



## TILL's Autism Support Center (ASC) Staff

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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](mailto:autism.services@tillinc.org)

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## Resources

TILL lists helpful resources on our website.

Check out our **NEW Website** at [www.tillinc.org](http://www.tillinc.org)!

To view **camp, medical and dental provider** listings, visit: [www.tillinc.org/uploads/ASC\\_Resource\\_links.pdf](http://www.tillinc.org/uploads/ASC_Resource_links.pdf).

**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](http://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](http://www.mass.gov/autism-resources-for-families)

## TILL's Autism Support Groups in Your Neighborhood

### Vietnamese Neighborhood Group

Third Tuesday of the month

Dorchester House, 6-8 pm  
1353 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester  
Register with Oanh Bui: 617-399-8328

### Dorchester Neighborhood Group at BGCD

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month

1135 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester  
Light dinner and childcare available  
Contact Nichole at: [nicholebarros70@gmail.com](mailto:nicholebarros70@gmail.com)  
**For this month, we will be meeting on Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### Chelsea Neighborhood Group, Espanol

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 9-10 am (Sept-June)

151 Everett Avenue, Chelsea, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Register with Bonnie at: [bfishman@partners.org](mailto:bfishman@partners.org);  
or call 617-887-3817.

### East Boston Neighborhood Group

Samuel Adams School (Sept-June)  
165 Webster Street, Rm. 9, East Boston. Register with Jill at: [jfabbrucci@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:jfabbrucci@bostonpublicschools.org)

## Dorchester Neighborhood Group Paint Night

Take a break and join us for **Paint Night at the Dorchester Boys and Girls Club.**

Tuesday 3/12/19, 6:30-8 pm. FREE! Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to [nicholebarros70@gmail.com](mailto:nicholebarros70@gmail.com)

## TILL Neighborhood Groups

**Please be advised:**

**TILL's Snow Policy for Neighborhood Group Meetings during the months of February-April will follow the Boston Public Schools' Cancellation Schedule.**

**Thank you to all of our families who participated in February Vacation Week events. Great fun was had by all who attended Launch Trampoline Park and Boston Bowl. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!**

## TILL Events

### YMCA West Roxbury Sensory Swim

Sunday afternoons, 1:30-2:30 pm. **Free.**

Email: [ksalisbury@ymcaboston.org](mailto:ksalisbury@ymcaboston.org); or call 617-323-3200, x348 Email: [autism.services@tillinc.org](mailto:autism.services@tillinc.org).

## March Happenings

### Museum of Fine Arts Boston's Beyond the Spectrum (BTS) Art Class. **Saturday, March 2, 2019**

**10:30 am–12:30 pm for ages 8-12 and March 16, for ages 13 plus.** Cost is \$9.00 per student and includes materials and Museum admission. Register at [artfulhealing@mfa.org](mailto:artfulhealing@mfa.org).

**Boston Children's Museum Morningstar Access** offers children with special or medical needs the opportunity to enjoy the museum in an uncrowded environment at a reduced admission. Saturday March 23, 2019 from 6 pm to 8 pm - **Evening Edition!** For more information, visit: [www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org/Morningstar](http://www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org/Morningstar)

## Connecting to Care

**Rewarding Work** offers an online directory and job board to help people find and hire caregivers, support and respite workers, at home or in the community. Families served by DDS subscribe free when they register with the DDS access code: **ddsconnect**. Sponsored by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), RewardingWork.org can help you find qualified support staff and provide you with tools to hire the right person for your needs. Rewarding Work is an affiliate of TILL, Inc. For more information or to register, call 866-212-9675, or visit: [www.RewardingWork.org](http://www.RewardingWork.org)

## Save the Date in April!

**April School Vacation Week is 4/16-4/19/2019.** Stay tuned for more details about events in our April newsletter.

**Museum of Fine Arts Boston's Beyond the Spectrum (BTS) Art Class. **Saturday, April 6, 2019 10:30 am–12:30 pm for ages 8-12 and April 20, for ages 13 plus.** Cost is \$9.00 per student and includes materials and Museum admission. Register at [artfulhealing@mfa.org](mailto:artfulhealing@mfa.org).**

**The Revere SEPAC** is planning their **2nd Annual Walk for Autism**. It is Sunday, April 7th from 11-1p at the Revere High School fieldhouse.

**Boston Public Schools' 4th Annual Autism Luncheon:** A Showcase of Student Work and Resources. Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 10a-12n. Second Floor - School Committee Meeting Room, Bruce C. Bolling Building 2300 Washington Street Roxbury, MA 02119

**Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts (AFAM) presents Autism Advocacy Day** at the State House on Thursday 4/11/2019. Contact your State Legislator to make an appointment and to let them know how important services and supports are for your loved one(s) with autism.

### **Boston Children's Museum Morningstar Access**

offers children with special or medical needs the opportunity to enjoy the museum in an uncrowded environment at a reduced admission. Tuesday April 16, 2019 (MA school vacation week) from 8 am to 10 am – *admission* is \$8.50 per person. For more information, visit: [www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org/Morningstar](http://www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org/Morningstar)

### **The Women's Table of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston**

invites you to a retreat specifically geared for mothers of children with special needs. It will take place on Saturday, April 27th in Nahant, MA, with option to stay overnight on April 26th. RSVP to Mary Rita Weschler at 617-746-2056 or email [womens.table@csjbston.org](mailto:womens.table@csjbston.org).

## TILL Job Opportunities

Parents, family members and colleagues with experience caring for individuals with autism and/or developmental disabilities interested in consultation or work opportunities with TILL are encouraged to contact Joann Varnie at: [recruiter@tillinc.org](mailto:recruiter@tillinc.org)

## An Important Message regarding Autism CARES Act

The Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education and Support Act (Autism CARES) is the primary source of federal funding for autism research, services, training, and monitoring.

Because of the Autism CARES Act, over \$3.1 billion has been dedicated for autism to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Autism CARES also authorizes the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities programs which trains clinicians and service providers in critical skills needed to serve people with autism and their families.

**On February 7, Congress introduced the Autism CARES Act of 2019 (S.427/H.R.1058). Without enactment by September 30, 2019, funding for critical research and training programs could expire!**

We care about the Autism CARES Act of 2019 so that the following federal efforts and more can continue to advance research and services for people with autism across the spectrum and throughout the lifespan.

## You can take action:

**Please contact your representatives to let them know YOU care:**

**<http://takeaction.autism-society.org/app/write-a-letter?11&engagementId=496322>**