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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.

SEMINARS/TRAINING

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 yet exciting prospect. As well as giving you information in our recent April 2015 Networker Magazine we are also offering seminars for you to attend and get information. Note, this seminar is available at the actual Transition Expo (4th August) as well as the dates in the linked flier (daytime and evening options). 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

Manawanui Workshop: Sexuality and Relationships Auckland 24 June 6.30-9pm

This workshop is for families seeking to gain a better understanding of the importance of sexuality and intimate relationships for young disabled people and how to provide appropriate information and supports. [Click here](#) to view brochure for the details and [here](#) how to register (essential).

Transition Expo 2015 – new venue Mt. Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road, Mt. Eden

The 2015 Transition Expo will take place on Tuesday 4th August (9am till 2pm) at Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road, Mt. Eden. **Please note this new venue** (due to circumstances beyond our control). 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 including map link to venue and parking areas.

GlowKids Occupational Therapy

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.

GlowKids Occupational Therapy is offering a free Sensory workshop for parents. The workshop will include an explanation of Occupational Therapy and Sensory Integration as well as what our service offers. We are also offering a free consultation with our senior Occupational Therapist. The workshop will be held on the 27th of June at 10.30am at 13 Coyle Street, Sandringham. Please contact us on 09 845 8070 or info@glowkids.org.nz to reserve a seat.

Parent to Parent & Altogether Autism Network meeting 23 June 9.30-12pm

[Click here](#) to find out more about this meeting, information and guest speakers.

Altogether Autism Conference 22 - 23 July

If you relate to people on the autism spectrum in your work or personal life, or if you're on the autism spectrum yourself, this conference is for you. Its focus is to help you be upskilled, educate and aware, and the amazing line up of guest speakers are covering a wide range of topics. [Click here](#) to view flier

ADSA Success in School course 3 August and 10 August

Auckland Down Syndrome Association are again running their Success in School-course (over two days), on Monday 3 and Monday 10 August, venue T.B.A. but most likely Waipuna Hotel in Mt Wellington. [Click here](#) for information regarding this 2-day course. To book please email clo@adsa.org.nz with the names, position and contact details of the people attending. This course is aimed at all teaching staff (SENCO's, teachers, teacher aides, specialist staff, occupational therapists and parent educators).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Programmes for children/youth with a disability – Papakura and Three Kings

Disability Connect is pleased to offer places available on our two holiday programmes at Rosehill Special School, Papakura and Sunnydene Special School in Three Kings. Both programmes charge 1x Carer Support Day plus \$20 activity costs per day of attendance. Rosehill programme is open to students aged 5yrs to 21yrs and the Sunnydene programme is open to students aged 12-21yrs. Contact Disability Connect for further information on 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

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.

NOTICES

Spark Centre - upcoming Exhibition 9 June- 19 July, opening night June 8th

Spark Centre of Creative Development is a creative space based in Auckland that provides programmes and activities in visual arts practice, creative expression, dance-movement, and art therapy for people living with disability and diversity. The exhibition Hush and Hum presents some of the different approaches to storytelling and constructing narrative, within recent works by individuals from the community of artists who practice at Spark Centre. [Click here](#) to view flier.

Maternity Service Consultation

Auckland and Waitemata District Health Boards are planning to improve the maternity services and is going to have a public consultation in Mid-July. If you would like to know more information, please contact office@waitekerehealthlink.org.nz and have a [look at the flier](#).

Position vacant: Asian consumer representative on the Health and Disability Commission's (HDC) Consumer Advisory Group

The Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC) has an Asian consumer representative position vacant on its Consumer Advisory Group (CAG). HDC invites Waitemata DHB to nominate any potentially suitable candidates. The Consumer Advisory Group was first established in 2003 to be a representative group of health and disability service consumer stakeholders, who advise HDC, and provide feedback on strategic and operational issues in the sector. CAG is made up of approximately 10-12 Members, who meet 2 to 3 times a year in Wellington, and from time to time participate in teleconference discussions. CAG Members are paid to attend a full-day meeting and have all reasonable travel and accommodation costs relating to the meetings covered. They are looking for candidates for the Asian consumer position who have strong connections with their local community, experience of using health and/or disability services, have good strategic and analytical skills, and who communicate and work well in a group setting. [Click here](#) to view Position description and [here](#) for term of reference. Contact: Juliana Carvalho Juliana.Carvalho@hdc.org.nz

The Ministry of Health has asked the NGO Health & Disability Network to share the following information

New government regulations made under the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 will require state-funded organisations who work with children to have all their paid children's workforce safety checked. Phase one, beginning on 1 July 2015, will require state-funded employers to ensure new core children's workers starting a job with them as employees or contractors are safety checked before they start work.

Thanks you to all those who provided feedback on the Regulations and Guidelines recently - we were pleased to note that a number of your suggestions were included in the final products.

Please note work is still progressing on the establishment of a screening agent that could complete safety checking on behalf of groups/individuals such as Lead maternity Carers and Locums who do not have "usual" employment arrangements.

More information can be found on the Children's Action Plan website:

<http://www.childrensactionplan.govt.nz/childrens-workforce/safety-checking-and-the-workforce-restriction/>

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

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.

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.

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

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/>

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

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.

Enabling Good Lives

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

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.

Scoop articles this fortnight:

["Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Statistics on the Rise"](#)

["NZRDA National Training Seminar a record-setting success"](#)

["Front-up for the Hard of Hearing"](#)

["Founding Sign Language Board appointed"](#)

["Defining by disability unhelpful"](#)

["Leasing Could Be Key to Solving Home Affordability Challenge"](#)

NEWSLETTERS

[ADSA](#) – latest newsletter

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – June 2015

[Deaf Aotearoa](#) – May/June 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 2 June 2015

[Everyday OT](#) – May 2015

[Expressions](#) – Winter 2015

[FASD](#) – update April 2015

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

[Healthline news](#) – May 2015

[Independent Living Service](#) - May 2015

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

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

[Muscular Dystrophy Northern](#) – May 2015

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

[Numicon](#) – April 2015

[NZORD Newsletter](#) – April 2015

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

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

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

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – June 2015 – **new layout and style!**

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

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – May 2015 and [June 2015](#)

[Tani Newsletter](#) – June 2015

[Wilson Home e-news](#) – June 2015

[YES disability](#) – enews April 2015



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