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We have a new name!

Parent & Family Resource Centre is very excited to announce that as of the 1st October we are trading as **Disability Connect**. We feel it more aptly reflects the nature of our organization. You can still contact us in the usual way, and you'll be greeted with a "hello, this is Disability Connect...". Hope you will like the change as much as we do! Our address details remain the same – our new website address is www.disabilityconnect.org.nz and our email addresses have changed to disabilityconnect.org.nz – you can reach us in the first instance at admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz. But don't worry – any PFRC web and email enquiries will reach us, they are being redirected.

Special Children's Christmas Party

We have put a notice on our website at the Resources tab. Call 636-0351 now to secure a ticket.

SEMINARS/TRAINING

CCS Disability Action and Disability Law

Are offering a number of workshops around New Zealand to inform and strengthen disabled people and family/whanau members' knowledge on NZ law and legislation and people's rights. This training will inform you and strengthen your understanding of your legal rights with a Disability Focus. [Click here](#) for registration, [here](#) for easy read, [here](#) for flyer and [here](#) for more info.

Individualised Funding including Respite – Disability Connect

We are running our third series of IF including Respite seminars during October and November 2014. This is the last round this year so grab a place soon! [Click here](#) for the details.

Wednesday 26th November 7–9pm at Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany

Muscular Dystrophy Association announces: The Life without Limits Neuromuscular Conference

This conference will be held 16-18th April 2015 at SKYCITY Auckland Convention Centre. It provides an opportunity for families affected by neuromuscular conditions, clinicians, researchers, and allied health professionals to get together, share progress and ideas and participate in informative breakout and training sessions. Please [click here](#) to see flyer. Also, [click here](#) to view their membership form.

Spirit of Adventure Trust announces the 5 Day Inspirational Voyage 16– 20th February 2015

The Inspiration Voyage is for youth between 16 – 20 years who live with a physical challenge. Participants come from all over NZ to take part in a 5 day voyage aboard our purpose built 45m tall ship Spirit of NZ. The focus of the program is to provide an opportunity to face challenges outside usual boundaries, gain confidence and achieve things that previously may have looked impossible.

If you would like more information please see their website www.spiritofadventure.org.nz or [click here](#) for the Inspirational Voyage info booklet. Applications close on Friday 31st October 2014.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Auckland Council is putting on a youth disco

28th November 7-10pm in Henderson. [Click here](#) for flyer.

Halberg Sports Foundation

St Kentigern Halberg Junior Disability Sports day on Wednesday 26th November. [Click here](#) to view poster.

Snow Sports Youth and Women Talent Identification Camp

(Snow Sports NZ in association with Paralympics) Mount Hutt June 2015. [Click here](#) for information.

Blind Cricket in New Zealand

Announcing Blind Cricket NZ A vs Australia A Development Tour 2015. [Click here](#) to read more.

NOTICES

Dance Therapy NZ

Is offering a Stars dance course in Onehunga for children with Autism. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Spark Centre Open Day 6 December

[Click here](#) to view flyer.

Did you know....?

From 1st December 2014 alcohol limits for safe driving are going to change. To view the information flyer please [click here](#).

Janet McVeagh Recreation (JMR) is advertising a number of programmes/camps

There is their Christmas party – [click here](#), their November-December holiday programme – [click here](#), enrolment form [here](#) and parent agreement form – [click here](#), camps and holiday programmes – [click here](#), Orewa weekend – [click here](#) for invite and [here](#) for information form, and Motu Moana [invite](#) and [personal information](#) form.

Research Participants needed

Sue Spooner, PhD student at University of Auckland, is looking into the social effects of fulltime care on young adults with complex needs. She would like 5-6 young adults aged 20-30 who can talk about their experiences of the impact care has on their social world. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Parent Networking Support group 1st December

Disability Connect is hosting another Parent Networking Support Group. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Trust Life's Journey - new book

Nicola Clark has written an honest and at times raw and emotional account of her journey with her son Thomas. Nicola shares the highs and lows of living with a boy with disabilities. This inspiring book will invoke many different emotions. [Click here](#) to view front cover of book and [click here](#) to view back cover. If you would like to order a copy of the book you can do so via Disability Connect - please [click here](#) to access the order form - email your order form to admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz Orders will be fulfilled after 5 November 2014.

Independent Living Service

The Independent Living Service had its grand opening of their brand new Botany Store on Saturday 18th October. The new store, based at Unit 7, 308 Te Irirangi Drive, Botany South features a huge range of assistive products to make daily living easier at home and in your community. You'll find a range of mobility scooters, wheelchairs and walkers (choose to hire or buy) as well as bathroom items, compression wear, cushions, grab bars, and lift/recliner lounge chairs.

Also, ILS has a ground floor, dual office space available at 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak. Located near Auckland motorway systems, based in the Auckland District Health Board area and near Auckland Airport, this space is ideal as a base for reaching your community or inviting clients to meet with you.

The 46 square metre office space includes a kitchenette with direct access to two recently renovated, shared toilet facilities (1 is fully accessible). This vacancy is ideally suited to a social service or disability support service organisation. For more information please email julianne@ilsnz.org or phone 09 625 0311.

Accommodation needed:

Young female student with Autism is looking for accommodation in North Shore, Auckland from January next year. Ideally within bus distance to Massey University, Albany. Has some supported independent living 12 hrs a week. Is looking for somewhere autism friendly perhaps a nice family environment or in a flatting environment with other disabled female individuals with similar needs. Please contact admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz.

Health Click – health education specialists

Have wonderful resources for people with intellectual/learning disabilities aged 11+. [Click here](#) for details on their resources.

We Connect Now Website

We Connect Now is dedicated to uniting people on issues which affect people with disabilities, with emphasis on college students higher education & employment. [Click here](#) to access the website and [here](#) for their facebook page.

Kaleidocare – Inclusive Community Services

New centre based vocational programme based in Pukekohe for Very High Needs young adults with a disability – opening January 2015. [Click here](#) for more information.

ADSA

[Click here](#) for all the events being held in and around Auckland.

Parent to Parent matching database

Parent to Parent has a database matching families with similar conditions, sometimes they find it difficult to find matches. If you are interested please contact them: ph 07 853 8491 or Toll Free 0508 236 236, email: matchingandinfo@parent2parent.org.nz. Also [click here](#) to view their *Family Video Stories*.

Counselling Service – South

Kim Gregory is a counsellor who has had personal experience with disability. She has a son who is on the Autism Spectrum and has worked in the Disability Sector in various capacities over the past few years. [Click here](#) for more information about Kim, or contact her on 09 296 7587 or email her on ian.kimg@orcon.net.nz.

Free Counselling – Raeburn House

Raeburn House is pleased to offer a no-cost counselling opportunity to members of the Auckland North community. Sandra Hill is a Raeburn House staff member with an extensive background in working with diverse people and communities, and is currently studying towards her Post-Graduate Diploma in Counselling. Sandra is supervised by a registered professional and is offering free counselling at Raeburn House as a part of her study programme. [Click here](#) for more information.

Affordable Counselling Service

Trisha Glover is in the process of acquiring her counselling certificate and is offering counselling services for individual family members living with a person with a disability at a (flexible) rate of \$25 per session. She will be holding clinics in Marua Road, Ellerslie, as well as some sessions at the DISABILITY CONNECT office, 3B Olive Road, Penrose. For more information, [click here](#). Please contact Trisha on 021 142 3851 or email her on tglover@ihug.co.nz for more information or to book a session.

Habitat for Humanity is offering

"A brush with kindness", an essential home and preservation programme for homeowners who need help. [Click here](#) for information.

Caregiver Needed – North Shore

Do you know somebody who can help this family: 4 year old (ASD, non-verbal) and 2 neuro-typical children 6 and 2yo. Help is needed 3:30-6:30pm Monday-Friday, with duties such as child-minding, helping with housework (vacuuming, fold washing, light cleaning etc) and sole charge of the child before the bedtime routine. An understanding of Autism and experience with children on the spectrum is helpful. If you're interested, please contact Gabi on gabi@disabilityconnect.org.nz for more information.

Therapy 4 Children Service

Quality Rehabilitation Services Ltd are a Paediatric Team of Occupational Therapists, Speech Language Therapists and Physiotherapists that provide services Auckland-wide. To view the information flier, [click here](#). You can also visit their website on www.qualityrehab.co.nz or contact 0800 557 556.

English for Everyday Life/English for Work – Auckland Wide

[Click here](#) for more information on English classes for (new) migrants being run by English Language Partners New Zealand. Alternatively you may contact Estelle Swan on estelle.swan@englishlanguage.org.nz or via phone on 523 0071.

Scoop articles this fortnight – click on title:

["A wheely exciting record"](#) United Nations' International Day for Persons with Disabilities on 3rd December

["Tariana Turia's Recognised by CCS Disability Action"](#)

["Gardening comes to fruition for intellectually disabled"](#)

NEWSLETTERS

[ADSA – latest newsletter](#)

[Boccia Get Rolling Newsletter](#)

[CCS Disability Action](#) – September 2014

[Complex Care Group - August \(and Explore presentation\)](#)

[Disability Information Service Fortnightly Sector Up-Date](#) – 31 October 2014

[Disability Information Service Quarterly Newsletter – Spring Digest](#)

[Disability Support Network](#) – 5 November

[Disability Support Services Group's e-Newsletter](#) - August

[Expressions](#) - Spring 2014

[Health Link North](#) – October 2014

[Health Quality & Safety Commission E-update](#) – October/November 2014

[Hopeworks Foundation](#) – issue 2

[Information 4 Disability - Snippets](#) - vol 20 issue 4

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) – November

[Muscular Dystrophy Northern](#) – October 2014

[News from the land of Be](#) - September

[Numicon](#) – October 2014

[NZORD Newsletter](#) - August

[Parent to Parent enews – November](#)

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – Term 4

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) - November

[The Enable New Zealand Information Team](#)

[Wilson Home e-news](#) - 19 November



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