

Upcoming Races:

Jerry's Race

Where: Festival Park- Verona, WI

When: Sat. Aug. 16, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m. registration begins

9:00 a.m. 5k/10k start

10:00 a.m. 2 mi. run/walk

All day: food, music, and activities

Deadline to Register: none- can register day of

Benefits: Autism Society of Wisconsin as well as other charities that help fight childhood diseases

More Information: <http://www.jerrysrace.org>

Dylan's Run/Walk for Autism

Where: Milwaukee Summerfest Grounds

When: Sun. Sept. 7, 2008

Time: 8:30 a.m. registration begins with continental breakfast and activities

10:00 a.m. Race Begins

11:00 a.m. Closing Ceremonies

Deadline to Register: Aug. 8, 2008

Distance: 2 miles

Benefits: Autism Research and The Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin

More Information: <http://dylansrun.com>

Merchandise:

<http://www.autism-awareness.com>



Autism Angel
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Articles

No Sentence But Job Offers for Hackerby

Kristina Chew, PhD on July 17th, 2008

18-year-old Owen Thor Walker of Hamilton, New Zealand, was the “mastermind”—of a computer hacker sort—behind a worldwide group of criminals calling themselves the ‘A-Team’ and running a “sophisticated operation” that caused more than \$20 million (£10 million) in damages to computer systems, the July 16th [Telegraph](#) reports. Walker has Asperger Syndrome and designed software that enabled a criminal gang to steal user names and passwords and credit card information. In court on Tuesday, he was ordered by a judge to pay damages and costs of £5,000, but was not given a conviction and, indeed, looks like he’s going to have a job out of this: New Zealand police are interested in Walker working for them on the “right side of the law,” and he is also “being headhunted by several computer programming companies.” Walker had faced a sentence of 10 years in prison; he had [pleaded guilty](#). One hopes he will put his talents good, and legal, use. <http://www.autismvox.com/no-sentence-but-job-offers-for-hacker/>

Illinois Leading the Fight Against Autism

By: Vickie Richter

Published: Friday, 18 July 2008

Illinois' governor is giving hope to families with autistic children by using his power to rewrite legislation that could require insurers to pay for diagnosis and treatment of autism. Approximately 26,000 children in the state of Illinois have been diagnosed with autism-related disorders and according to the CDC, one in every 150 children in the U.S. suffer from the disease. At present, the cause is unknown and there is no cure. Since most insurance companies don't cover the costs associated with autism—and with the annual treatment plan reaching \$50,000-plus—it often costs families their entire life savings. The state's governor, Rod Blagojevich, used his amendatory veto ability to add autism coverage language from Senate Bill 1900 to House Bill 4255, a bill that required public employee health plans to cover preventative physical therapy treatment for multiple sclerosis patients. The new bill would be expanded to require insurers to cover autism diagnosis, psychiatric and psychological services, and to include occupational, behavioral, physical and speech therapy. Insurers would also be required to pay up to \$36,000 a year per patient and to provide an unlimited number of medical visits for autism patients until the age of 21. Senate Bill 1900 was defeated earlier this year, despite broad bi-partisan support.

Mike McRaith, insurance director of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, feels that if passed, this bill will give Illinois the most comprehensive coverage for autism of any state, although a few states have higher

policy limits they are severely restricted as to whom they cover.

"As sponsor of this bill, I'm glad to know that families dealing with the expense of covering the costs of multiple sclerosis and autism know that they are not alone," said State Representative Robert Pritchard. "The State of Illinois is in their corner and fighting with them to make sure their children are able to minimize the effect of autism on their lives."

If children do not receive proper diagnosis and intervention at an early age, they have less than a 2 percent chance of leading a normal life. Governor Blagojevich said, "I am amending this legislation because insurance should never be an obstacle to children reaching their potential. It's about protecting families who are doing what they are supposed to," Blagojevich said.

To parents and their autistic children, this law means much more than just relieving some of the stress created by the high cost of medical treatment-It Means Hope. And with this new legislation paving the way, let's hope that other states will be quick to adopt new laws that will help families face autism.

<http://www.healthnews.com/family-health/child-health/illinois-leading-fight-against-autism-1428.html>

Company updates: (w/ families)

- ✚ Keep hours consistent; only cancel if your child is sick!!!! All hours need to be made up if the therapist cancels!
- ✚ It's almost school time again! Start thinking of your summer schedule as your Senior will be asking for it soon!
- ✚ If you want extra hours please contact your Senior.
- ✚ There will be a new gas incentive coming soon! Ideas are welcome!

Joke of the month:

Son: I can't go to school today.

Father: Why not?

Son: I don't feel well

Father: Where don't you feel well?

Son: In school!