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THIS  
Saturday for  
the  
2007 Walk-  
To-Talk at  
Lawton Park

# A C T Autism Community Together of Northeast Indiana

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## 2007 WALK TO TALK

The Fun starts at 12 noon,  
Walk at 2PM

Moon Walks

Sensory Tent—lots of fun  
for individuals with  
Autism and their friends

Food

Entertainment—clowns,  
live music, juggler

Prize Giveaways

All this to benefit Summer  
Programming for Individu-  
als in Northeast Indiana!  
**DON'T MISS IT!**

## How to Keep Your Child with Autism Safe

Thanks to the Autism Advocates of Indiana and the Indiana Resource Center for Autism, first responders are being trained to interact with individuals with Autism in crisis situations.

In addition to the basic "This is Autism" information, first responders are trained on how to effectively approach individuals with Autism. Further, Fire Fighters, EMS and Police Officers are trained on what to do or not to do to escalate a situation with an individual with Autism.

There is a role for parents to play to prepare for crisis situations. You need to register your child with Autism with the local authorities. A form to do so is included with this newsletter.



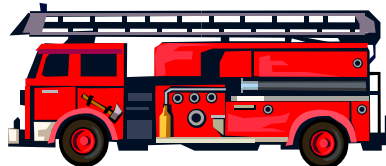
### Child Locators and Medical Alerts

Is the individual with Autism you love a bolter?  
Here is a list of companies to contact  
regarding tracking devices:

[www.americanmedical-id.com](http://www.americanmedical-id.com)

[www.lifelynx.net](http://www.lifelynx.net)

[www.projectlifesavers.org](http://www.projectlifesavers.org)



## NEW SENSORY RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- Just Take a Bite by Lori Ernsperger, Ph.D.
- Sensory Integration: Answers for Teachers by Gina Geppert Coleman
- Sensory Integration: Answers for Parents by Gina Geppert Coleman
- Learning about Learning Disabilities (a powerful DVD (or VHS) of a child going through a day at school with sensory processing issues)

## A Day for Grandparents on Friday, October 12

We acknowledge the vital role grandparents play when there is a child with Autism. We receive regular phone calls from grandparents about children here in Northeast Indiana and living out of town. We understand that Autism was not an epidemic when they were raising children.

Grandparents are some of our best fundraisers.

On Friday, October 12th, Grandparents will have a day to converse with experts and each other about their role and its challenges. Grandparents can come with questions and get answers first hand from the experts. They will learn about

language development and problem behaviors; understand more about sensory issues; gain insight into the nuclear family dynamics; and have a chance to network.

Registration brochures will be mailed out in late summer, but mark your calendar now.



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## AUTISM COMMUNITY OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

# A C T Autism Community Together of Northeast Indiana

ACT's role is to engage and support individuals, families, medical professionals, therapists and educators on effective methods to improve the lives of individual with Autism and their families in Northeast Indiana. By focusing on the front-line service providers and high-tech solutions, we will be able to build communities of providers and promulgate best practices for enhancing the lives of people with Autism. ACT's key programming consists of:

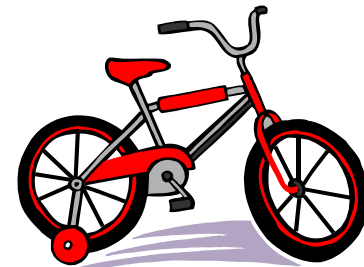
- Parent Mentor Network
- Lecture Series
- Community Website
- Summer Programming for Individuals with Autism
- Training Sponsorships for Area Professionals

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Exceptional Needs Teacher and mother is looking for a part-time summer position caring for children and providing respite care. Resume and references available. Rates are negotiable. Contact Lisa Dunn at [Ltheart5@aol.com](mailto:Ltheart5@aol.com) or (260) 241-4622.

## Lose the Training Wheels Camp

July 16-20, 2007, the Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana (DSANI) is sponsoring "Lose the Training Wheels: Bike Camp for Children with Special Needs" at Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults. Lose the Training Wheels Bike Camp is a one-week program developed by Dr. Richard Klein, that works with youngsters who experience difficulty when removing training wheels to ride a conventional two-wheel bicycle. Each participant will attend 75-90 minute sessions each day. For registration materials, contact Jenny Bockerstette at [jbphoenix@aol.com](mailto:jbphoenix@aol.com) or (260) 471-8501. For more information about the program, visit [www.LosetheTrainingWheels.org](http://www.LosetheTrainingWheels.org).



Mark you calendars, Don Meyer will be in Fort Wayne, IN September 21-22, 2007.

**Friday** is an all day conference for therapists and parents explaining the issues and opportunities for siblings of individuals with disabilities. The day will conclude with panel featuring local adult siblings discussing the issues and opportunities they have encountered.

**Saturday** morning is a Sibshop workshop for school-aged children.

Registration brochures will be mailed in late summer.

## **AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS: 911 REGISTRY FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Nickname) (D.O.B.) M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian/Caretaker/Other (Please specify)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Work # Cell #

Secondary Emergency Contact:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Phone

Behaviors, Habits, Fears: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite attractions and locations where person may be found: \_\_\_\_\_

Best communication method in crisis: \_\_\_\_\_

Wears ID jewelry, tags in clothes, etc. No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

Where can it be found? \_\_\_\_\_

Critical medical information: \_\_\_\_\_

Key contact to keep information updated:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Phone

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**PERMISSION FOR DISCLOSURE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent/guardian/caretaker of \_\_\_\_\_  
give permission for information regarding him/her to be given over the dispatch  
radio.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_