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helping families

Vision

That people with disabilities and their families are able to lead the lives they want

Core Value

To respect and support choice

Mission

To lead change and influence change for people with disabilities and their families.

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New edition of Networker Magazine

Our newest Networker Magazine has just been delivered! The topic is 'Transition – the progression from school to community'. It can be a daunting process for many parents, so we thought some information was needed. [Click here](#) to view a pdf version of the magazine. If you prefer a print copy please contact us on phone 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz Please forward this Networker magazine link to all who may be interested and include in E bulletins and websites. The magazine is also available on our website under the Resources 'Networker' tab.

Also:

Have a look at our new Disability Support Guide in Simplified Chinese AND we now have our new brochures. Call us to request a hard copy.

SEMINARS/TRAINING

Children's Autism Foundation Term Two (May/June) programmes – central, west and south Auckland:

Wanting to know more about autism, social and friendship skills or strategies for behaviour? [Click here](#) for information about their workshops.

Chinese Families Autism Support Group – 16th June – FREE EVENT - Te Tuhi Centre, Pakuranga

The June Chinese Families Autism Support Group meeting takes place on Tuesday 16th June at Te Tuhi Centre, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga. The topic of this presentation will be 'Strategies for Behaviour' by Elisa Slaats of Children's Autism Foundation. This presentation and support group is designed for Chinese families raising a child with autism – the presentation will be in English, interpreted into Mandarin. Please advise any families you think may be interested about this meeting. A copy of the presentation will be given to all attendees and a resource table of print material will be available. Bookings are essential for catering purposes (complimentary light lunch provided). Phone Sanny Chan (speaks English, Mandarin and Cantonese) on DDI 526-1298 or email sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Indian Families Special Needs Support Group – 9th June – FREE EVENT – Nathan Homestead, Manurewa

The June Indian Families Special Needs Support Group meeting takes place on Tuesday 9th June at Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Road, Manurewa. The topic of this presentation will be 'Taikura Trust and Disability Supports' by Kate Williams of Taikura Trust. This presentation and support group is designed for Indian families raising a child with special needs – the presentation will be in English. Please advise any families you think may be interested about this meeting. A copy of the presentation will be given to all attendees and a resource table of print material will be available. Bookings are essential for catering purposes (complimentary light lunch provided). Phone Sanny Chan on DDI 526-1298 or email sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Transition seminars for 2015 - Post schooling options and process for students with a disability

Transitioning from school life to life in the community can be a daunting prospect. As well as giving you information in our newest Networker Magazine we are also offering seminars for you to attend and get information. Please [click here](#) to view dates. To book contact Disability Connect on 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Autism New Zealand – Earlybird programme

EarlyBird® is an early intervention programme for parents/whānau/ caregivers, which is specific to the needs of children on the Autism Spectrum. The *EarlyBird®* Programme is a three-month programme which combines group training sessions with individual home visits. It will help understand the child's Autism, develop interaction and communication skills and skills to manage the child's behaviour. [Click here](#) to view brochure. They still have spaces available. If anyone is interested they can contact Adrienne.Southee@autismnz.org.nz – 04 8033501.

Spark Centre Art programme term two:

Spark Centre is a creative space offering visual arts and art therapy programmes for children, teens and adults living with disability and diversity. They provide a professional service in person-centred visual arts learning, creative therapies and arts practice – and maintain an extensive exhibition calendar for our artists. [Click here](#) to view timetable. Contact: info@sparkcentre.org.nz, 09 845 5361 and www.sparkcentre.org.nz

Transition Expo 2015

The 2015 Transition Expo will take place on Tuesday 4th August (9am till 2pm) at Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt. Albert Road, Three Kings. We invite all parents, caregivers, students with a disability and education staff to attend this important FREE event to learn about post schooling options. [Click here](#) to view the flier.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Inaugural Halberg Tri Challenge - Friday 26th June, Vector Arena in Auckland

This is a great fundraising event with prizes to be won! Money raised will support the Halberg Disability Sport Foundation to enhance the lives of physically disabled young people through sport and recreation. [Click here](#) for information.

Get your team of three together to take up the Halberg Tri Challenge and raise much needed funds to help more physically disabled young people experience the magic of sport! Please [click here](#) for details about the event or go to www.halbergchallenge.co.nz to register.

There is also a special challenge within the challenge open to Disability Organisations who could win three tickets to the prestigious 53rd Halberg Awards (valued at \$1200), [click here](#) to view.

ADSA

ADSA have an events page showing what's happening around Auckland:

<http://www.adsa.org.nz/How+we+help/Events.html> and also

<http://www.adsa.org.nz/How+we+help/Sport++Recreation+in+Auckland/Art+Dance+and+Drama.html>

IHC Take a moment with us Exhibition – Pukekohe 23rd May to 20th June

IHC is excited to be bringing "Take a moment with us" exhibition to the New Zealand Steel Gallery in Pukekohe from 23rd May to 20th June 2015. IHC will be hosting a number of events scheduled alongside the exhibition. Please [click here](#) to view the event schedule.

Boccia NZ 2015 Tournament

The dates are all finalised, so [click here](#) to view flyer.

Snow Sports Youth and Women Talent Identification Camp

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

NOTICES

ADSA is running "Down Syndrome: Success in School" course on Monday 3rd August 2015 (day 1) and Monday 10th August 2015 (day 2)

These are two full day courses from 09.00 am to 3.30 pm.

The venue for the courses will be advised asap. Reduced cost \$300 (GST inclusive) for parents. Morning/afternoon tea and lunch provided. Places are limited. [Click here](#) for the course information.

DART – Dial a Ride Transport

Have a wheelchair van for sale, it is a 2001 Toyota Regius Ace van, with a hoist built in to the floor and one of the best hoists of its type. At the time of manufacture it was considered top of the range. They are looking for \$8500. Please contact dartran@xtra.co.nz

Teacher Aide wanted

A Chinese parent is urgently looking for a teacher aide for her child who aged 6 years with Autism living in Flat Bush. Fluent in both English and Mandarin. Prefer to have background in early childhood and behavior management experience with children have Autism. Working hours: Monday to Friday 8:50am-5:50pm, Saturday work required Please contact Jenny Huang if you are interested, phone: 021 781 518 or email: dingzhih0287@hotmail.com

Are you a parent of a severely disabled adult?

Hemant Thakkar invites you to take part in his study which aim is to get a real understanding of the wishes and worries of the parents of severely disabled adults and the support mechanisms that they consider to be of value for their children's future. [Click here](#) for information.

Job Opportunity with the Tindall Foundation - Donations and Systems Advisor

Please [click here](#) to read the information on an exciting job opportunity with the Tindall Foundation. For more information please see the full advertisement at <http://www.jobs.farrowjamieson.com/joblink/232290> on or call Gordon Duncan at Farrow Jamieson on +64 (09) 9159141

Dance Therapy NZ

Exciting news: Arts 4 Us Orakei is starting term three, this is a brand new programme at the Orakei Community Centre for school age children on the Autism Spectrum or with related disorders, such as ADHD or a developmental delay.

The programme is designed to support social skills and emotional literacy through art making. This programme combines the arts accessibility of our popular drop in 'Arts 4 Us' programme, with the individualised therapeutic support and small group size of our 'STARS' programme. Term 3 starts on 20th July. Due to the limited size of the group, prior registration is required, contact info@dancetherapy.co.nz.

Enabling Good Lives

Have you heard about this cross-government disability initiative in Waikato? [Click here](#) for information.

SK Clothing

A small home based business who sell bandanas, feeders and wheelchair capes for people with disabilities. SK Clothing was established around 12 years ago are now trying to grow the business and enable more people to find out about their products made here in New Zealand! [Click here](#) to view their Catalogue.

New Facebook group

Platform for all people in New Zealand who care for a family member. "The only guideline is kindness to each other." <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ICYCNZ/>

Massey University

Massey University are currently recruiting children with ASD aged between 2 1/2 and 6 1/2 years old to take part in the world's first randomly controlled research study with vitamin D and Omega-3 supplementation. Includes free assessment for your child worth \$800. To be part of this pioneering research register your interest at www.massey.ac.nz/vidoma. More information on the study along with contact details are available on the website and [click here](#) for the information sheet. "Like" the facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vidoma/>

GlowKids - offering a free assessment for your child

GlowKids are an Auckland based charitable trust and Ministry of Health contracted service provider delivering intensive therapy for young children (from birth to 6 years) with neurological motor disorders such as Cerebral Palsy and Global Development Delay. If you are concerned about your child's development, then contact them for a free assessment or to join their parent support network: info@glowkids.org.nz. Ph 09 845 8070

Health Click – health education specialists

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

Entertainment Books

Muscular Dystrophy Northern, NZORD and ADSA are advertising Entertainment books to help their fundraising efforts. [Click here](#) for the MDN flyer and [here](#) to have a preview of the book. Contact either MDN, or Christel van Baalen, ADSA (09) 527-0060 clo@adsa.org.nz or New Zealand Organisation for Rare Disorders, Lyndal Bremer (04) 471 2225 comms@nzord.org.nz and remember to reference your choice of organisation to support when registering your 2015/2016 Entertainment™ Membership. Integrated Neurological Rehabilitation are also advertising entertainment books for their fundraising efforts, please CONTACT: Stacey O'Gara, Integrated Neurological Rehabilitation Foundation, (09)8366830 info@inrf.org.nz

Health Passport feedback

Health Quality and Safety Commission Consumer Network is inviting feedback about the passport. The passport is a communication aid for people living with disabilities to use with their health care providers. It is to be filled out by a consumer or carer and outlines specific information about the person's disability or medical condition that will assist staff treating that person to provide the appropriate care. The passport has been used for a few years now and the consumer network is interested to hear from people who have used it, and to understand how effective it was in assisting staff to understand their needs. [Click here](#) to view questionnaire or visit their website: <http://www.hqsc.govt.nz/our-programmes/consumer-engagement/news-and-events/news/1989/>

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.

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.

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.

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 flyer, [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.

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.

NZORD news:

[*"Moving on from NZORD, but still involved in rare disease advocacy"*](#)

Scoop articles this fortnight:

[*"Top Māori musicians perform to raise funds for music therapy"*](#)

[*"The Cube changing attitudes for Youth Week"*](#)

[*"Auction with a Twist: Raising funds and changing thoughts"*](#)

[*"Stepping up for kids with special needs"*](#)

[*"More funding for TV captions to increase access"*](#)

[*"More support for disabled young people"*](#)

NEWSLETTERS

[ADSA](#) – latest newsletter

[Carers NZ](#) – latest news

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – March 2015

[Deaf Aotearoa](#) – March 2015 [Talk Hands](#) – Autumn Magazine

[Disability Information Service Fortnightly Sector Up-Date](#) – 19 March 2015

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

[Disability Support Network Regional](#) – March 2015 and [normal newsletter May 2015](#)

[Enable NZ](#) – Issue 1 March 2015

[Everyday OT](#) – May 2015

[Expressions](#) – Autumn 2015

[FASD](#) – update April 2015

[Health Quality & Safety Commission E-update](#) – March-April 2015

[Independent Living Service](#) - May 2015

[Integrated Neurological Rehabilitation Foundation](#) – April 2015

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) – May 2015

[Muscular Dystrophy Northern](#) – May 2015

[National Health IT Board](#) – April 2015

[News from the land of Be](#) – May 2015

[Numicon](#) – April 2015

[NZORD Newsletter](#) – April 2015

[Open for better care E-update](#) – April-May 2015

[Parent to Parent enews](#) – May 2015

[Positive Behaviour Support Newsletter](#) - Volume 1, April 2015

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – Term 2

[Spark Centre](#) – Quarterly Newsletter May 2015

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – April 2015

[Wilson Home e-news](#) – May 2015

[YES disability](#) – enews April 2015



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