

Save the Dates!

BRIDGES Parent Trainings for 2010-2011

For parents of children with special needs and concerns



- October 4, 2010:** **Communication as a Second Language: Bridge the gap of communication between home and school. NEW DYNAMIC SPEAKER!** Kim Miller, Superintendent for Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities, will help parents and professionals understand why communication fails and what we can do to improve communication. **Parents and Professionals Welcome! Register by September 27th**
- November 8, 2010:** **Going Places with A Standards-Based IEP: Learn how IEPs should look, including measurable Goals and Objectives and Specially Designed Instruction.** Sue Bitsko, a consultant with State Support Team 13, will share ODE's latest tool for writing effective IEPs. The discussion will review requirements related to academic and behavior needs, social skills, and independent living skills. **Register by November 1st**
- December 6, 2010:** **How to talk with your children about Sexuality:** Discover your comfort zone with this topic and where that leads you in discussions with your child. How do you help your child understand the changes occurring within their bodies in a way they can understand? Learn tips on helping your child to form healthy, safe relationships. Our presenter, Barb Thomas, is the Executive Director of The TALL Institute and the Director of TECS, Education Center. She is certified through AASECT, the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists and provides healthy sexuality education that assists individuals to make safe and happy choices for themselves. **Register by November 29th**
- January 31, 2011:** **Technology and Free Online Resources:** District related Service Providers and Intervention Specialists will present an overview of resources for families and professionals. Some of the resources to be highlighted are: ipod applications and how to use them as a communication device, smart pen, tools to help your struggling writer, digital texts, online books and magazines, online resources for switch users, online stories and games. **Register by January 24th**
- March 7, 2011** **Your Life: Ready, Set Go! Planning for Transition:** Linda McDowell, Parent Mentor in Middletown School District, will present an overview of transition and how to prepare your child for the adult world. She will present a transition card activity that you can use with your child to aid in this overwhelming transition. It's never too early to start thinking about transition even if your child is still in Elementary school. **Register by February 28th**
- April 11, 2011** **Snow Date**
- At: Nagel Middle School: Media Center 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**
1500 Nagel Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45255 **Free Pizza Provided thanks to Mio's Pizza**

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