

## UPCOMING UPC WEBINARS

### What is a webinar?

Webinars or web-conferencing refers to a service that allows a presenter to present information that is broadcast through the internet. Attendance for these events is offered at NO COST to the participant, pre-registration is requested. Participants for the upcoming UPC Webinars have the option of attending in-person or via webinar from their home or office. If you have questions, about these events, please call the Utah Parent Center at 801.272.1051 or toll-free at 1.800.468.1160.



#### Early Childhood Behavior Webinar

Monday, June 25, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.

This webinar is designed for families and caregivers of children ages 2-4 years old. Topics covered will include: Basic behavior, principles of behavior, and reasons that challenging behavior happen. This webinar will be presented by Amy Peters, Early Childhood Specialist from the Utah Personnel Development Center

To register to attend in person: <http://conta.cc/MI72n8>

To register to attend online: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/147560566>



#### Autism and the Early Years: A Point in the Right Direction - Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.

This webinar is designed for families and caregivers of children ages 2 to 3 years old who live with the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Topics covered will include: Diagnosis-Where Do We Go from Here?, What About School?, and The Wise Consumer in the World of ASD.

This workshop will be presented by Tina Persels, Parent Consultant of Utah Family Voices Health Information Center.

To register to attend in person: <http://conta.cc/MIacHq>

To register to attend online: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/975977718>

## ♥ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR ALL UTAHNS: PREPARING YOUR FAMILY

Join Utah Family Voices on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for this FREE workshop that will help in preparing your whole family for emergencies including your child with disabilities or special health needs. Training will be held at the Utah Parent Center and Utah Family Voices office at 230 West 200 South, Suite 1101, Salt Lake City, Utah. Pre-registration for this event is requested. Click here for printable flyer.

Please call 801.272.1051 or register online at <http://conta.cc/MCdbl>

## ARE YOU A REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE FOR SOMEONE ON SSI OR SSDI?

If you are a Representative Payee for someone and want to learn more about responsibilities, resources and Social Security, you are invited to attend **Being an Effective Representative Payee**.

This workshop includes Specialists from the Utah Work Incentives Planning Services (formerly the Benefits Planning Assistance and Outreach Program), The Division of Services for People with Disabilities, the Utah Department of Health and the Area Work Incentive Coordinator from Social Security.

When: Thursday, June 21, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Bridgerland Applied Technology College, 325 West 1100 South, Room #100, Brigham City, Utah

**RSVP:** Please call 801.887.9388 or toll-free at 1.877.246.9675 to register or for more information.

## UTAH PARENT CENTER VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Rebecca Turley, Utah Parent Center Volunteer Coordinator is pleased to highlight Grace Campbell as the UPC Volunteer of the Month. Grace is the proud mother of three children. Her son Jared, 18 years old, was diagnosed with autism when he was 4 years old. Although autism has presented many challenges to her family, Grace feels blessed by the opportunities to help other families in similar situations. Grace states, "Jared has taught me and so many others to appreciate the simple things so many take for granted." Some of the volunteer activities Grace enjoys are helping with the annual Christmas party for children with special needs and their families in Iron County and being available as an IEP Coach to attend IEP meetings with parents who may need information or support. Grace recently completed her 3rd term serving as a parent representative on the Parowan High School Community Council and she continues to serve as a parent representative on the Southern Utah Autism Advisory Board. This past year, Grace helped with the annual Southern Utah Autism Conference. After having gone through the guardianship process with her son Jared, Grace recently organized a free Pro Se guardianship training for the parents in Iron County and surrounding areas. The training, provided by Guardianship Associates of Utah, provided parents with the necessary information and resources to make this time less stressful and difficult. In the future, Grace would like to continue to bring autism/disability awareness to churches, schools and the community by being involved and advocating when necessary. Thank you Grace for your time and effort in making your community a better place!



## HEAD START 2012-2013 RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The mission of Head Start is to provide health, education and self-sufficiency to young children and families facing adversity, including children with disabilities.

Eligibility:

- Families who have a child with a special need but, do not qualify under the federal poverty guidelines.
- Families are those whose total annual income does not exceed the federal poverty guidelines.

Priority placement is given to children with disabilities, if Head Start is deemed an appropriate placement based on the child's Individual Education Plan. Program options include full-day, half-day and home-based classes. All children enrolled receive free meals while attended Head Start classes. For registration information, please call the ERSEA Hotline at 801.972.2337 or email [ERSEAteam@slcap.org](mailto:ERSEAteam@slcap.org)

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S "ACCESS PASS"

Did you know that US Citizens with documented disabilities can get a free lifetime pass to all national parks and recreation areas? The Access Pass is available to US citizens or permanent residents of the United States that have been medically determined to have a permanent disability. It provides access to more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by BLM, Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife and Forest Services. There is a one-time document processing fee of \$10.00. For more information please visit: <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html>

## SUMMER IS HERE!

Summer is almost here and school will be out soon. The Utah Parent Center has compiled a list of summer activities and programs for children and youth with disabilities across the state for 2012.

[Click here for printable document \(pdf\).](#)

[Click here to view the information on the UPC website.](#)



## UNIVERSITY NEUROPSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE- MOBILE CRISIS OUTREACH TEAM

The University Neuropsychiatric Institute Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (UNI MCOT) is a partnership with Salt Lake County and OptumHealth SLCo providing crisis services to county residents. UNI MCOT is an interdisciplinary team of licensed professionals and certified peer specials available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Services include:

- Crisis resolution services for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis and requires intervention
- Rapid response- face to face assessment and crisis intervention anywhere in Salt Lake County
- Consultation and support to individuals of any age, families and treatment providers
- Follow-up services including information and referrals, linkage with appropriate community based mental health services for on-going treatment

**Call the 24 hour UNI CrisisLine at 801.587.3000 to reach the UNI Mobile Crisis Outreach Team.**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### SIBSHOPS

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012**

Join Allies with Families for a one-of-a-kind three hour workshop specifically designed for *brothers and sisters* of a child with a behavioral and/or mental health challenge(s) who are ages 7-13 being held in Salt Lake City. Special needs, mental illness and/or behavioral challenges impact the ENTIRE family, including *SIBLINGS!* Sibshops are a celebration of the many contributions made by these brothers and sisters. **SIBSHOPS are FREE!** Pre-registration is required: Call 801.433.2595 or email [konne@allieswithfamilies.org](mailto:konne@allieswithfamilies.org)

### AUTISM SUMMER CARNIVAL

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012**

Fun, food and games! Bring your family and come play with us. This is a FREE event for all families living with ASD. This event is sponsored by: Autism Resources of Utah County. Bring your own blankets and chairs. Visit [www.autismresourcesuc.org](http://www.autismresourcesuc.org) for more information.

### AUTISM DAY AT DISCOVERY GATEWAY

**FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2012**

Connecting Families, Autism and Discovery. Join the Autism Council of Utah and Discovery Gateway Children's Museum for a private event, being held on Friday, June 29, 2012 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. The Museum will not be open to the public during this time. This event is supported by a grant from the Consumer Advisory Council of the Center for Persons with Disabilities at USU.

### C.A.S.T. FOR KIDS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2012**

CAST for Kids is an all-volunteer fishing and boating event for disadvantaged or disabled youth and their families. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at Soldier Creek Marina at Strawberry Reservoir. If you are interested in learning more please contact Valerie Heath-Harrison at 801.524.3664 or by email at [vheathharrison@usbr.gov](mailto:vheathharrison@usbr.gov)



### BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS NIGHT WITH THE OGDEN RAPTORS

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2012**

Join the Brain Injury Association of Utah for a great night of baseball, special guest appearances, and the fan favorites...hotdogs and snacks! Game starts at 7:00 p.m. but don't miss the pregame activities, including TBI survivors singing the national anthem and throwing out the first pitch! There will be face painting and a night of fun. Admission \$5. All ticket sale proceeds support the Brain Injury Association of Utah Outreach Programs. Tickets can be purchased by contacting BIAU at 801.716.4993 or toll-free at 1.800.281.8442. All tickets must be purchased prior to game night. Game is held at Lindquist Field, 2330 Lincoln Ave., Ogden, Utah.

### WALK WITH ANGELS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk with Angels Event will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at Wines Park in Lehi, Utah. This event supports the United Angels Foundation, a non-profit parent-to-parent support group for families of children with special needs throughout the community. For more information, visit [www.unitedanglesfoundation.org](http://www.unitedanglesfoundation.org)

## RESOURCES

- ⇒ Utah Education Network: Prevent Summer Set Back Reading Programs. Visit [www.uen.org/general\\_learner/summer\\_reading/](http://www.uen.org/general_learner/summer_reading/)  
You will find information on:
  - Letters and Early Reading
  - Reading Fables: K-2 and 3-6
  - PBS KIDS Summer Reading 2012
  - PBS Book finder
  - Raising a Reader this Summer
- ⇒ Visit your local library for more information on summer reading programs in your area.
- ⇒ Handwriting Camps by Easter Seals-Goodwill Pediatric Therapy Services. Are you concerned about your child's handwriting? Starting in June, Katie Mangus OTR/L is offering handwriting groups for children. Parents will learn along with their child how handwriting can be fun!
  - Groups run weekly from June 21 – August 9, 2012 (7 week session)
  - Cost is \$175 for the 7 week session.
  - Space is limited so register your child today.
  - Classes are held at The Children's Center, 350 S 400 E, Salt Lake City, Utah

## MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

- **Big MAKS** (Mothers of Autistic Kids) Support Groups and Activities for the whole family!  
Visit <http://utahmaks.blogspot.com> for upcoming and monthly events.
- **CHADD of Utah** (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) Meetings and Classes  
Visit [www.chaddofutah.com](http://www.chaddofutah.com) for meetings and classes in your area.
- **Family to Family Network** Monthly Meetings and Classes  
Visit [www.facebook.com/utahfamilytofamilynetwork](http://www.facebook.com/utahfamilytofamilynetwork)
- **Learning Disabilities Association of Utah** Monthly Meetings  
Visit [www.ldau.org](http://www.ldau.org) for information and contacts.
- **Legislative Coalition for Disabilities** \* Will not be meeting during June or July. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2012 at the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 1950 West 250 North, Salt Lake City from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Visit [www.lcpdut.org](http://www.lcpdut.org) for updates and calendar of events.
- **Utah Down Syndrome Foundation** has chapters across the state.  
Visit [www.udsf.org](http://www.udsf.org) to find information about local events.

**SEARCH THE INTERNET AND SHOP ONLINE AND YOU CAN HELP THE UTAH PARENT CENTER!**

What if the Utah Parent Center earned a penny every time you searched the Internet or earned a percentage of your online purchase at hundreds of different online vendors? Well, now we can!



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GoodSearch.com also has a feature called "GoodShop". If you visit [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and enter "Utah Parent Center" as your charity and then click the link to one of the GoodShop vendors, they will donate up to 37% of your purchase to the Utah Parent Center. Some of the vendors include: Amazon.com, Dell, eBay, Target, Nike, Staples, PetSmart, HP, Wal-Mart, Apple, Expedia, and Overstock. There are hundreds of other stores that participate in this program – check it out today!

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Projects of the Utah Parent Center:

Utah Family Voices - Family to Family Health Information Center

Autism Information Resources at the Utah Parent Center

Family to Family Network – Serving families eligible for services from DSPD and more!

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