

# The Coalition

Advocacy Coalition for People with Disabilities

## "Moving Forward"



### 8th Annual Conference on Disabilities & Special Needs

Saturday, April 16, 8:30 - 5:00

Mark Clark Hall - The Citadel  
Charleston, SC

### Peer EXPRESS Extravaganza

Special guest performer **Billy Jonas**

3:00 - 5:00

Conference fee is \$ 10.00 (lunch included)

No charge to attend Extravaganza

Call 792-3025 to Register

The Family Resource Center for Disabilities and Special Needs, along with the Advocacy Coalition for People with Disabilities (ACPD) and with support from the Psychology Dept., The Citadel present the 8th

Annual Conference on Disabilities. Originally scheduled for Sept. '04, it was necessary to rescheduled due to inclement weather. Held at The Citadel on April 16th, the conference will feature the usual activities that have been so successful in the past. Registration begins at 8:30 AM, with conference activities ending at 3:00. Beginning at 3:00, attendees will be treated to the Peer EXPRESS extravaganza, a celebration for all Peer EXPRESS partners and participants. The conference agenda includes a keynote speaker, general/concurrent sessions, advocacy awards, community resource tables, and a silent auction to benefit the projects of the FRC. A catered lunch will be served. The conference fee is \$10 and advance registration is encouraged to guarantee lunch.

Noni Langford will provide opening remarks that capture the conference theme "Moving Forward". Ms. Langford, a parent of two children with disabilities, has taken a leadership roll in advocating for children with degenerate disorders. Ms. Langford, Chairperson of the Committee on Federal Legislation, National MPS Society, has participated in drafting Federal

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## SC State Summit on the Shared Implementation of IDEA: Partners Coming Together Make a Good IDEA

**April 21—22, 2005** ~~ Columbiana Hotel & Conference Center  
(formerly known as the Sheraton) 2100 Bush River Rd., Columbia

The Office of Exceptional Children (OEC), State Department of Education, along with individual stakeholders, is sponsoring a second state summit to focus on increasing family involvement in the IDEA process in order to improve the delivery of services to children with disabilities. The Summit is designed to build a commitment to move forward together to

- develop an understanding of the law and evidence-based practices for implementing the law;

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legislation and her work has influenced research funding from the National Institute of Health. Recently, Ms. Langford led the MPS Society's initiative to increase awareness and to recognize the necessity for research that will lead to better treatment options and even a cure for mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS). The result is a Federal resolution, introduced by Senator Graham and adopted by Congress to declare Feb. 26th as National MPS Day. Ms. Langford will begin her talk at 9:00 AM.

Dr. Mitchell Yell, Professor in Special Education at the University of South Carolina, will present a two-hour workshop on the newly reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (known as IDEA '04). Dr. Yell is the author of The Law and Special Education, which he is currently revising to include the changes brought about by reauthorization.

A presentation will be made on Project REST (Restraint: Efficacy, Safety & Training) “Implementing a Policy of Best Practice” which will provide an overview of an initiative designed to improve the policies and reporting methods implemented regarding the use of physical restraint and seclusion with children with disabilities.

Representatives from various community agencies will be available with resource information and a silent auction will take place during the conference to benefit the projects of the Family Resource Center for Disabilities and Special Needs.

Rounding out the agenda will be a presentation by Mike Hartzog, District Manager with the Social Security Administration. Mr. Hartzog (a parent of a young adult with developmental disability) will talk about SSI and Work Incentives.

We're sorry we are unable to provide child care or continuing education credits for the conference.

## “Moving Forward”

Mark Clark Hall, The Citadel  
AGENDA

8:30	Registration & Refreshments Auditorium
9:00	Welcome Auditorium
9:00 - 9:30	Keynote Address Auditorium <i>“The Voices That Move Me Forward”</i> Noni Langford
9:30 - 9:40	Break
9:40 - 11:55	General Session Auditorium <i>“Moving Forward with a New IDEA”</i> Mitchell Yell, Ph.D.
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch & Awards Auditorium
1:30 - 2:45	Concurrent Sessions:  Room 228 <i>“Moving Toward Independence”</i> <i>Social Security &amp; Work Incentives,</i> Mike Hartzog, District Manager, Social Security Administration  Room 230 <i>“Implementing Best Practice”</i> <i>Project REST, McCarty &amp; Joyce Svensen</i>
2:45 - 3:00	Networking/Evaluations Auditorium
3:00—5:00	<b>Peer EXPRESS Extravaganza</b> Special Performance by Billy Jonas <b>Auditorium</b>

*A silent auction will be held in the Auditorium during the conference to support the Parent Training and Resource Center. Come prepared to have fun - bidding early & often on an array of items.*

### Exchange Club

### Parent /Child Resource Center

Sponsors Tues and Thurs evening **classes** on parenting, anger management, early childhood & teen parenting. Call 843-747-1339 for schedules & locations.

## Peer EXPRESS Extravaganza

Come see advocacy & inclusion in action as Peer EXPRESS celebrates & showcases programs from schools & the community which bring together teens with & without disabilities for shared service, fitness, music, dance, drama, art, & camp activities. Over 100 Peer EXPRESS participants will share their talents and experiences along with Billy Jonas, National recording artist and winner of multiple Parents' Choice awards for his cds and video "Everybody's in the Band!". All ages are encouraged to come, bring friends and family members, and share in the joy. PLEASE NOTE: *This portion of the conference is free and those arriving after 1:30 PM will not be required to pay the conference fee.*

This will be the Final Showcase for Peer EXPRESS as the three year funding from the DD Council comes to a close. Come help celebrate the discoveries and models of the last three years and help us fire everyone up to keep there programs going! For more information about Peer EXPRESS or the Extravaganza call Conway Saylor at 953-4837.

A Billy Jonas performance is an explosion of energy. In singalongs, bangalongs, whisperalongs, as well as improvised songs, his primary instrument is the audience. Everyone becomes part of a performance that reaches out and "... touches even the most hardened of hearts." (Fayetteville Morning News)

## SC SUMMIT

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- bring families, schools, and mental health providers into more collaborative working relationships;
- strengthen relationships and understand each other's needs and priorities;
- contribute expertise in addressing key issues and resources related to supporting and enhancing effective collaboration between parents, school staff, agencies, and communities.

There is no registration fee to attend the Summit. Participants should preregister by contacting Donna Williams (803) 734-0460 Email: [dlwillia@sde.state.sc.us](mailto:dlwillia@sde.state.sc.us). A limited number of stipends in the amount of \$200 are being offered to parents to assist them in attending the Summit. Only one stipend per family will be awarded. For more information on stipend eligibility contact Ms. Williams. Registration will be accepted on a first-come basis, for each region of the state and each target audience group. Depending on the number of registration forms received, limited on-site registration may take place the day of the Summit.

The keynote speaker will be John W. Maag, Ph.D., a Professor specializing in the education and treatment of children with emotional and behavioral disorders at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. His current interests include functional assessment, treatment of depression and attention deficit disorder, and training individuals in the use of self-management skills. He is the author of *Parenting Without Punishment* which won a Parent's Choice Award. Dr. Maag, a licensed psychotherapist, is a nationally recognized behavioral consultant on best practices for managing resistance and improving relationships at work and home.

**DRAFT AGENDA:** Thursday, April 21, 2005: 1:00 PM Registration, 2:00-4:00 Concurrent sessions, 4:30-6:00 Opening Session and Keynote, 6:00-6:30 PM Reception  
Friday, April 22, 2005: 8:00 AM Registration, 9:00-10:00 Morning Session, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Concurrent sessions, 12:15 Summit Luncheon

Summit attendees are responsible for arranging their own hotel accommodations. Call the Columbiana Hotel and Conference Center directly at 803-731-0300 to make reservations.

For further questions (not registration) contact Norma Donaldson-Jenkins at 803-734-8811 or by Email at [njenkins@sde.state.sc.us](mailto:njenkins@sde.state.sc.us)

## Project REST: Implementing a Policy of Best Practice

Project REST: Restraint Efficacy, Safety and Training is well into its final year of funding from the DD Council. Over the past 2 1/2 years, Family Resource Center staff and members of the Development Committee have reviewed the many aspects surrounding the restraint of children with disabilities in the public school system. The purpose of the project was to bring the discussion of this topic to the table (when appropriate through the use of an addendum to the Individual Education Program) while promoting best practice and informed consent.

Unlike several other states, South Carolina currently has no set guidelines or policies to govern the application of restraint or the documentation and reporting methods utilized when a child must be restrained for reasons of safety. As it stands, each individual school district must take initiative to insure that all individuals - the student and all others in the environment - are kept safe and their dignity protected any time restraint becomes a necessity of last resort.

To further the purpose of Project REST, a tool was developed, the "Manual of Recommended Practice", as a resource for school districts and parents to assist in planning for students whose behavior puts them at risk of being restrained. Included in the Manual is the Adden-

dum to the IEP which Project REST suggests using to clarify the circumstances under which a student will be restrained in a crisis situation. For example, the Addendum will document when restraint may be used outside of a crisis event (i.e.: bus harness, physician approved positional restraint), any extenuating circumstances regarding the students physical and emotional well-being, what methods of training school staff have received, and how an incident of restraint is documented and reported to parents.

Project REST has been pleased to partner with various schools in the tri-county to implement this Addendum and the Peer-Parent Mentors who work with the Parent Training and Resource Center are assisting parents in understanding its application.

If you are the parent of a school age child who has experienced an episode of restraint or school district personnel who recognize the need for sound practice, please plan on attending the 8th Conference on Disabilities to hear more. The Project REST "Manual for Recommended Practice" is available on-line (click on the frc tab) at the Family Resource Center website: [www.ptrc.org](http://www.ptrc.org) Feedback is encouraged and the manual contains a form for that purpose.

### **Walk For Autism Charleston 2005**

**Saturday April 23, 2005**

**Hampton Park - Charleston**

**Registration at 9:00 am - Walk Begins at 10:00 am**

Morning refreshments & sandwiches - Live Entertainment by "Baby Fat" - Jump castle - Obstacle course - \$5 haircuts by Great Clips - K-9 Care Unit - Door prizes/raffle

Individual registration \$15.00 - Family registration \$25

Take out a collection sheet and your entrance fee is waived, raise \$75 or more for a free T-shirt!

For more information on how to participate: receive registration sheet, pledge sheet, scholarship application, or other information call: Teri Paulling at 843-270-6317 or Adrienne Reed 881-6768.

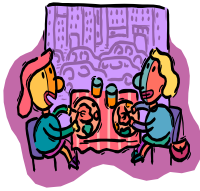
### **Community Resource Directory**

**A guide to find help (or give help) in Berkeley, Charleston, & Dorchester Counties**

Find out about the many organizations that provide support, education, health assistance and so much more! Benefiting all ages, right here in our community.  
Search database at:

**[www.211help.org](http://www.211help.org)**

**Or talk to a person at Hotline 24 hours a day: 843-744-HELP**



## Join In For MOM'S NIGHT OUT

Sponsored by the Caring Connection, this event is for moms, grandmothers, foster moms and other female caregivers of children who have physical, developmental, or emotional conditions. Each diner must pay their own food and beverage costs (the "dutch" treat group). Please join us for fun, support and fellowship, everyone meets at 7:00 at the designated restaurants:

**April 21:** Sticky Fingers, 7690 Northwoods Blvd., N. Chas., 797-7427

**May 19:** Breck's Place, 8510 Rivers Ave., N. Chas, 572-1631

**June 16:** The Olive Garden, 2156 Northwoods Blvd. N. Chas., 764-0200

Upon request, you may receive a monthly telephone reminder of these get-togethers. Please call Kathy at 552-4934 for more information.

## RECOGNIZING SPECIAL TEACHERS

The Parent Training and Resource Center would like to send wishes of "Congratulations" & "Job Well Done" to two of our local special education teachers:

**Carol Olney (Whitesides ES, Mt. Pleasant),  
WalMart's 2004 National Teacher of the Year**

**Tara Marie Gregori (Boulder Bluff ES, Goose  
Creek), 2005 South Carolina Exceptional  
Educator of the Year**

## A PICK UP LEAGUE OF OUR OWN



Every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM a group of teenagers and young adults with disabilities (and their friends) meet for a game or two of bowling at AMF/Triangle Lanes Bowling Alley on Savannah Highway, located just North of the stoplight at the end of the Mark Clark Expressway. Bowlers have the choice to bowl with or without bumpers and this group typically has the use of one lane that is wheelchair accessible. Through the generosity of the Lane manager, a special discounted bowling rate of \$ 2.10 per game rate (includes shoe rental) is offered. If you are a first timer please call 792-3025 to confirm details. For return bowlers there is no need to reserve a spot.

## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

at  
Crowfield Baptist Church  
100 Hunters Lane, Goose Creed

offers

### Parents' Night Out

for children with special needs and their siblings. This ministry offers a structured program with a choice of activities including music, crafts, games, and movies.

Third Friday of Each Month from 6 - 9 PM

Advanced registration is required.

Call the church at 569-6745x13.

[www.crowfieldbaptist.org](http://www.crowfieldbaptist.org)

Trained volunteers will supervise the children.

## Do You Have A Child with Asperger's Syndrome or High Functioning Autism??

Would you like to be part of a recurring support/advocacy group? Several parents have contacted the Family Resource Center looking for other parents in the lowcountry to share strategies, struggles, and stories. If so, please contact Bev McCarty at 792-3025, E-mail: [mccartyb@muscd.edu](mailto:mccartyb@muscd.edu) or Rosalyna Toth, E-mail: [rosalynatoth@knology.net](mailto:rosalynatoth@knology.net)

# Healing Farm Ministries

Healing Farm Ministries will hold a **Retreat for Refreshment and Renewal** on Saturday, May 14, 2005 from 9 AM to 3 PM at Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook Island. The theme of the retreat is "Running on Empty." The speaker will be Joanne Ellison, an anointed speaker and teacher. She leads a large community Bible study entitled "Drawing Nearer to God."

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$20. Scholarships and respite are available. Lunch, snacks and materials are included. Just bring your Bible. Please fill out the registration form below (one per person) and mail it with a check made out to Healing Farm Ministries, P.O. Box 12810, Charleston, SC, 29422. We will mail you a confirmation letter along with directions to Camp St. Christopher. For more information call 843-722-0000.

*Healing Farm Ministries, Inc. is a faith based, not-for-profit corporation serving families and individuals touched by developmental disabilities. HFM's mission is to establish faith communities in which persons with developmental disabilities and the people who care for them grow together as part of the Body of Christ. This broad mission includes establishing lifelong homes for persons with disabilities.*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our retreat?

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Will you require respite services?

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**UNIFIED SOFTBALL**  
 Mount Pleasant Recreation Department  
**Begins Sunday, April 17th - For Ages 8-21**  
**REGISTER NOW!** At the Jones Center, Darby Bldg., Park West or on-line. For more information call 884-2528 or visit the website.  
**www.townofmountpleasant.com**  
 Registration fees apply.

**Dates:** April 17- June 11  
**Place:** Jones Center Fields  
**Day:** Saturday  
**Time:** 10am –11:30am  
**Exceptions:** Sunday, April 17 (same time); no game on Saturday, May 28; night game on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> (6pm – 7:30pm).

*MPRD Unified Athletics* supports players with and without disabilities as equal team players. Games are adapted to fit individual needs of each player.

**Two Leagues:** U14 (ages 14 and younger; may be older if still in Middle School) & U21 (ages 15 through 21)

**Supporting Adults with Autism**  
**June 2-3**  
**1064 Gardner Rd, Ste. 302**  
**Charleston**

This workshop is offered by DDSN/Autism Division for family members & professionals who provide services & supports to adults with autism. Participants will learn techniques for relating and interacting positively with adults affected by autism. The simple "how to's" of developing and implementing basic instructional plans to teach self help and vocational skills will be addressed through lecture and role-play. CEU's available in Social Work & SLPA. For more information call 843-852-4120.

## Support the South Carolina Autism Society

Indian Wells Golf Club - Hwy. 17 Bypass - Garden City, SC  
 Saturday, April 30 - 7:30 AM Registration, 8:00 AM Shotgun Start  
 \$110 Player/\$440 Foursome (Includes cart, greens fee, refreshments & awards  
 Prizes Awarded: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Teams, Closest to Pin, Long Drive-Men/Women  
 Drawings all day for other prizes

## **FUN IN THE SUN** **Golf Tournament**



**A GOOD SUPPORT  
SYSTEM CAN  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE !!**



**LOOK FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
FROM AMONG THESE  
AREA GROUPS:**

**Advocacy Coalition For People with Disabilities (ACPD) also Special Olympics** contact Paula Byers 795-5316

**Autism Support Groups:** 3rd Friday of each month at the Burger King in front of Earthfare in Mt. Pleasant at 9:00 AM. 1st Monday of each month at Locklears in Mt. Pleasant at 6:30 PM. 3rd Monday of each month at Ryan's in North Charleston at 6:30 PM

**Trident Head Injury Support Group** meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30, at the HASCI Center, St. Andrews Shopping Center, Savannah Hwy, Charleston. (552-0696)

**HIPS (Head Injury Support Group for Survivors )** meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 7:30, at the HASCI Center, St. Andrews Shopping Center, Savannah Hwy, Charleston.(Richard Aust, 852-5550)

**Lowcountry Polio Survivors Network** will meet on Sept. 22 at Roper Hospital, Downtown, Conference Room 1 off the 1st Floor and on Oct. 27 at the Summerville Crestview Motor Park Club House. Both meetings begin at 3:00 PM. For directions or more info contact Patricia Buckner at 559-2728.

**Down Syndrome Association of the Lowcountry** sponsors 4 Information Programs and 4 Social Events each year - watch for details of approaching events . For more information call 795-5531

**Scoliosis Support Group** - The Scoliosis Association of Charleston- meets monthly, call Julie at 853-1317

**Parent & Guardian Association of the Coastal Center** holds general meetings four times a year. The meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday in January, April, July, & October, for more info call Tiffany at 821-5809/875-1946.

**Rett's Syndrome Support** - for families needing a contact person to access support services for girls with Rett's Syndrome contact Nancy Banov at 556-4632

**Stroke Support Group** meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at Roper Rehab Hospital, 8th Floor, E Elevator, Roper Hospital. Call Dr. Scott Burton, 720-8453 for more info.

**Tourette's Syndrome Support Group** meets the 1st Sunday of each month, at 3:00 PM at Healthfinders, next to Belk in Citadel Mall. For more information contact Nannetta Navarro at 873-3233

**Winners on Wheels** meets the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month at the Northwoods Community Center at 10:00 AM. For more info contact Karen Jones at 881-5577

**Sickle Cell Support Group** – meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 at the Harper Student Center, MUSC. For more info call Paulette Wingard (792-3561) or Antoinette Jones (792-4152)

**Summerville Multiple Sclerosis Support Group** meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 11:00AM Magnolia Assisted Living. For more information, contact Elizabeth Peterson (873-0818) Elizabeth@charleston.quik.com

**The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)** of the Charleston area offers support group meetings for individuals who suffer from a brain disorder and for family members and caregivers of those who have severe and persistent mental illness. The meetings are 6-7:15 p.m. the second Monday of every month at First Christian Church, 1293 Orange Grove Road, West Ashley. The support group sessions often are followed by an educational program. For more information Call NAMI at 727-6405.

Please contact 792-3025 to make corrections or additions to this listing

## Verbal Behavior and Its Applications

*A workshop for parents, behavior analysts,  
therapists, educators and caregivers*

**Colleen Cornwall, BCBA**

Behavior Analyst  
Applied Behavioral Learning Enterprises,  
Inc., Naples, FL & Adjunct Professor,  
Florida Gulf Coast University

**June 8 & 9, 2005**

**Columbia Conference Center  
169 Laurelhurst Avenue  
Columbia, SC**

8: 00 am Registration

Workshop: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Fee: \$150 includes lunch on both days

Download the conference brochure or reg-  
ister on line through the South Carolina  
Autism Society website:  
[www.scautism.org](http://www.scautism.org)

This two-day workshop utilizes the frame-  
work of B. F. Skinner's Analysis of Verbal  
Behavior (1957) and research-based be-  
havioral teaching procedures to provide  
participants with the skills necessary to de-  
velop an effective language training pro-  
gram. Participants will gain practical  
knowledge and hands-on experience in  
developing a beginning educational com-  
munication-based program for children  
with language delays and developmental  
delays, including autism.

Presenter, Colleen Cornwall, is a Board  
Certified Behavior Analyst who develops  
and implements verbal behavior programs  
and provides training and consultation na-  
tionwide.

*Advocacy Coalition for People  
with Disabilities*

*Annual Advocacy Awards*

*Advocate of the Year*

*Conway Saylor, Ph.D.  
Professor, The Citadel*

*Teacher of the Year*

*Cheree (Anderson) West,  
Knightsville Elementary School*

*Frances Roy Award*

*Honoring Outstanding Service by an employee  
of the Disabilities Board of Charleston County*

*Joyner Carn*

*Head & Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Center*

*Tina Paul Award*

*In recognition for a Lifetime of Advocacy  
Phil Privitera, Ph.D.*

*Parent Advocate of the Year*

*Tammy Ritter*

*Self-Advocate of the Year*

*Mike Godkin*

*Executive Director,  
DisAbility Resource Center*

♪ ♪ ♫ **ACPD DANCE** ♪ ♪ ♪

♪ **MONDAY, APRIL 18th** ♪

**The Citadel - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Sponsored with the College of Charleston for members of the Charleston community with disabilities. Family, friends, and caregivers are invited to attend. **For more info contact Paula Byers (Email preferred: [pbyers1@comcast.net](mailto:pbyers1@comcast.net) or by phone at 795-5316.**

Many of you may have questions regarding the newly reauthorized IDEA and when the changes will go into effect. We hope you will join us at the Conference when Dr. Mitch Yell will update us on these changes. We also would like to share with you an *excerpt* from a Memorandum from Susan DuRant which outlines the State Department of Education's plan. For a full text of Ms. DuRant's Memorandum please visit the website: <http://www.myscschools.com/ec/IDEA04>

#### MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** Susan D. DuRant, Director, Office of Exceptional Children  
South Carolina State Department of Education

**DATE:** March 11, 2005

**RE:** Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was reauthorized and signed into law on December 3, 2004, as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (Public Law 108-446). We will continue to refer to this reauthorized Act as the IDEA '04. Although the majority of the IDEA '04 provisions are effective July 1, 2005, the only revisions in the current requirements for South Carolina school districts/agencies operating educational programs for students with disabilities that must be in place by July 1, 2005, are in those areas of the IDEA '04 where the new requirements go beyond those in current State Board of Education (SBE) regulations. **All individualized education programs (IEPs) previously developed that will be in effect on July 1, 2005, or developed from this date forward must include the new requirements.** The provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) that were coordinated with the requirements of the IDEA '04 were effective immediately.

The current SBE regulations are still in effect for all requirements that go beyond those included in the IDEA '04. Since the federal regulations will clarify and interpret the IDEA '04 requirements, changes are not planned for the SBE regulations until the federal regulations are promulgated by the United States Department of Education. The federal regulations are not anticipated until December 2005 at the earliest. The Office of Exceptional Children (OEC) will prepare revisions to the current SBE regulations for approval by the SBE at that time.

We will include all of the information disseminated on the new requirements of the IDEA '04 on a new section on the OEC's Web page, including any draft sample forms. This information is located on the State Department of Education's Web site at <http://www.myscschools.com/ec/IDEA04>.

School districts and state agencies must be in compliance with the areas outlined in this memorandum by July 1, 2005. The submission of revised policies and procedures is not required until both state and federal regulations are promulgated. There are provisions in the IDEA '04 that revise a number of requirements that the state will continue to follow until the necessary changes are made to state and federal regulations. One example is the requirement in the SBE regulations that short-term objectives are included in IEPs. Another example is the current discipline requirements. Please keep in mind that until our SBE regulations in these areas are revised, our state will continue to retain all current requirements. There are a number of other areas included in the reauthorized IDEA that will require clarification and interpretations through the federal regulations. There are also areas, such as specific learning disabilities, which will require additional study by the SDE prior to the provision of guidance.

We hope this information is helpful to you. We will provide additional clarification and interpretations as they become available. Please contact us at 803-734-8224 if you have questions.

SDD/lr

cc: School District Attorneys

**May We Recommend.....**For a helpful document to aid in understanding changes to the IDEA, visit this website for The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improve Act (IDEA '04) Frequently Asked Questions. This document, in pdf format, was updated in Feb. 2005.  
<http://edworkforce.house.gov/issues/109th/education/idea/ideafaq.pdf>

## House Passes Job Training Improvement Act of 2005

On March 2, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 27, the Job Training Improvement Act of 2005, a bill that reauthorizes Title I of the Workforce Investment Act; the Adult Basic Education Skills Act, which governs state programs for adult education; and the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, which provides services to help individuals with disabilities become employable and achieve full integration into society.

The bill provides a number of provisions related to vocational rehabilitation and people with disabilities, including an assessment of the transition services provided through the VR system and how those services are coordinated with those under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and strategies the state will use to address the needs identified in the assessment of transitions services. These provisions were initially included in the Senate version of the bill to reauthorize IDEA, but in an agreement worked out between House Education and Workforce Committee Chairman Boehner and Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Ranking Member Kennedy, those provisions were not included in the final IDEA law and were instead included in H.R. 27. CEC and its Division on Career Development and Transition have strongly supported these provisions and are pleased that they are included in the Job Training Improvement Act.

H.R. 27 also requires a set-aside of funds for state VR agencies to provide transition services to students with disabilities served under IDEA as they prepare to move out of school to postsecondary education, employment, or independent living. This set-aside would be triggered once the annual appropriations for the programs reach \$100 million above FY 2004 levels.

For a summary of H.R. 27, go to:

<http://edworkforce.house.gov/issues/109th/workforce/wia/hr27billsummary.htm>

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## Resources in Spanish

### "LOS PASOS HACIA EL ÉXITO: CÓMO COMUNICARSE CON LA ESCUELA DE SU HIJO"

The Spanish version of "Steps to Success: Communicating with Your Child's School" has been Developed by CADRE and its partner NICHCY. This resource offers specific communication skills that may be helpful to parents as they develop and maintain partnerships with their child's school. To access the Spanish version of the document go to

<http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/successesp.cfm>

The English version can be found at <http://www.directionservice.org/pdf/Steps%20to%20Success1.4pg.pdf>

### "QUE NINGÚN NIÑO SE QUEDE ATRÁS: UNA GUÍA PARA LOS PADRES"

"No Child Left Behind: A Parents Guide" is now available on the web in Spanish. It summarizes NCLB, answers questions about the law, and tells what it means for parents. Both the Spanish and the English version can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/espanol/parents/academic/involve/nclbguide/>

The U.S. Department of Education has updated the link on its home page for Spanish speakers. The site provides a range of educational related information and can be accessed in Spanish through the home page by clicking "Recursos en español", or by going to <http://www.ed.gov/espanol/bienvenidos/es>

The Education Trust has recently unveiled a website for the Latino community, in both Spanish and English, which features reports and resources for parents, community leaders, and advocates. To view the website, go to <http://spanish.edtrust.org>

## SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Autism Division Coastal Office

### Workshops for Parents

All workshops are **FREE** and open to the public. Each session will be held at 1064 Gardner Road, Suite 302; Charleston, SC. unless otherwise noted. To register, please contact the SCDDSN-Autism Division (852-4120) - 1064 Gardner Road, Suite 302, Charleston, SC 29407 to request an application. Class size is limited to 16 unless otherwise noted and registrations will be processed on a first come- first serve basis. We regret we are not able to offer childcare during the workshops.

**For additional information or questions about registration, please call 852-4120.**

Date and Time	Workshop Title and Information	Facilitator
4/05/05 9:00AM – 3:00PM	<b>Introduction to Autism</b> This session is designed to provide introductory information concerning the diagnosis, techniques for working with an individual with autism and possible resources.	Susan Clark, and Toni Boucher Autism Consultants
4/07/05 7:00PM – 8:00PM	<b>Medication Management in Autism</b> What types of medication are used to treat Autism? What symptoms do they treat? Learn more about current medications used to treat the symptoms of autism. How to decide if medication may be a part of your child's treatment.	Dr. Jane Charles Developmental Pediatrician, MUSC
04/13/2005 1:00PM- 4:00 PM	<b>Behavior Management</b> Learn to recognize predictors of behavior, reinforcements and appropriate behavior shaping procedures. **** <b>Class size is limited to 12 participants</b>	Susan Clark and Toni Boucher, Autism Consultants
04/13/05 6:30PM- 8:00PM	<b>Sensory Issues in Autism</b> How do sensory concerns affect learning and behavior in Autism? Ways to help your child minimize sensory overload and obtain the sensory input he or she needs. *** <b>This workshop will take place at Therapy Resources on Hwy 171. Call 852-4120 for directions. Parents will be able to see different tools and equipment used to help children with sensory needs</b>	Becky Doolittle Occupational Therapist, Therapy Resources
4/20/2005 9:30AM – 12:00PM	<b>Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS)</b> Increase your child's communication skills through the use of PECS. Leave ready to start a program at home.	Susan Clark, Toni Boucher Autism Consultants
04/27/2005 9:30AM- 12:00PM	<b>Focus on Adolescents</b> Adolescence is a tough time, even for children with no identifiable disabilities. Learn about some of the special behavioral and social concerns children with autism face and ways to help your child navigate this very difficult stage of life.	Susan Clark, Toni Boucher Autism Consultants

**“Moving Forward” - 8th Conference on Disabilities and Special Needs  
Conference Registration**

*Advance registration is recommended to guarantee lunch.*

Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Please add my name to your mailing list:  yes  no

I am (all that apply):

An individual with a disability  Parent  Family Member  Professional  Educator  Service  
Provider  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Represented: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Registrants *Please enclose \$10/per person.* If registration pays for persons other than yourself,  
please list names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: A.C.P.D.**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Please consider my request for hardship waiver* **If special accommodations are needed to attend the conference  
please contact 792-3025 as soon as possible.**

Send Registration to:

PTRC - College of Health Care Research  
135 Cannon St. - Suite 403H - PO Box 250832  
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**Registration forms may be downloaded from our website at [www.ptrc.org](http://www.ptrc.org).  
For questions please call (843) 792-3025.**

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