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HELP US TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU!
To update your mailing address and receive important news via email and our newsletter, please email: 
autism.services@tillinc.org

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Resources

Check out our Website at www.tillinc.org!
You can find this monthly newsletter at 
www.tillinc.org/services/autism-support-center

The Autism Insurance Resource Center (AIRC) at 
UMass Medical School assists with issues related to 
accessing insurance coverage for autism treatment. For 
more information, visit: www.massairc.org or call 774- 
455-4056. Hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-5 pm.

Massachusetts Autism Commission’s Resource 
Guides for families on Turning Three, School-Aged 
Youth 3-14 with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and 
Transition-Aged Youth and Young Adults with ASD ages 
14-22 are available in several languages by visiting: 
www.mass.gov/autism-resources-for-families

TILL’s Autism Support Center is here to 
support you!

Our newsletter this month again has links for virtual 
tours, live streams, fitness programs, online events and 
more that can provide you and your child with 
something fun and educational to do! As always, we 
are here for you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to 
any of our support center staff.

Virtual Support Group Meetings

Dorchester Neighborhood Group Virtual Meeting 
on the 2nd Thursday of the month starting at 5:30pm. 
Register with Elizabeth at: elizabeth.boakye@tillinc.org 

DNG Meeting for this month – 10/8/2020

Caring Heart Neighborhood Group in Somerville 
Virtual Meeting (primarily for Haitian Creole speaking 
families) every Sunday at 8pm. New Dad’s Group 
every 3rd Sunday of the month at 8pm. Contact Louise 
Dominique at 978-335-0183 or: ldoninique@ymail.com

Somalian Neighborhood Group Virtual Meeting 
(Primarily for Somali Families) every 2nd Tuesday of the 
month at 8pm. Contact Asha Abdullahi at: 
asha.abdullahi35@gmail.com

A link on how to join these meetings will be 
emailed to you when you register.

Massachusetts Advocates for Children (MAC) is 
available to support parents during this time. Questions 
about special education services? Call the MAC Helpline 
at 617-357-8431 x3224. You can also visit their COVID- 
19 webpage for tips & resources: 
https://www.massadvocates.org/covid19

Important Notice — Please Read!

An important message to Massachusetts Families of Children under Age 9 with a diagnosis of Autism 
Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The 2020 Autism Waiver Program Open Interest Period will be held 
October 16-31, 2020. The one (1) page application request form for 2020 must be postmarked or 
emailed between these dates in order to be considered. Previous applicants must resubmit an 
application for 2020. Applications are available in several languages. For information and to apply, visit: 
https://www.mass.gov/lists/dds-autism-waiver-service-program-apw-open-interest-period-2020
Ideas for Activities At Home

Each week, the Big Apple Circus posts a different circus activity on their site for all kids to participate in. [https://bigapplecircus.com/events/](https://bigapplecircus.com/events/)

Compilation of art activities for kids: [https://totallythebomb.com/12-fun-art-classes-your-kids-can-take-free-from-the-comfort-of-your-home](https://totallythebomb.com/12-fun-art-classes-your-kids-can-take-free-from-the-comfort-of-your-home)

Listings of daily, virtual at-home events for all age groups: [https://communitykangaroo.com/](https://communitykangaroo.com/)

Library story time every weekday at 11 am (Facebook): [https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynPublicLibraryFamily](https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynPublicLibraryFamily)

AANE Online “Open” Netflix Watch Party for Adults, 10/8/20, 6 pm – 9 pm. Open to any adult with an Aspergers/Autism profile. To participate in this event you need a Netflix account and must pre-register. Contact Nick Gallop at: nick.gallop@aane.org

AANE Virtual Game Night: October 26, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Free, but advanced registration is required and there is only space for 22 players! This event is open to any post-high school adult on the spectrum anywhere. Contact Nick Gallop at: nick.gallop@aane.org

Registration closes one day prior to the meeting date.

Note: Early registration is highly recommended for AANE events due to limited capacity.

The Circle of Vietnamese Parents Present: A series of conversations with the Circle of Vietnamese Parents every Tuesday in October. The Zoom link to access these conversations is: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6570801435](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6570801435)

In addition, they will continue to provide the following until further notice. For more information, contact Oanh Bui at: vongtaychameviet@gmail.com

Every Tuesday at 11 am: emotional support for parents: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/306454964](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/306454964)

Every Wednesday at 7 pm: Drum Live: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/196943028](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/196943028)

Every Saturday at 10 am: Music Therapy: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/925545331](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/925545331)

Every Sunday at 2 pm: Youth Group: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85313504078](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85313504078)

Join TILL’s Autism Support Center for These October Events!

A link on how to join will be emailed to you when you register.

Moving & Mindfulness
Friday 10/16/20 – 3:30 pm
Zoom Bingo
Friday 10/30/20 – 3:30 pm
For ages 13-22+

To register, contact autism.services@tillinc.org

Zoom Halloween Movie Night!
Disney’s Hocus Pocus
Friday 10/23/20 at 6:00 pm
For All Ages!

RSVP by 10/16/20 by emailing: autism.services@tillinc.org

Fitness

Movement & mindfulness videos, activities: [https://www.gonoodle.com/](https://www.gonoodle.com/)

Free fitness video classes from the YMCA: [https://ymca360.org/on-demand#](https://ymca360.org/on-demand#)

Resources

BMC Autism Program offers a free parent-to-parent phone matching program for parents/caregivers of individuals with autism (you do not need to be a patient at BMC to access this program): [https://www.bmc.org/pediatrics-autism-program/services/parent-leadership-autism-network-plan](https://www.bmc.org/pediatrics-autism-program/services/parent-leadership-autism-network-plan)

COVID DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) hotline email and phone number. For questions about what services schools are providing at this time, call (781) 338 3700 or email: COVID19K12ParentInfo@mass.gov

Boston Children’s Hospital Resources for Families: [http://www.childrenshospital.org/conditions-and-treatments/conditions/c/coronavirus](http://www.childrenshospital.org/conditions-and-treatments/conditions/c/coronavirus)

Planning packet to prepare for a hospital stay: [https://extapps.childrenshospital.org/EFPEC/Home/Sheet/6253](https://extapps.childrenshospital.org/EFPEC/Home/Sheet/6253)

Educational Resources:

Boston Public Library
[https://www.bpl.org/ecard/](https://www.bpl.org/ecard/)

[https://www.bpl.org/online-resources/](https://www.bpl.org/online-resources/)

Child Mind Institute:

GREAT collection of learning experiences/daily activities by grade/subject by Common Sense Media. Easy daily schedules. Special needs inclusive [https://wideopenschool.org/student-activities/grades-3-5/](https://wideopenschool.org/student-activities/grades-3-5/)

Virtual tours of 600+ colleges & universities in the US: [https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/](https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/)

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TILL’S AUTISM SUPPORT CENTER invites you to

MOVING AND MINDFULNESS on Friday, 10/16/20

&

Zoom Bingo! on Friday, 10/30/20

Both events will be at 3:30PM for ages 13-22+. To register, contact: autism.services@tillinc.org

Details on how to participate will be provided when you register

Hope to see you soon!
Till’s Autism Support Center invites you to

**Zoom Halloween Movie Night**

Featuring

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 23RD**

at 6PM

Goodies will be provided if you RSVP by 10/16/20 at autism.services@tillinc.org