



Autism Support Center

Family Newsletter June 2021

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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 has **NEW** links for online events and more that can provide you and your child with something fun and educational to do! We continue to be here for you – please 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 5:30 pm. Register with Nichole Barros at:
nicholebarros70@gmail.com

DNG Meeting for this month – 6/10/2021

Caring Heart Neighborhood Group in Somerville Virtual Meeting (primarily for Haitian Creole speaking families) every 3rd Friday of the month at 7pm. Contact Louise Dominique at 978-335-0183 or:
ldoninique@ymail.com

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

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

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 MA DDS subscribe free when they register with the access code: [ddsconnect](#).** Rewarding Work is an affiliate of TILL, Inc. For more information or to register, call 866-212-9675 or visit: www.RewardingWork.org

Don't forget to register for our June events, listed on page 2!

Moving & Mindfulness! 6.4.21

Movie Night! 6.11.21

Zoom Bingo! 6.25.21

**Join TILL's Autism
Support Center
for these
June Zoom Events!**

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

Moving & Mindfulness

Friday 6/4/21 at 3:30 pm

Zoom Bingo

Friday 6/25/21 at 3:30 pm

For ages 13-22+

To register, contact
autism.services@tillinc.org

**Zoom Movie Night!
The Jungle Book**

Friday 6/11/2021 at 6:00 pm

For All Ages!

RSVP by 6/10/2021 to
autism.services@tillinc.org

June Happenings

Webinar, June 3, 2021, with the Massachusetts Sibling Support Network. Free. Sibling Support Program: A Family-Centered Mental Health Initiative is a program for caregivers and siblings for families in Massachusetts. This event is a collaboration of UMass Medical School, PPAL, MCPAP, and Greater Worcester Community Foundation. **Registration is required.**

Group meets on the first Thursday night of each month from 5:30pm-7:00pm. To reserve your spot, call 857-523-1145 or email emily.rubin@umassmed.edu. After signing an online consent form, you will receive an email with instructions to log into Zoom.

Museum of Fine Arts Boston's Beyond the Spectrum (BTS) Art Class. Saturday, June 5, 2021 10:30 am – 11:30 am for ages 8-12; and June 19, 10:30-11:30 am for ages 13 plus. **Cost is \$11.00 per student.** Online classes meet via Zoom. To receive a materials kit, please provide a mailing address when you purchase your ticket. Visit: www.mfa.org/programs/community-programs/beyond-the-spectrum Questions? Call 617-369-4027 or email: artfulhealing@mfa.org

AANE Virtual Game Nights: June 14 and June 28, 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. Registration closes one day prior to the meeting date. Contact Nick Gallop: nick.gallop@aane.org

Webinar, June 17, 2021, with the Autism / Aspergers Network in Watertown. This two-hour workshop will go over what you can expect raising a child/teen/young adult, up to 22, on the autism spectrum. Space is limited. **To register or for more information visit:** www.aane.org/event/online-open-aspergers-autism-101-a-workshop-for-parents-of-newly-diagnosed-children-teens-young-adults-through-age-22-6-17-21-700-pm-900-pm-et/ or contact 617-393-3824 x214 or email nancy.parker@aane.org.

The Circle of Vietnamese Parents will continue to provide the following online resources until further notice. For more information, contact Oanh Bui at: vongtaychameviet@gmail.com

Every Tuesday at 11am: emotional support for parents: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/306454964>

Every Wednesday at 7pm: Drum Live: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/196943028>

Every Saturday at 10am: Music Therapy: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/925545331>

Every Sunday at 1pm: Youth Group: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85313504078>

Resources

If you are looking for summer camp for your child, you can find some great information by visiting www.spedchildmass.com/camps-special-needs-massachusetts-autism-aspergers/

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

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 at www.massadvocates.org/covid-clearinghouse

USDA extends free school meals through June 2022
A federal program that has provided free school meals for millions of food-insecure children during the pandemic has been extended through the end of the 2021-22 academic year. For more information visit: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn>

Meal site information can also be found through Project Bread, at www.projectbread.org/get-help or by calling 1-800-645-8333.

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PRESENTS

ZOOM MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING

Disney THE JUNGLE BOOK

FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH
6PM

Please RSVP by June 10th at
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