

Easterseals Regional Pediatric Center
212 Barney Dr.
Joliet, IL 60435

April
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Autism Newsletter



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Summer Groups! Fine motor boot camp and picky eaters groups available this summer.
- Illinois Respite Coalition available in 25 Illinois counties.
- Forest Preserve Events for the family—outdoor fun!



EASTERSEALS JOLIET REGION (ESJR) EVENTS

ESJR Parents Raising Children with Autism Support Group

Wednesday, May 4th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm **VIRTUAL**

Free event. Come connect with other parents to share and ask questions. New PM schedule!

Email ahann@joliet.easterseals.com for the NEW ZOOM link invitation.

Easterseals Joliet Region provides exceptional services, education, outreach, and advocacy so that veterans, people living with autism and other disabilities can live, learn, work and play in our communities.

Free Pediatric Mental Health Screening

Easterseals 212 Barney Rd., Joliet, IL 60435

Free event mental health screenings at Easterseals Joliet Region or virtual for ages 1 to 17 years old. Meet with a social worker and complete a mental health screening. Clients will be provided with resources. In person or virtual screenings by appointment only. Call Laura Gardner at 815-927-5466.

JUMP START

Parent Village Series

Thursday, April 28th

05:30 PM—7:00 PM

515 E North St., Bradley, IL 60915

Parents coming together for a 4 week series to foster community, forge collectively identity, and leave inspired to fight for change.

Preschool Storytime

Friday, April 29th

11:00 AM —11:00 AM

Central Citizen's Library

1134 3100 N C, Clifton, IL

Join us for book reading and a craft. Ages 0-5.

Monday Morning Mayhem

Monday, May 2nd

9:00 AM—10:00 AM

515 E North St., Bradley, IL

Focused play with Jump Start!

Gross motor skills!

Virtual Screenings

Thursday, April 21st

8:00 AM—3:30 PM

Open to the public! This questionnaire screens your child (ages 1 month—5 years) for developmental delays. Link:

<https://forms.gle/jKCPMq8736aUMweK6>



Easterseals Joliet Region Summer groups 2022

GROUPS RUN JUNE 13th - August 5th

Call Alicia at 815-207-6071 to register today!

We offer all groups for \$150. Each group meets once a week for one hour with multiple Easterseals therapists. There is a maximum of two groups allowed per child.

Mommy and Me Sensory Play

Bring your infant or toddler to this group to learn new, fun ways to interact with your young child while stimulating their different senses.

Ages: 0-3

Time: Mondays at 9:00-10:00

Let's Play!

A play-based group for toddlers and preschool aged children. This group will also work to enhance fine motor skills, and gross motor skills

Ages: 2-5

Time: Tuesdays 9:00-10:00

Adapted Gymnastics

This fun group will incorporate floor, beam, and bar gymnastics activities to enhance fine motor skills, gross motor skills, sensory processing, motor planning, upper body strength, and so much more.

Age: 4-6

Time: Wednesdays 1:00-2:00

Picky Eaters

Picky Eaters Group is designed for individuals who have a limited food list.

****Children must be able to safely self-feed, do not have swallow concerns, and have basic communication skills.**

Group 1: 4-6 years old 9:30-10:30 Wednesdays

Group 2: 7-9 years old 2:30-3:30 Wednesdays

Sensory Exploration Play Therapy Group

Children will be exposed to a variety of sensory input through carefully designed activities encouraging development across all areas.

Age: 5-10

Time: Fridays 9:30 – 1:30

Sports Group

This group will allow children the opportunity to learn about and participate in various sports to enhance fine motor and gross motor skills, motor planning, social skills and so much more.

Age: 5-10

Time: Tuesdays 2:00-3:00

Fine Motor Bootcamp

Fine Motor Bootcamp is a fun way to help children work the muscles of the hand and fingers to help build strength and coordination to hold a pencil, cut, dress themselves, and so much more.

Age: 5-10

Time: Tuesdays 12:00-1:00

Zones of Regulation Group

This group will focus on teaching children the skills needed to identify and address their emotional and sensory needs by using strategies to help regulate themselves.

Ages: 5-10

Time: Mondays 3:00-4:00

FINANCIAL

C.A.R.E Foundation—Grant Opportunity

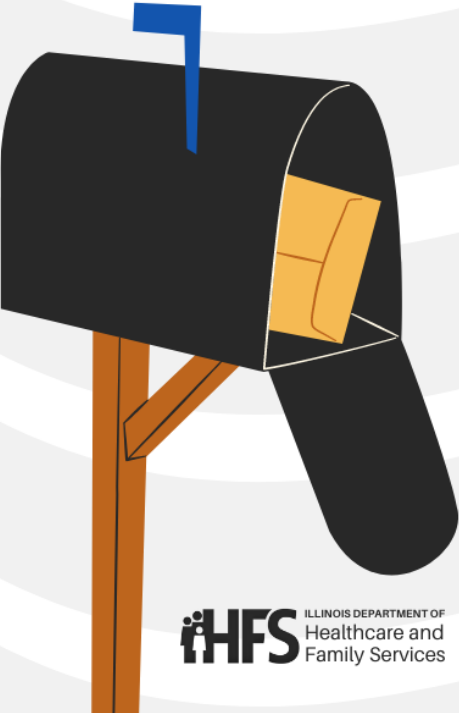
<https://careautismfoundation.com/family-funds/>

CARE Grant Program is for helping families with medication, autism diagnosis/evaluation, therapy session (including speech, OT and ABA,) autism summer camps.

Please note that all grants awarded are paid directly to the vendor or service provider to pay for tuition, supplements, medication, medical evaluation, testing, therapies, etc.


Anybody who has a child diagnosed with autism, lives within the US and has an income level less than \$75,000 per year for the entire household can apply to this grant. Before the grant is awarded, proof of ASD diagnosis from medical professional as well as IRS Tax forms indicating the household income need to be provided.


Call 1(833) 222-ICAN for more information.




MEDICAID MEMBER!

Updating your address is easy, fast and free

 **CALL 877.805.5312 OR TTY: 877.204.1012**
MON-FRI 7:45AM - 4:30PM

 **WWW2.ILLINOIS.GOV/HFS/ADDRESS**

 ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
Healthcare and
Family Services

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ILLINOIS RESPITE COALITION



DON'T SWEAT IT: WE HAVE RESPITE

RESPITE for Caregivers!

Open to individuals with a diagnosis of Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy or an intellectual/ developmental disability are eligible for this program at no cost to the family. In-home program is funded through a DHS respite grant, serving over 25 counties in Illinois.

Contact at 866-ILL-RESP ext. 104
Email: irc.programassistant@gmail.com



ABA Therapy

Targeted Skills

- Pragmatic Language
- Social Skills
- Executive Functioning
- Emotional Regulation
- Vocational Skills
- Adaptive Skills
- Self-Management Strategies
- Caregiver & Peer Training

provides individualized home, school, and community based ABA therapy services designed for school aged children and adolescents on the autism spectrum.



Autism
Family
Partnership

**Request a
Free Consultation
(314) 240-2031**



Flower Pretzel Bites



1. Preheat oven to 250



2. Place parchment paper on a baking sheet



3. Place pretzels on parchment paper



4. Place Hershey Kisses on each pretzel



5. Place in the oven for 5 minutes



6. Take out of the oven and place an M&M in the middle of the pretzel



7. Place 6 M&M's in a different color around the center M&M



8. Place in the fridge for 15 minutes and enjoy





773-765-3158 to register

Services for People with Disabilities (SFPD)

presents a free Community Education Workshop

Physical Therapy for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities: Why it's Important and Beneficial for Children

When: Tuesday, April 26th, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Where: Online via Zoom



Scholarships to SUMMER CAMP For an Entire WEEK!!!

Required Restrictions Applied

SPECIAL CAMPS HORSEBACK RIDING CAMP

For Children & Adults living with Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities Only!

A week of swimming, archery, sports, horseback riding, grooming and painting activities, crafts, water sports, "gold mining", field games, songs and dance in a structured setting, under trained adult supervision. Evening entertainment encourages social skills and interaction through play which includes hayrides, bingo, campfire songs and dancing.

Sunday-Friday, June 5th to June 10th – (Adult Campers ages 24 and up)

Sunday-Friday, June 12th to June 17th (for ages 8-23)

Sunday -Friday, June 19th – June 24th (Adult campers ages 24 up)

For More Information Call:

The Answer Inc.—(708)296-5651

Email at dvines@theanswerinc.org

Web: www.theanswerinc.org

There are LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS...First Come First Served!!!



17540 W. Laraway Road
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8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Weekdays

HIKING WITH YOUR HOUND: SPRING WILDFLOWERS

EVENT INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, 05/04/2022

Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Fee: Free!

Age: All ages.

Contact Phone: 815-722-9470

Location: McKinley Woods – Frederick's Grove

FIRST TIME FISHING

EVENT INFORMATION

Date: Saturday, 05/21/2022

Time: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Fee: \$3 per person.

Age: Ages 7 and older.

Contact Phone: 708-534-8499

Location: Monee Reservoir Visitor Center

FLOWERS FOR MOM

EVENT INFORMATION

Date: Saturday, 05/07/2022

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Fee: Free!

Age: All ages.

Contact Phone: 815-886-1467

Location: Isle a la Cache Museum

FREE FISHING FOR FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

EVENT INFORMATION

Date: Friday, 06/17/2022

Time: 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Fee: Free!

Age: All ages.

Contact Phone: 708-534-8499

Location: Monee Reservoir Visitor Center

GET READY FOR SPRING AND SUMMER!

ACG offers opportunities for inclusive climbing to all ages and abilities in their regular programming indoors and outdoors. No prior experience required. Events are open to parents, friends, and other family members.

Contact chicago@adaptiveclimbinggroup.org for more information or visit <https://www.adaptiveclimbinggroup.org/kids>



ACG Kids

In addition to our regular indoor programming, we organize group events specifically for young climbers. Parents, friends, and other family members are encouraged to attend and participate!

Registration for the 2022 Spring Season is now open!

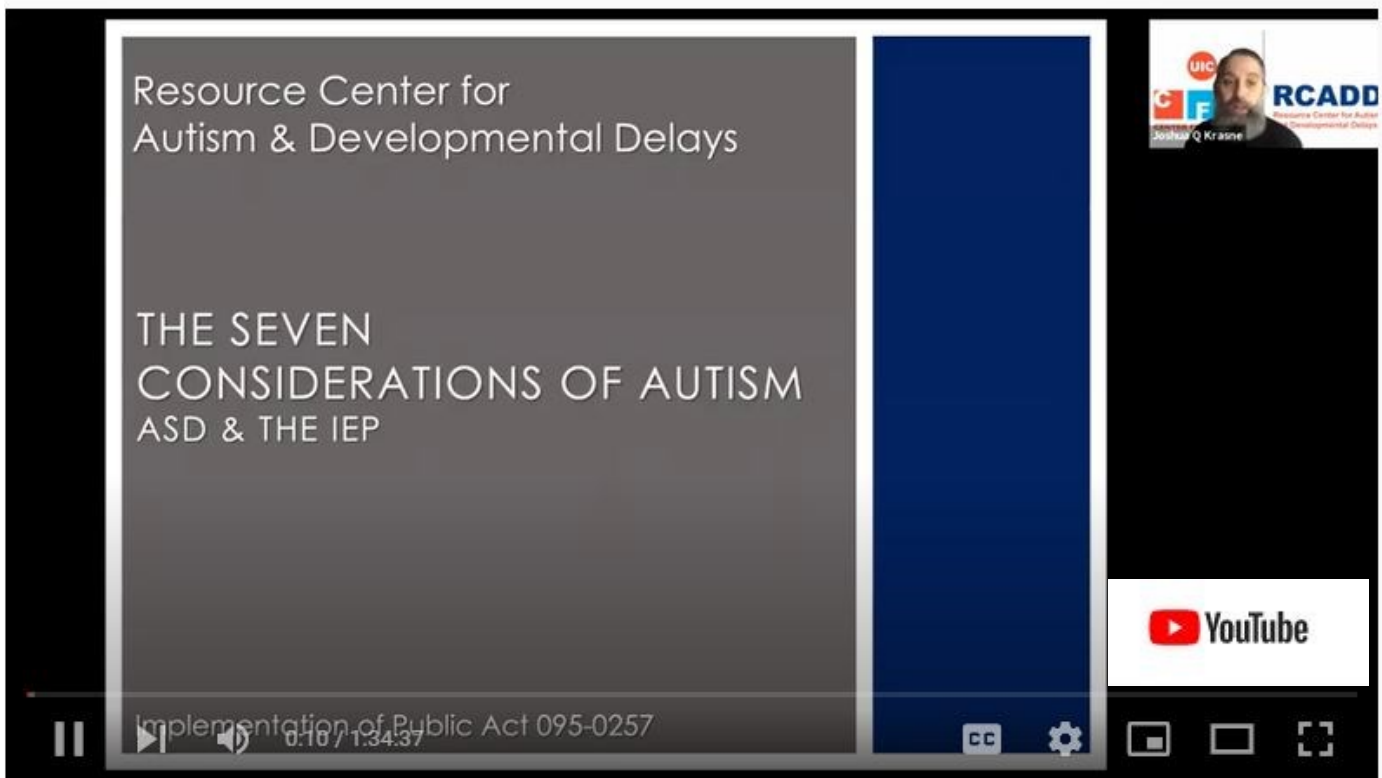
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

The Miracle History
The Miracle League Organization began in 1998 in Georgia. Coaches there saw the special needs children sitting on the sidelines and needed to do something to enable those children a chance to play baseball. So, a rubberized turf field was built and the rest is history. Today there are over 285 fields we are proud to be one of those. Miracle League of Joliet has served over 2000 children since 2008. We hope your son or daughter will join us!



THE MIRACLE LEAGUE
OF JOLIET
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815-258-3799

VIDEOS



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A photograph of two young children sitting at a table in a classroom. The child on the left is a girl with dark curly hair, wearing a pink shirt with a sun design. The child on the right is a boy with light hair, wearing a red shirt. They are both looking down at something on the table. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a hiring advertisement for Easterseals Joliet Region Early Child Care Center. The advertisement has a green header with the organization's name and a blue section with the text "WE'RE HIRING!" and a list of job details.

easterseals Joliet Region Early Child Care Center

WE'RE HIRING!

- EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS AND ASSISTANT TEACHERS
- \$1,000 SIGN ON BONUS
- FULL AND PART TIME HOURS AVAILABLE
- CALL 815-725-3362 OR EMAIL MDOCKERY@JOLIET.EASTERSEALS.COM

Contact mdockery@joliet.easterseals.com for more information.