ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER, 2004

Workshops, Conferences, Events

Dec 4 – NIAD Holiday Art Sale from 2 – 5 p.m.; also featuring Maya’s Music. At NIAD Art Center, 551- 23rd Street, Richmond.

Dec. 8 – M.I.N.D. Institute’s 2005 Distinguished Lecturer Series, “The Autistic Brain: Birth through Adulthood” at 4:00 p.m.; and “What Goes Wrong in Brain Development in Autism?” at 6:00 p.m. at U.C. Davis. For information call (916) 703-0280, or visit their Web site at www.mindinstitute.org.

The Dale Law Firm will host a series of free workshops on limited conservatorships and special-needs trusts in their Walnut Creek and San Francisco offices. The dates are:

Saturday, 4 December, 2004 Special Needs Trusts 10 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, 8 January, 2005 Special Needs Trusts 10 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, 8 January, 2005 Limited Conservatorships 1 PM to 3 PM
Saturday, 5 February, 2005 Special Needs Trusts 10 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, 5 February, 2005 Limited Conservatorships 1 PM to 3 PM
Saturday, 26 March, 2005 Special Needs Trusts 10 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, 23 April, 2005 Special Needs Trusts 10 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, 23 April, 2005 Limited Conservatorships 1 PM to 3 PM

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Call Bahar at (925) 280-0172 for information, to confirm dates, or to reserve a space.

Dec. 12 – California Autism Foundation’s “21st Annual Holiday Banquet”, from noon – 4 p.m. Contact Casandra Perkins at 510 – 758-0433.

Dec. 20 – Consumer Art Contest, deadline date for submitting drawing. The Area Board 4, 16th Legislative Forum would like to use a consumer drawing of the California State Capitol Building, or Roman or Greek columns which would represent legislative and government activity. Winning drawing will receive $50, and five honorable mention awards will each receive $5.00. Drawings should be submitted to Richard Ruge at North Bay Regional Center, 2351 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Jan 20 – Sacramento, and Jan 25 – Oakland, Child Care and Development State Budget Policy Workshops. Sacramento location KVIE, Channel 6, 2595 Capitol Oaks Drive; Oakland location, Preservation Park Nile Hall, 668- 13th Street, Oakland, CA 94612. $120 if registered before 1/7, and $130 thereafter.
Feb. 2-5 – 23rd Annual Cal-TASH Conference “You’re Gonna Love This…” a conference for parents, consumers, educators, adult service providers, and others concerned about quality of life for individuals with disabilities. Manhattan Beach Marriott. For information e-mail mar41349@aol.com.

Resources

The Ultimate Gift Program, United Cerebral Palsy of the Golden Gate is providing gift certificates this holiday season for adaptive toys. Families or care providers must complete a gift certificate application for a certificate. All Forms must be mailed to UCP by December 5, 2004. Call (510) 832-7430 ext. 117 for more information or to request a gift certificate application.

The California Chapter of the National Autism Association serving West Contra Costa County and Alameda County is offering an Autism Spectrum Parent Support Group on the first and third Mondays of each month. Meetings are held in Pt. Richmond. For information call 510-237-9454.

University of the Pacific School of Dentistry has a variety of services available for people with developmental disabilities, beginning with infants and continuing through adulthood. Located in San Francisco they are able to serve the greater Bay Area and beyond. They are currently developing a manual which has developed prevention protocols for infants and toddlers. To become informed about their services and programs: www.pacificspecialcare.org/contact_us.htm or by phone 415-749-3384 or fax 415-749-3399.

Through the Looking Glass has started a new Support Group for parents with physical or visual disabilities. Dinner and Child Care are provided. For information call 510-848-1112, TTY 800-804-1616 or visit www.lookingglass.org

Mt. Diablo Adult Education is offering a new course “Academics for Everyday Living” focused on Adults with Learning Challenges. It has an Open Entry/Exit. To pre-register phone 925-685-7340 ext. #2747. Course is #050310.

“Pushing Limits” is a rare opportunity to hear voices of bay area people who live with disability and is featured on KPFA-FM (94.1) on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month from 6:30 – 7 p.m. They are inviting members of the disability community to listen to the show and to come and participate in producing the show. If interested, leave a message at 510-848-6767 ext. 636.

The Housing Consortium of the East Bay has a new Executive Director, Alan Saunders. He can be reached at 510-383-1303 or asaunders@rceb.org

Pacific ADA and IT Center provides a wealth of information and technical assistance on accessibility and other ADA issues. To access them by web go to www.pacdbtac.org or phone 1-800-949-4232.

DawnSignPress provides a catalogue with high quality and effective ASL, Interpreting, and Deaf Studies materials. For a copy, go to their web site at www.dawnsign.com.
**Parent Outreach California** is designed to help parents access local parenting resources through a toll-free 800 number and a website with a searchable database of over 10,000 parent resources. To find out more call 1-800-901-4565, or go to their website at [www.parentoutreach.org](http://www.parentoutreach.org)