tries to get a moment to say hi to her when he can, adding her calming presence changes the work environment. “You don’t want to get angry around her because she’s never angry. She helps you keep yourself in check.”

Working steadily at this Pathmark store for the past eleven years, Crystal Larkins is one of Philadelphia’s Community Integrated Employment (CIE) success stories, and at Pathmark, she has the support of an employer dedicated to accommodating her work needs.

Even when her job role recently changed from produce to restocking, Crystal was given the time and support she needed to learn a new job. Those at

PDDC who support her say that Crystal handled the transition with aplomb, attacking her new work duties with typical cheer and dedication. “Crystal is really independent,” reports PDDC Job Coach Natalie Burton. “For the most part, Crystal knows what to do. I only help her with the items she’s not familiar with.”

One of the benefits of having a job in the community is that Crystal is forging long-term friendships in the community. Outside of work, Crystal lives a full life. She stays in shape by attending a neighborhood gym, receives job training at PDDC, and visits her mother frequently in Maryland. Ms. Shakes, a Ken-Crest Community Home Supervisor says that, above all, Crystal loves music and food. “She is an easy-going person,” says Ms. Shakes. “She doesn’t let anything bother her.”



Everything in it's place. Crystal does her job at Pathmark.

Her years at Pathmark have given Crystal an opportunity to become integrated into the life of her community. The benefits, however, work both ways. For those who take the time to get to know her, there is plenty to gain — a chance to spend time with a woman who can say more than most can without even opening her mouth!

For PDDC’s Employment Partners, call 215-229-4550.

Additional Income for (SSI) Recipients Living in Long Term Care Facilities

Effective July 2007, individuals who reside in a Long Term Care facility and receive SSI (Supplemental Security Income) as their only income are eligible for an additional \$15 monthly supplement for their personal needs. Contact the local County Assistance Office for more information. Source: Disability Rights Network of PA

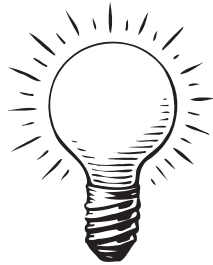
“Leap into the Future with Mini-Grant Projects”

As part of the ongoing efforts of Philadelphia’s Vision for Employment 2010, Mini-Grants are being offered to promote the employment of people with mental retardation. The purpose of the Mini-Grants is to capitalize on existing community resources through partnerships and collaborations with employers, local community organizations, and others interested in spreading the word about the power and benefits of employment in the community. Five projects will be awarded, and they will help to “jump start” successful practices by encouraging local innovation to increase the employment of Philadelphians with mental retardation.

The Mini-Grants project is looking for innovative ideas and practices that will achieve this purpose through a variety of approaches, but the Mini-Grant must have an immediate impact beyond one person. Individuals and families are encouraged to share your creative ideas and thoughts with providers of employment support services. The scope of each Mini-Grant can include, but is not limited to:

- ❑ Develop marketing and promotional materials that illustrate successful integrated employment outcomes for people with mental retardation
- ❑ Create a marketing video of people with mental retardation talking about the importance of work in their lives
- ❑ Organize an alliance with local community businesses that are vested in employing individuals with mental retardation
- ❑ Organize events in the local community that businesses are involved with in order to educate the community about the benefits of employing people with mental retardation

Announcements asking for proposals for Mini-Grant projects were distributed, and prospective applicants were made aware of the



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various rules, deadlines, and other information to be included in the proposals. Individuals and community organizations interested in the employment of people with mental retardation were eligible to apply, including, but not limited to, providers of community integrated employment services and other organizations that work with Philadelphia residents with mental retardation, such as Supports Coordination Organizations, providers of residential services, and providers of other community supports.

To be considered, Mini-Grant proposals will include a detailed description of the project, and will clearly demonstrate how the project is related to the employment of people with mental retardation, how the project furthers the goals of Philadelphia’s Vision for Employment 2010, and how the project demonstrates a connection to the local community and business community.

See the November/December issue of Family Forum to find out who will be producing an Employment Mini-Grant Project! For more information about the Employment Mini-Grant Project, and how you can be a part of Philadelphia’s Vision for Employment 2010, contact Michelle Sparling at Networks for Training and Development, michelles@networksfortraining.org, or 610-935-6626.

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KNOW?

▶ **Early Intervention Handbook – The Education Law Center’s “Right to Early Intervention Services for Infants and Toddlers and Their Families in Pennsylvania: A Handbook for Parents”** provides extensive tips, tools and resources parents can use to develop and implement early intervention programs for their children. Download free at <www.elc-pa.org/disabilities/disabilities.html>, or order a paper copy (\$10, plus tax) by calling ELC at 215-238-6970. Source: ECL website

▶ **Guía de Intervención Temprana – El Centro Legal de la Educación** tiene una guía, “Derecho a Servicios de Intervención Temprana para infantes, pequeñines y sus familias en Pennsylvania. Una Guía para Padres” que provee consejos extensos, herramientas y recursos que los padres pueden utilizar para desarrollar e implementar los programas de intervención temprana para sus niños. Descargue la guía gratis en; <www.elc-pa.org/disabilities/disabilities.html>, o puede ordenar una copia (\$10, más el impuesto) llamando al ELC al 215-238-6970. Fuente: Sitio web de ECL

▶ **Tenant Rights – The Tenant Union Representative Network (TURN)** provides counseling for landlord/tenant disputes, rental assistance, and tenant rights. Contact TURN at 215-940-3900, or visit <www.ourturn.net>. Source: <www.cap4kids.org>.

▶ **Los Derechos del Arrendatario – “The Tenant Union Representative Network” (TURN)** provee conserjería sobre disputas entre propietario/arrendatario, asistencia con la renta y los derechos del arrendatario. Contacte TURN llamando al 215-940-3900 o visite <www.ourturn.net>. Fuente: <www.cap4kids.org>.

▶ **Disability System for 21st Century – Three years in the making, the Social Security Advisory Board** has released a 52-page report that reviews our nation’s approach to disability. The report concluded that “... a new system must support an integrated approach providing an alternate path direct to economic self-sufficiency, independence, and community inclusion.” Get the full report at <www.ssab.gov/documents/disability-system-21st.pdf>.

▶ **Sistema de Incapacidad para el siglo XXI – Tres años en construcción, la Junta Consultiva del Seguro Social** ha liberado un informe de 52 páginas que revisa nuestro enfoque nacional sobre la incapacidad. El informe concluyó que “... un nuevo sistema debe sostener un enfoque integrado que proporcione una vía alterna dirigido a la autosuficiencia económica, la independencia y la inclusión en la comunidad”. Consiga el informe completo en <www.ssab.gov/documents/disability-system-21st.pdf>.

▶ **Personal Medicare Webpage – My.Medicare.gov** is a CMS secure website that will make a personal page for you. Using your Medicare number as an ID and a password you create, you can access your Medicare claim status, order a replacement Medicare card, view eligibility and enrollment information, access online forms, and more. Go to this link: <<http://my.medicare.gov>>.

▶ **La Página Personal del “Medicare” – “My.Medicare”.gov** es un sitio seguro en el web del CMS que hará una página personal para usted. Utilizando su número de Medicare como identificación y una contraseña que usted escoja, usted puede conseguir acceso al estatus de su reclamación de Medicare, ordenar un reemplazo de su tarjeta de Medicare, ver la elegibilidad e información de cómo registrarse, acceso a formas, y mucho más. Vaya a esta conexión: <<http://my.medicare.gov>>.

▶ **Help Combat Violence – Mothers In Charge** is an organization made up of Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Sisters, and Daughters working toward the goal of ending violence and providing a safe environment for children in Philadelphia. Contact them at 215-236-3937, or visit <www.mothersincharge.org> for more information.

▶ **Ayuda a combatir la Violencia – Madres a Cargo** es una organización creada por Madres, Abuelas, Tías, Hermanas e Hijas que trabajan hacia la meta de terminar la violencia y

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proporcionar un ambiente seguro para niños en Filadelfia. Contáctelos en 215-236-3937 ó en la pagina web <www.mothersincharge.org> para más información.

▶ Autism Newsletter – The Autism Society of America Greater Philadelphia Chapter prints a 40-page-plus newsletter twice a year. To receive a copy, you must be a member of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter (\$10). To join or for information, visit <www.asaphilly.org>.

▶ Boletín sobre Autismo –El Capítulo de Filadelfia de la Sociedad de Autismo de América imprime un boletín de más de 40 páginas- dos veces al año. Para recibir una copia, usted debe ser miembro del Capítulo de Filadelfia (\$10). Para registrarse o para información, visite <www.asaphilly.org>.

▶ Disability Resources Catalog – Program Development Associates publishes a catalog for special educators and professionals serving adults or children with disabilities. After a glance at the titles available on DVD, Video, or CD-Rom, Family Forum would add “families” to the list. Containing over 350 titles, with an emphasis on training, the free catalog can be ordered by calling 800-543-2119, or online at <www.disabilitytraining.com>.

▶ Catalogo de Recursos sobre Incapacidad – Los asociados del Programa de Desarrollo publican un catálogo para educadores de educación especial y profesionales que sirven adultos o niños con impedimentos. Después de una mirada a los títulos disponibles en DVD, Video, o en CD-ROM, el Foro de la Familia añadirá “familias” a la lista. Conteniendo más de 350 títulos, con un énfasis en entrenamiento, el catálogo libre de costo puede ser ordenado llamando al 800-543-2119 o en la Internet <www.disabilitytraining.com>.

▶ Seniors Newsletter – The Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA) publishes a newsletter, “PCA Update,” with information about the activities of senior community centers. To get on the mailing list, call 215-765-9000 X5080, or email lriley@pcaphl.org.

▶ Boletín para Envejecientes. – La Corporación de Filadelfia para Envejecientes (PCA) publica un boletín, “PCA

Actualiza,” con información acerca de las actividades de centros sociales para envejecientes. Para registrarse en la lista de envío, llame 215-765-9000 X5080, ó envíe un correo electrónico a lriley@pcaphl.org.

▶ Books of Faith – “Autism and Your Church: Nurturing the Spiritual Growth of People with Autism Spectrum Disorders,” by Barbara J. Newman, provides ten specific and tried techniques that enable church leaders to meet the special needs of those with ASD. Available from Faith Alive Christian Resources (\$27.50) at sales@faithaliveresources.org, or 800-333-8300. “Expressing Faith in Jesus: Church Membership for People with Cognitive Impairments,” by Ronald C. Vredeveld, (\$8.95) is a revised editor the guides faith leaders and families as they help persons with cognitive impairments to prepare to express their faith and become a full member of a faith community. There is also a “Resource Kit” (\$5.95) that includes a program planner with a class outline and suggested activities. Both available from Friendship Ministries at <www.friendship.org>, or 888-866-8966. More information about these books and others is available at the Philadelphia Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities at <www.archdiocese-phl.org> (type “disabilities” into the search box).

▶ Libros de Fe – “Autismo y su Iglesia: Nutriendo el Desarrollo Espiritual de Personas con Desórdenes del Espectro de Autismo,” por Barbara J. Newman, proporciona diez técnicas específicas y tratadas que permiten a líderes de las Iglesias cumplir con las necesidades especiales de esos con ASD. Disponible en “Faith Alive Christian Resources” por (\$27.50) en sales@faithaliveresources.org, o llamando al 800-333-8300. “Expresando Fe en Jesús: Membresía de la Iglesia para Personas con Impedimentos Cognoscitivos,” por Ronald C. Vredeveld, (\$8.95) es una edición revisada que guía los líderes de la fe y a las familias a como ayudar a personas con impedimentos cognoscitivos a prepararse para expresar su fe y llegar a ser un miembro activo de una comunidad de la fe. Hay también un “Juego (set) de Recurso” (\$5.95) eso incluye a un planificador de programa con un resumen de la clase y actividades sugeridas. Ambos están disponibles en Ministerios de Amistad en <www.friendship.org>, O llamando al 888-866-8966. Para más información acerca de estos y otros libros disponibles en Filadelfia busque en Cuidado Pastoral para Personas con Inpedimentos en <www.archdiocese-phl.org> Escriba “disabilities” en el área de búsqueda.

*Thanks to Emilio Pacheco for
the Spanish translation.*

REPEATABLES

These activities are marked on the calendar with an asterisk. It is best to call before going.

Mondays

- ☆ 1st Mon 6:30-9p Speaking for Ourselves, The Arc of Phila, 2350 W. Westmoreland St, Bill Krebs, 267-257-0109
- ☆ 1st Mon 10:30a-12:30p Quality Progressions, 125 S. 9th, 5th fl, Susan Fellows, 267-765-2000 x110

Tuesdays

- ☆ 2nd Tues Hall-Mercer Parent/Caregivers United, Lynn Youngman, 215-928-0765
- ☆ 2nd Tues Family Support Group NW, Verna Edwards, 215-248-4415
- ☆ 4th Tues Asperger Support Group, 7p, St. Christopher's Hospital, Peggy Blank, 215-698-0217

Wednesdays

- ☆ 1st Wed Consumer/Family Advisory Committee, Partnership for Community Supports, Mary MacAvoy, 267-350-4513
- ☆ Every Wed. free legal advice and representation on general legal problems, Liberty Resources. Call for appt. 215-204-1800
- ☆ 4th Wed West & SW Parent Support Group, 6:15p, 215-473-8744

Thursdays

- ☆ 2nd Thurs 1:30p SEPTA Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation, 1234 Market St, 11th fl, 215-580-7145
- ☆ 2nd Thurs School District Parent & Community Roundtable at 2121 Winter St, 1st fl boardroom, 215-299-3634
- ☆ 3rd Thurs 9:30a-12p Phila Right to Education Task Force, The Arc, 2350 W. Westmoreland, Cathy Rocchia-Meier, 215-875-3538
- ☆ 4th Thursday There's a Place for Us, Anita Wright, 215-763-0447

Fridays

- ☆ Every Fri. 1-3p, Training on Accessing Public Transportation, Liberty Resources, for appt. call 215-204-1800, Debbie at x255
- ☆ 1st Fri 6-9p First Friday Gotta Dance at PDDC, 2350 W. Westmoreland St, Lisa Savaria, 215-229-4550 x172
- ☆ 1st & 3rd Fri 7-9p Easter Seals Teen Social Club, 3975 Conshohocken Ave, Kendra Brooks 610-565-2353 x 231
- ☆ 3rd Fri 1-3p Consumer Connection, Liberty Resources, 1341 N. Delaware Ave, 215-634-2000 x320

Saturdays

- ☆ Every Sat Special Teens (13 and older) Bowling at Bristol Pike Lanes, Croydon, Ray Zibman, 215-671-0356
- ☆ 2nd Sat 1-4p Disabled In Action, American Friends Ctr., 1501 Cherry, 215-627-7255
- ☆ 2nd Sat 10-2:30p Super Saturdays, PDDC, 215-229-4550

www.PhilaOntheJob.org



Election day is November 6. In order to vote, you must be registered by October 9, but don't wait until the last minute! The deadline for a civilian absentee ballot to be received is November 2.

For Philadelphia voters, how to register and answers to lots of questions can be obtained by contacting the Local Election Office at 215-686-1500 or 1505. The office is at 520 N. Delaware Avenue, 5th floor. For absentee ballot information, call 215-686-3469. The Deputy City Commissioner for Voting can be reached at 215-686-3460.




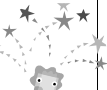






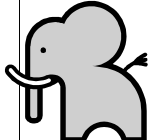
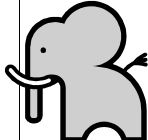

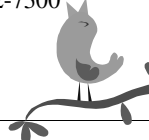

Building Bridges -September 25-26 Grantville, PA

The 2007 Aging/Mental Retardation Cross-Systems Conference, "Building Bridges" is designed for people who are part of the Aging Network and the MR System. Advocates, family members, support staff, medical professionals, and anyone interested in supporting older people with developmental disabilities are invited to attend. Topics include Protective Services, Best Practices of Person Centered Thinking, Genetic Syndromes, Eldercare Assessment, End of Life, and more. To receive a brochure, email linda@paproviders.org.



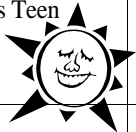







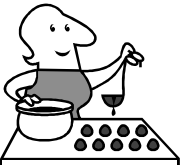

Contact Info for Networks' Training

For full information about Networks' 2007 courses, call 215-546-4111. Also, the Course Guide and calendars are available at www.networksfortraining.org.

Family Forum always wants to inform its readers about upcoming events. Be sure to get listed! See contact info on Page 2.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Through Oct 31 Summer in Love Concert Series M-F 12-2 Thurs 5-7 Love Park JFK Plaza 	National Constitution Center's Senior Citizen Appreciation Month \$10 admission incl lunch 215-409-6600	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month September 27—Liberty Medal Award to Bono Tickets free—www.constitutioncenter.org 215-409-6600 Many free events Sept and Oct		Every Thursday in Sept String Band Concert 8pm Mummies Museum 1100 S 2nd St 	*Every Fri. Transportation Training Liberty Resources 	1 *Every Sat. Special Teens Bowling Clark Park Flea Market 43rd & Baltimore 9a-5p 215-387-0919
2 Fireworks & Foun- tains Longwood Gardens 8:45pm \$14 610-388-1000 X100  V-J Day 	3 LABOR DAY  Honor Labor! King Tut Exhibit ends Sept 30	4 See Sept 15 Friends of Elwyn Festival-Media, 610-891-2000	5 *Partnership Family Advisory, *Every Wed Legal Advice Pennypack Park Concert "Woodstock 3" Rittenhouse Square Free Concert 7pm	6 & 7 Region IX AAIDD Conf., Willow Valley Conf Center, Lancaster 717-541-8322	7 *Gotta Dance-PDDC *Easter Seals Teen Social Club Friday Bird Walks 8-10am Schuylkill Center 215-482-7300	8 *Disabled in Action East Falls Glassworks Open House 1-6pm 3610 Scotts Lane 215-908-7924
9 GRANDPARENTS DAY 	10 *Quality Progressions Voices for Liberty National Constitution Center 6:30pm—free	11 *Hall Mercer Parents *NW Family Support Understanding the MR System in PA, 9am-4pm State College, PA 814-547-1577	12 International Chocolate Day 	13 *SEPTA Adv. Com *School District Roundtable ROSH HASHANAH Begins RAMADAN Begins	14 & 15th Rittenhouse Square Art Show 11 am to 7pm 18th & Walnut *Easter Seals Teen Social Club 	15 PDDC Super Satur- day—"Lost in Space" Walk Now for Autism- Citizens Bank Park, 215-400-5151 Elwyn Festival
16 Rittenhouse Square Art Show 11a to5p 18th & Walnut Sts Hurricane Katrina National Day of Prayer & Remembrance	17 NATIONAL REHABILITATION AWARENESS WEEK Free event National Constitution Center 6:30pm	18 	19 National Attention Deficit Disorder Day Pennypark Park- Elton John Tribute 7-9:30pm Mega Career Fair 10a-4p Lincoln Financial Field 215-854-4140	20 *Phila RTE Task Force-The Arc of Phila Back to School Kick-off Elwyn-Vineland NJ "The Art of Two Palettes" 610-891-2060	21 *Consumer Conne- ction-Liberty Resources PCA Open House, 509 S. Broad Street, 215-546-5879 Elephant Appreciation Day 	22 YOM KIPPUR Begins 
23 AUTUMN BEGINS  Deaf Awareness Week	24 PCAs Scrapbooking Workshop, 2 pm, Senior Center, 509 S. Broad St. 215-546-5879	25 thru 28 PARF Conf—State College 717-657-7608 PCAs Senior Wellness Day at Phila Zoo 215-765-9000 X5055 *Asperger Support Grp	26 *West & SW Parents TAACC workshop 866-567-6222 Fearless Caregiver Conf. 8:30a-3p Springfield CC 800-829-2734 Ext 25	27 *There's a Place for us Elwyn's "Cultural Competence—the Deaf Perspective" 610-891-2040	28 Friday Bird Walks 8-10am, Schuylkill Center 215-482-7300 	29 Parent Appreciation Day 8:30a-2:30p School Dist of Phila, 440 North Broad St 215-400-6608 Yardley Harvest Day Festival 9a-4p 215-321-7648
30 Puerto Rican Day Parade at noon Benjamin Franklin Parkway PCAs 6th Ann'l Kidney Walk, Phila Zoo 8:30am 215-923-8611 	September 25-26—Building Bridges. Aging/MR Conference, Holiday Inn Harrisburg/ Hershey, Grantville, PA, 717-541-4214		NATIONAL SICKLE CELL MONTH		* SEE REPEATABLES	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>All Month - Linvilla Orchards Hayrides \$6 M-F 12:30-4pm Sat-Sun 10am-5pm 610-876-7116</p>	<p>1 *Speaking for Ourselves *Quality Progressions Nat'l Constitution Center "Is the Constitution Outdated" free 6:30pm</p>	<p>2 NATIONAL CARAMEL MONTH </p>	<p>3 *Partnership Family Advisory *Every Wed Legal Advice-Liberty Resources Hot Topics Training, "Waiver" Harrisburg 1-866-865-6170</p>	<p>4 UCP "Life Without Limits" Gala Washington DC 202-719-8061 www.ucp.org </p>	<p>5 *Gotta Dance-PDDC *Every Fri. Transp. Training-Liberty Res. *Easter Seals Teen Social Club WORLD </p>	<p>6 *Every Sat. Special Teens Bowling 21st Annual Book & Craft Fair, 1pm 2721 N. 5th St 215-423-6320</p>	
<p>7 Columbus Day Parade, noon-Broad & Reed 215-585-3412 Elwyn's Annual Luncheon, Hyatt Regency Penn's Land. 610-891-2060</p>	<p>8 COLUMBUS DAY (schools closed) Free event—National Constitution Center 6:30pm</p>	<p>9 *Hall Mercer Parents *NW Family Support </p>	<p>10 Last Day to Register to Vote 520 N. Delaware Avenue, 5th Floor 215-686-1500</p>	<p>11 to 13 ARC/US 56th Annual National Convention Dallas, TX 1-888-421-1442 *SEPTA Adv. Com *School Dist Roundtable</p>	<p>12 Interac's "Phantom of the Auction" fundraiser, Green Valley CC, 6:30p 215-487-0567 </p>	<p>13 *Super Saturday—PDDC- *Disabled in Action Clark Park Flea Market 43rd & Baltimore 9a-5p 215-387-0919</p>	
<p>14 Pulaski Day Parade 1-3pm Benjamin Franklin Parkway 215-922-1700</p>	<p>15 </p>	<p>16 to 19 PCPA Annual Conference, Celebrating 35 yrs, Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA 717-364-3280 www.paproviders.org</p>	<p>17 WORLD MENOPAUSE DAY </p>	<p>18 *Phila RTE Task Force-The Arc of Phila Wrightslaw Spec Ed & Advocacy Conf. 8am Holiday Inn Harrisburg, Parents free 717-228-0935</p>	<p>19 *Easter Seals Teen Social Club *Consumer Connection Liberty Resources</p>	<p>20 SWEETEST DAY </p>	
<p>21 NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK </p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 *Asperger Support Disability Rights Network of PA Advocacy Workshop at Vision for Equality 866-915-3274</p>	<p>24 *West & SW Parents UNITED NATIONS DAY Free event—National Constitution Center 6:30 pm</p>	<p>25 *There's a Place for us PCAs Clergy Day 8am-1pm Holiday Inn City Line, 215-765-9000 Ext 4464</p>	<p>26 FRANKENSTEIN FRIDAY </p>	<p>27 North Penn Parents Spec Ed Council 6th Annual Conf 8:30am-4:30pm Souderton, PA 215-361-1112 www.npenn.org</p>	
<p>28 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE DAY </p>	<p>29 to 31 PAR Solutions Conference, Willow Valley Conf Center—Lancaster PA www.par.net 717-236-2374</p>	<p>30 NATIONAL CANDY CORN DAY Free event National Constitution Center 6:30pm —"The Kennedys: Portrait of a Family"</p>	<p>31 HALLOWEEN  NATIONAL UNICEF DAY</p>	<p>NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH NATIONAL AIDS AWARENESS MONTH *SEE REPEATABLES</p>			
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