

## Sonnenberg Consultants Newsletter

### Research Updates

#### Family Services Grants

At Autism Speaks, one of their goals is to change the future for all individuals who struggle with autism spectrum disorders.

In keeping with this goal, the Family Services Committee has established Family Service Community Grants in order to promote services that will enhance the lives of those affected by autism spectrum disorders. Recognizing that there are multiple needs in this expansive and varied community, the focus of these grants will be on proposals that serve to build the field of services for individuals with autism and expand the capacity to effectively serve this growing community. As such, the Family Services Committee is seeking proposals for project grants that focus on the following 4 areas of need:

#### Education

- Building the field and scope of educators and trainers, by providing continuing education and training to those working with individuals with autism spectrum disorders
- Providing funding for consultation to improve education for individuals with autism
- Providing funding to increase the capacity of service providers
- Sponsoring conferences
- Training professionals to interact more effectively with individuals with autism spectrum disorders

#### Recreation/Community Activities

- Safety equipment
- Funding to organizations that provide respite services.

#### Classified

If anyone wants more hours please let your senior know ASAP. We do have hours available in Racine!

#### Company Updates: (WI families)

- ✚ Congratulations Marie Johnson and Brynn DeBoer for earning the travel incentive! They both received free gas Cards for their attendance!
- ✚ Our first annual Company party for employees. Ideas are appreciated? Every

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therapist should submit there schedules so everyone can attend! This party is to show appreciation for all the dedication and work that each therapist has brought to this company! Thanks everyone!

- ✚ The incentive program is still in effect. Therapists will receive FREE gas cards for attendance. Ask your senior for details.
- ✚ If your senior is needed in school, then a form for the state needs to be filled out. Please ask your senior for details.

## Media Updates

Toys "R" Us Releases 2007 Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids



Autism Speaks' National Walk Sponsor Toys "R" Us announced the release of the latest edition of the Toys "R" Us Toy Guide for Differently-Abled Kids, a complimentary toy-selection guide for parents and friends of children with disabilities. The Guide is available in all Toys "R" Us stores nationwide. This easy-to-use resource, released annually, features specially selected toys that promote the development of children with physical and cognitive disabilities.

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