

# The Coalition

Spring/Summer  
2009

Family Resource Center for Disabilities & Special Needs  
Parent Training & Resource Center

## 12th Annual Conference on Disabilities

The FRC/PTRC will hold its Twelfth Conference on Disabilities and Special Needs on Saturday **September 19th 2009**, from **8:30 AM-3:00 PM** at **Mark Clark Hall** on **The Citadel** campus.

### Assistive Technology Why Aren't You Using It? It's More Than You Think!!

The conference will introduce you to different types of assistive technology and explain why most people use assistive technology at some point in their lives. The conference will be interactive and will include "make & take" activities

#### Topics will include:

Assistive Tech 101

Assistive Tech Consideration Process

Low to High Tech: AT from A to Z

How to Proceed if You Need Assistive  
Technology

And

Assistive Tech Show and Tell.

Learn ways to make your own low tech assistive technology for use in home and school environments, how to obtain mid to high tech assistive technology and how to incorporate assistive technology into your child's IEP, 504 or transition plan.

Assistive Technology can improve the lives of many people regardless of age and in a variety of settings such as school, work, and recreation. You will be surprised how much assistive tech

that you use without realizing it and how much easier your lives and your child's life can be if you use it well.

Listen to individuals who have personally bene-

Education



Mobility



Employment



### Areas in which AT Can Help Your Child



Socialization



Communication



Leisure &  
Recreation

fitted from assistive technology describe their experiences, and ask experts from the SC Department of Education and the SC Assistive Technology Project questions regarding your needs and/or the needs of your child. The conference will explore different types of assistive technology appropriate to all ages and disabilities.

Join us for a great lunch, browse samples of assistive technology and see how they work, network with vendors, service providers, and other parents. Take care of your retail therapy by bidding on items at our silent auction.

Reservations are encouraged to guarantee lunch. Please use the registration form included in this newsletter or call the Family Resource Center at 266-1318 to register by phone. **The conference fee of \$10 includes lunch.**

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## Workshops, Conferences, and Events

The SC Autism Society is sponsoring the following workshops. Unless otherwise noted all workshops are held at the SCAS office at 806 12th St., Columbia. Please contact the SCAS for more information about all of the workshops featured on this page. (800-438-4790)

### September 12, 2009

9:00 AM – 12:00 noon

#### **Supporting Students with ASD in Educational Settings**

*Presented by Rhonda Buford Ph.D., BCBA-D.  
Workshop fee: \$25*

Dr. Buford is the founder and Executive Director for Behavior Consulting Services. She has taught students with autism in school and residential settings and is a provider of applied behavior analysis services to children and adolescents and consults with school districts in the areas of positive behavior management and support.

### September 14-17 2009

#### **ADOS Training Reliability and Introductory Training**

*Presented by Lucia Horowitz, Ph.D.*

This training consists of two different registrations for the same workshop. Workshop one will enable to participants to practice giving the ADOS at the end of the initial training and allow the opportunity to be determined “reliable” on administration of the ADOS. Workshop two will give participants the same training and allow them to observe the active administration of the test but will not permit them to be considered “reliable “ to administer the ADOS without supervision.

Fees are \$100 for 4 days Lecture and Demonstration and \$250.00 to include two additional days of training to receive full reliability training. Workshop one is currently full but participants may ask to be placed on the waiting list should a cancellation occur.

### September 16, 2009

6:00 - 8:00 PM

#### **Autism 101**

*Presented by Melissa Metts, M.Ed., NBCT from the Office of Exceptional Children, South Carolina Department of Education.*

Target audience for this **free** workshop is individuals new to the autism spectrum disorders.

### September 19, 2009

10:00 AM -12:00 noon

#### **Hey Look At Me! A Student - Centered Approach to Resolving IEP Disputes.**

*Present by Eric Norton, JD  
Workshop fee: \$25*

Participants will learn effective negotiation/ resolution skills that focus on the benefit to the child and will learn to identify the various formal dispute resolution forums available.

### Tuesdays October 6, 13, 20, 27th, and November 3rd

9:00 - 11:00 AM (all sessions)

#### **Creating Visual Supports for Individuals with Autism**

*Presented by Carol Page Ph.D, CCC-SLP,ATP from the SC Assistive Technology Project  
Workshop fee: \$25*

- 10/6: Introduction to Visual & Environmental Supports for Behavior & Social Skills
- 10/13: Supports for Communication
- 10/20: Supports for Literacy
- 10/27: Free Electronic Resources. Please note: This session will be held at the SC Assistive Technology Resource Room, Room A-128, Poplar Bldg., Midlands Center, 8301 Farrow Rd., Columbia.
- 11/3: Supports for Functional Skills in Family Life.

These workshops are targeted for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and the professionals who serve them.



### Employment First in the Carolinas: Something for Everyone

**September 23-25**  
**Landmark Resort & Hotel**  
**Myrtle Beach**

The South Carolina APSE (Association for Persons in Supported Employment ) will join the North Carolina chapter to sponsor a joint conference on advancing employment for people with disabilities.

The conference keynote speaker will be Jerry Newport. Jerry, who has Asperger’s Syndrome, is an author whose life was the basis for the 2005 feature-length movie “Mozart and the Whale.” Jerry is known for his frank advice and humor. Other topics include employment for those with brain injury, how to start a business, self-advocacy, transition, Social Security Benefits, transportation and much, much more. A reception is planned with entertainment by DJ Smooth, a consumer owned business.

The conference begins at 9:00 AM on Sept. 23rd. For more information, contact Pam Watson at the Disabilities Board of Charleston County 843-805-5880 or at [pwatson@dsncc.com](mailto:pwatson@dsncc.com). The fee for the conference is \$125.00 for APSE members and \$140.00 for non-members if you register before August 15th. Room rates at the Landmark Hotel are from \$46.00-\$72.00 with the option of the same rates the night before and the night after the conference. The Landmark Hotel has two lazy rivers, 8 whirlpools, indoor and outdoor pool, miniature golf and a water park. Make hotel reservations by Aug. 23 to take advantage of the conference rate.

### Functional Behavioral Assessments and Intervention Plans.

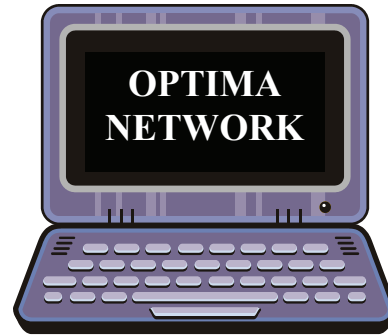
*Presented by: Christian A Martin, Ph.D.*

October 13, 20, 27th and November 3, 10, and 17 from 4:00-6:00 PM.

**SCAS Office - 806 12th St., Columbia**

This workshop is approved for 12 hours of continuing education by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. Fee is \$25.00 with an additional \$20.00 to receive CEUs. Participants will learn teaching strategies that are usually enjoyed by learners with autism, new developments in teaching processes, and techniques for helping adolescents and adults with autism acquire skills needed to support successful employment.

*For more information and to register contact the SCAS at 803-750-6988*



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

The OPTIMA Network has launched a dedicated website for graduates of the Partners in Policymaking Program. If you’re a grad be sure to take advantage of this great way to stay connected to your fellow grads while contributing your thoughts & ideas to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities in SC. If you have trouble connecting contact Nia at the OPTIMA Network: (843) 266-1318

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Down Syndrome Association of the Lowcountry (DSAL)

Is planning a conference to be held in **Oct. 09** that is designed to assist teachers in implementing inclusive practices for children with DS in general education settings. Focus will be on differentiating instruction, accommodations, modifications, and hands-on strategies. Check the DSAL website for more information as it becomes available: [www.dsalowcountry.org](http://www.dsalowcountry.org)



## Hey - It's Hot Out There!

As if you haven't noticed, summer has hit us full blast with heat, humidity and frequent thunderstorms. Unfortunately unless you plan to stay inside until mid-October, there's no way to avoid it. However, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are very real consequences of too much Lowcountry summer, and children with special needs often are more sensitive to the heat and more vulnerable to heat related illnesses.

According to the CDC:

Symptoms of *heat exhaustion* include:

paleness, muscle cramps, fatigue, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, and fainting. The skin may be cool and moist; sweating may or may not occur. The pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. If untreated, heat exhaustion may progress to heat stroke.

Symptoms of *heat stroke* include:

a body temperature above 103 degrees Fahrenheit, red, hot, and dry skin (no sweating), rapid, strong pulse, throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion, and unconsciousness. Heat stroke is a serious condition; even if treated, many people with heat stroke will die.

To prevent heat related illnesses, you should make sure that your child:

- drinks plenty of fluids, especially water, when playing outside even if he isn't thirsty. A common recommendation is that children drink water before the activity, about 8 ounces of fluid every 20 minutes while being active (less for smaller kids and more for bigger kids), plus more after the activity is over. Although water is usually recommended, the AAP states that a 'flavored beverage may be preferable because the child may drink more of it. **Fluids to avoid include those with caffeine, carbonation, alcohol or with a lot of sugar such as soda, fruit juices and some sports drinks.**
- if possible, wears lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- takes frequent breaks to cool down and rest.

Children with cystic fibrosis, diabetes, gastrointestinal disease and children who are significantly overweight have more problems with heat related issues. Also

children with neurological and chromosome disorders may have difficulty regulating their body temperature and be more susceptible to heat related problems.

Some children, especially those with ASD, become very upset during thunderstorms. In the Lowcountry frightening storms can pop up at any time. Children may become overly anxious and fearful. We can't do much about the storms. However, a social story may be helpful or check the library for reassuring children's books such as Mercer Mayer's [It's Just a Thunderstorm](#).

School will be starting during the hottest part of summer. If your child with a disability requires special considerations to tolerate the heat (or thunderstorms) remember to include these as accommodations on the IEP or 504 Plan.

**www.probuy.net - carries a wide variety of safety equipment including cooling hats, scarves, vests & other items designed to reduce overheating. If your child is susceptible to the heat, these products may be useful.**

### Grants Available for Families Struggling with Child Health-Related Expenses

**Deadline: Open**

The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation (UHCCF) has announced that new grants are available to help children who need critical health care treatment, services, or equipment not covered or not fully covered by their parents' health benefit plans. UHCCF provides grants to families to help pay for child health care services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy sessions, prescriptions, and medical equipment such as wheelchairs, and eyeglasses.

Parents and legal guardians may apply for grants of up to \$5,000 each for child medical services and equipment by completing an online application at the UHCCF web site.

To be eligible for a grant, children must be 16 years of age or younger. Families must meet economic guidelines, reside in the United States, and be covered by a [commercial health benefit plan](#). (Not available to Medicaid / SCHIP recipients).

Go to <http://uhccf.org/> for more details.



### Making a Difference

In these troubled economic times we are so grateful for the support we receive from the community. It is especially meaningful when it is given by those who have benefited from our services. The following individuals have made financial donations since the publication of our last newsletter.

To you we say **THANKS!!**

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Grace & John Trinkl               | Mary Kral, Ph.D. |
| Christine Phillips                | Joyce Nielsen    |
| Arthur Liberman                   | Holly Annibale   |
| Jane Roland                       | Walt Jenner      |
| Betsy Kalman                      | Christine Ribes  |
| Lori Hobart                       | Nita Toler       |
| And the VERY GENEROUS "Anonymous" |                  |

### Another Way To Help

The FRC/PTRC will be conducting a silent auction at our Annual Conference. Not only is this a fun activity - and a great social opportunity - it raises money for our cause. We are seeking donations for the auction. Items can include donations of services (i.e.; hair stylist, pet grooming, tax services, etc.), restaurant gift cards, gift baskets, house wares, pet supplies, art work, decorative items, and more! Think about what YOU might bid on - chances are someone else would too!

If you'd like to make a donation please contact the FRC (266-1318) and we can arrange to pick-up the item if you are unable to get it to our office or to The Citadel on the day of the conference. We will need to know in advance so that bid sheets can be created. The FRC is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible based on Federal guidelines.

### Sorry You Missed It!!

The FRC/PTRC is constantly doing workshops for parents and service providers on a variety of topics. The most recent were June 29 and 30th at Camp Good Times. "Crash Course in Special Education" and "How to Get your Kids To Eat More Than Chicken Nuggets (and other behavior concerns)" were attended by several parents of campers. For a list of the workshops available and/or to schedule one for your group, contact Susan Clark at the Parent Training and Resource Center: 843-266-1318. All workshops are free of charge and scheduling times and locations are flexible to meet your needs. Some of the topics are listed on the FRC/PTRC website. Visit: [www.frcdsn.org](http://www.frcdsn.org) to view the list.

### Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders in the Classroom

A Workshop for Educators, Allied Professionals, and Parents  
Presented by PRO-Parents of South Carolina

**August 25th, 2009**  
South Carolina State Museum  
301 Gervais Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Children with Tourette Syndrome present unique challenges in the classroom. Participants will learn how the condition is diagnosed and how it can be managed at school. Topics include: Criteria for diagnosing Tourette syndrome; Disorders often associated with Tourette syndrome (ADHD, OCD, and Learning Disabilities); Impact of these disorders in the classroom; Classroom strategies and techniques; and, the need for positive behavioral accommodations.

*About the Presenter:* Susan Conners is president and founder of the TSA of Greater New York State. A teacher for 33 years, Sue served on the Board of Directors of National TSA for 12 years and chaired TSA's Education Committee. An international workshop presenter, Sue is the author of numerous publications on the education of children with TS and has won many awards for her work.

Conference Fee is \$20.00. Registration Deadline: August 21st, 2009 Please Call PRO-Parents to register or for more info:-1-800-759-4776

### Who Do You Know

That should be rewarded for their hard work, outstanding advocacy efforts, or teaching style? As part of the 12th Annual Conference, Advocacy Awards will be given to those who have gone the extra mile. Call (266-1318) or email: [bevmccarty@frcdsn.org](mailto:bevmccarty@frcdsn.org) to nominate someone for the following: **Advocate of the Year/ Parent Advocate of the Year/Teacher of the Year/Self-Advocate of the Year**



## Meet the PTRC Peer Parent Mentors!

Who ARE all these people who attend IEP and other school-based meetings with families?

One of the ways the Parent Training & Resource Center (PTRC) helps families is by providing them with Mentor services who can improve their understanding about the rights & responsibilities of parents of children with disabilities in public school. This often includes accompanying parents to IEP and other education planning meetings. The PTRC provides this service free to families who live in Berkeley, Dorchester, and Charleston Counties.

The PTRC recently held training with Dr. Mitch Yell, Professor of education at USC, for Peer Parent Mentors and so you may be seeing some new faces at school meetings or PTRC/FRC functions.

In addition to the "old guys," Bev McCarty, Susan Clark, Michael Filippone, Sherry Brooks, Mary Zanders, and LuAnn Rosenzweig, several new mentors have recently completed the training and are ready to assist parents. They are: LaDonna Green, Sara Powell, Glenda Crain, Janee Roach, Melinda Hawk, LaVon Sumter, and Carita Davis.

Especially exciting for the PTRC is the addition of two bi-lingual (English/Spanish) Mentors, Saritta Vann and Maridelia Bulloch. We are so happy to be able to provide this outreach to our Spanish speaking families.

Lisa Riddle, a former Peer Parent Mentor, is now the Assistant Outreach Coordinator and works with Susan Clark developing and maintaining the PTRC Satellite Sites, conducting training, taking referrals, and maintaining the resource library.

We wish good luck to Melissa Stickland, another former Mentor, who moved from South Carolina to California over the Summer.

Stressed out?  
Need a break?  
Having a  
Communication Breakdown?



**Family Connection of South Carolina** will sponsor a Couples Communication Workshop the weekend of **October 2nd & 3rd**. This two day workshop trains couples in communication, stress management and conflict resolution to give parents tools to maintain their relationship while coping with a special needs child.



In addition Family Connection now sponsors two **respite nights** per month, the **last Friday and Saturday of the month**. Friday night will be held at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church on Rivers Ave. Saturday night will be at Charleston Harbor Bible Church in West Ashley. Call 556-5010 for hours and to register your child in advance.

The **Annual Family Fishing Rodeo and BBQ** will take place on **Saturday, October 17 at 10 AM**. Don't have a pole? No problem, fishing equipment will be provided.

A workshop on special needs wills and trusts is planned for September with date and location to be announced.

If your child with special needs has siblings between the ages of 8-12 years, **Kid connection will meet Saturday, September 26 from 10AM-12PM**.

**Contact Megan at 556-5010 for locations, times and more information on any of the above events.**



## Hooray for Summer! (But you can still think about school)

The end of the school year has arrived and hopefully all of the IEPs and 504 Plans needed for the new school year have been completed. However that will be upon us soon and now is the time to begin thinking about your child's needs for the upcoming school year. Summer is a good time to review the IEP just completed and be sure that nothing needs attention to ensure a successful year .

The ECAC (Exceptional Children's Assistance Center) of North Carolina has some suggestions for parents who have questions about spelling, writing and testing accommodations provided to their children.

These include:

“Has my child ever been tested for language and sound awareness? If so, when was it done and what were the results?”

“What accommodations does my child need in core academic and special area classes to support his/her reading writing and spelling needs?”

Go to [www.ecac-parentcenter.org](http://www.ecac-parentcenter.org), click on Parent Education, then Parent Training and Information and click on “Reading and Literacy is for All Students.” There are several handouts including “Questions Parents Can Ask about Spelling Writing and Testing.” Asking these questions will not only help you understand what your child is being taught, what resources are available to support your child at home, and also questions about accommodations and testing that can be included in the IEP.

The ECAC houses the North Carolina Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) and a Parent Partners Information and Resource Center (PIRC) as well as providing technical assistance to the federally funded parent centers (including the PTRC) in the mid-south region.

## New PTRC Satellite Sites Opening Soon!

One way the PTRC provides outreach is by partnering with others in the community to improve access to resources for families. All of our Satellite Sites contain lending libraries with a variety of education & parenting related materials. Resource can be checked out from any Site. Existing Satellite Sites are located at the Special Services office on the campus of the Dorchester District 4's Harleyville-Ridgeville Elementary School in Ridgeville (Monica Butler is that Satellite Site liaison) and Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Center on John's Island.

In addition to those Sites, the PTRC is in the process of setting up a new Satellite Site at Midland Park Elementary School and another at the Berkeley County School District Special Services office in Moncks Corner.

The Satellite previously located at the HASCI office at St. Andrews Center (West Ashley) will be moved to the disAbility Resource Center on Dorchester Road in North Charleston. Most of the materials located at this center will pertain to teens and young adults with physical disabilities. Come by and see what you might find useful. Any questions? Call Susan at the FRC office: 266-1318 or email: [susanclark@frcdsn.org](mailto:susanclark@frcdsn.org)

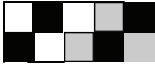
### Great News!

#### CHADD Is Coming Back to the Lowcountry

CHADD (Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) is forming a satellite in the Charleston Area!

The group is urgently in need of volunteers to help organize, plan meetings, and provide support. If you're interested or could help, please contact Joseph at 570-212-0131 or at: [Charlestonarea@chadd.net](mailto:Charlestonarea@chadd.net).

If you need assistance for yourself or your child from CHADD, the National Resource Center is available on weekdays from 9-5:00 and can be reached at 800-233-4050. You may also find additional information online at [www.help4adhd.org](http://www.help4adhd.org).



## A GOOD SUPPORT SYSTEM CAN MAKE THINGS BRIGHTER - CHECK OUT THESE GROUPS:

**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. Contact Robert Durland at 270-5001 or Lee Anne Bellamy at 852-5550 ext. 11

**HIPS (Head Injury Support Group for Survivors):** meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 1:00-2:30 PM at the HASCI Center, St. Andrews Shopping Center, Savannah Hwy, Charleston. Contact Lee Anne Bellamy at 852-5550 ext.11

**Down Syndrome Association of the Low Country:** sponsors four Information Programs and four Social Events each year - in addition to Mothers Night Out. For more information call 553-3725, check their website at [www.dsalowcountry.org](http://www.dsalowcountry.org) for a complete calendar of events or email Glenda Crain at [crainclan@comcast.net](mailto:crainclan@comcast.net)

**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 Barbara West at 821-5809.

**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

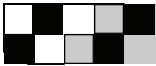
**Autism Support Groups:** 1st Monday of each month at Vickery's in Mt. Pleasant at 6:30 PM. Contact Laurie Priester at 884-3062 for information. In the Summerville area a group meets from 6:30-8 PM at the Summerville YMCA (900 Cross Creek Drive off Trolley Rd.) Childcare is provided. For more information on dates please contact Kima at 821-9337.

**The Palmetto Autism Spectrum Support Group** no longer meets at Palmetto Behavioral Health. For more information on upcoming meetings or locations contact Elizabeth Thames (pronounced Tims) at 571-6301 or email her at [elthames@comcast.net](mailto:elthames@comcast.net)

**Trident Spinal Cord Injury Peer Support Group:** This group is open to any person with a spinal cord injury or other mobility difficulties. The meetings provide a forum for the members to discuss problems and receive immediate feedback. Some members use the meetings to brainstorm with peers possible solutions to ongoing problems. In addition, the group provides members with social opportunities to develop a social network. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday evening of every other month (6:00-7:30 PM). Next meeting dates are: Sept. 9; Nov. 11; & Dec 9 (Holiday party). All meetings are held at the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital – 9181 Medcom Street, North Charleston, SC 29406 (Located off Hwy. 78, across from Charleston Southern University).

**Turner Syndrome Society Support Group:** The Palmetto Chapter of the Turner Syndrome Society of the United States is back! To learn more, please contact Robin Butler at (843) 252-9622 or e-mail [auntrobin74@yahoo.com](mailto:auntrobin74@yahoo.com). You may also contact Cheryl Dashnaw at (843) 327-6769 or e-mail at [minibotl@sc.rr.com](mailto:minibotl@sc.rr.com) for more information.

**Grief Support Group for Children** - Bereavement group for children ages 8-12 (1 group) and 13-15 (2nd group) sponsored by Heartland Hospice, 1064 Gardner Rd, Suite 204, West Ashley, Charleston. For more information contact Heartland Hospice at 766-7646.



## Support Groups Continued

### **Sickle Cell Sisters** (for teenage girls with sickle cell disease)

Sickle Cell Sisters is a therapeutic support group for teenage girls between the ages of 13 and 18. The group meets every other month at MUSC Children's Hospital and focuses on psychosocial aspects of living with sickle cell disease. For more information about this group contact Jessica Hoffman or Megan Kalscheur at 843-792-1968

**Can-Teen** (for teenagers with cancer) Can-Teen is a support group for adolescents with cancer. Can-teen provides opportunities for teens to meet their peers, have fun, offer resources and promote well-being and leadership. Can-Teen was created to bring teenagers with cancer together so they can share experiences, help those that are newly diagnosed and to build friendships. This group meets the 3rd Wed of each month. Please call for meeting time and/or more information, call Michelle Vandermaas at (843)792-1380 or Christine Campbell at (843) 792-4152 or visit the Can-Teen Web site at [www.can-teen.net](http://www.can-teen.net).

**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 and at Sunrise Christian Church 102 Myers Road, Summerville. Another location meets on the fourth Monday of each month at Seacoast Church, 717 Longpoint Road Mt. Pleasant, nursery room 7. The support group sessions often are followed by an educational program. For more information Call Ron Rzepkowski 571-1832 or visit [www.namicharlestonarea.org](http://www.namicharlestonarea.org).

**Faith and Light Community** is a spiritual organization for persons with mental disabilities, their families and caregivers. Faith and Light is centered in the Catholic tradition but is open to people of all faiths. Its purpose is to recognize the unique gifts of the mentally disabled and to provide them a place of prayer, sharing, support and celebration. The group meets at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 11001 Dorchester Road., Summerville, SC 29485. For more information, please contact Msgr. Edward Lofton at 875-5002

**The South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind** has an outreach center in the Lowcountry . It is the Colson Center at 1064 Gardner Road Suite 216 in Fairfield Office Park off of Sam Rittenburg Highway in West Ashley. Contact the Colson Center at 852-4160 for more information about services and programs held here for families with children who are deaf and/or blind.

**THE FOLLOWING GROUPS NO LONGER MEET:** The Coastal Autism Division Support Group; Heart to Heart; The Circle of Friends Community Choir; Tourette's Syndrome Support Group; Low Country Polio Survivors Network; The Parent/Family Support Group led by Dr. Jennifer Gans; Disability Resource Center adult support group and support group for adults age 18 & up at Trident Health Finders; and the Tri County Support Group for Children & Teens ( and their parents) with Diabetes

**Please call 266-1318 to add or report changes to this list**

The PTRC is pleased to announce that we now have our "Crash Course in Special Education" available in Spanish. This 10-page handout provides an overview of the basics of the Individual Education Program (IEP). If you know of someone who would benefit from this handout please ask them to call us at 266-1318. We now have an outgoing message in Spanish that will provide a direct contact number for Saritta, our bi-lingual Peer Parent Mentor.



**12th Annual Conference on Disabilities Registration Form**

**“Assistive Technology: Why Aren’t You Using it?”**

**Advance registration is recommended to guarantee lunch.**

Please return registration to: **FRC, 1575 Savannah Hwy - Ste. 6, Charleston, SC 29407**

**Conference fee: \$ 10 includes catered lunch - Please make checks payable to FRC**

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

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

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

May we add your name to our 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 attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the conference? \_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ Web Site \_\_\_ Newspaper \_\_\_ Word of Mouth  
\_\_\_ Brochure /Picked up at? \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

If special accommodations are needed to attend the conference please contact 266-1318 ASAP.

We regret we will be UNABLE to provide child care.

A limited number of scholarships are available, please call 266-1318 to make a request.

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