

Support Groups

Bloomfield Support Group (all special needs)

Third *Monday* of the month: Parent Support Group - *Bloomfield*. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at 1st Congregational Church, Bloomfield. Contact Sheila Harris at 860-297-4358. Sponsored by AFCAMP (African American Caribbean American Parents) and PEETA (Parent Empowerment Through Education Training and Advocacy)

Enfield Support Group (autism)

Third *Wednesday* of the month: Parent Support Group. 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (parents of children 0-12) and 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (parents of children 13+). Family Resource Center Annex, 110 High Street, *Enfield*. Contact Kate Faherty at KFaherty@enfield.org for more information. Contact Kate for information and location changes!

Hartford Support Group (all special needs)

Third *Friday* of the month: Parent Support Group - Hartford. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. HARC, 900 Asylum Ave., *Hartford*. Contact Sheila Harris at 860-297-4358. Sponsored by AFCAMP (African American Caribbean American Parents) and PEETA (Parent Empowerment Through Education Training and Advocacy).

Manchester Support Group (all special needs)

Third *Tuesday* of the month: *Manchester* IEPs. A group of parents who meet monthly to discuss the ways to help and support our children to get the services they need to become successful in school and in life. For more information contact manchesterieps@cox.net.

Farmington Support Group (autism)

Last *Tuesday* of the month: Farmington Valley Asperger's Network. Parent support group for parents or extended family members or professionals working with a child with an ASD. Discussions and networking meetings. Lending Library. Farmington Senior/Community Center, 321 New Britain Ave, *Unionville*. FAVAN. Call Lee McFadden at 860-589-0097 or www.favan.org.

Glastonbury Support Group (autism)

Must have membership with the Autism Spectrum Resource Center (ASRC)

Support group for parents of children with ASD. Following are the meeting dates and times for the Glastonbury Support Group.

Meeting Time: 7pm	9/15/08	Rm. 292
Place:First Church Congregational	10/29/08	Rm. 202
2183 Main Street	11/10/08	Library
Glastonbury, CT	12/8/08	Library
	1/12/09	Library
	2/9/09	Library
	3/9/09	Library
	4/13/09	Library
	5/11/09	Library
	6/8/09	Library

For additional information, please contact the ASRC at 203-265-7717

North Central Community Collaborative Support Group

Suffield Kent Memorial Library

50 N. Main St.

Suffield, CT 06078

Second Tuesday of each month, 7:00-8:30pm. Monthly support group meeting for families whose lives have been touched by children with behavioral, social, communication or mental health challenges. For more information call Doriana Vicedomeni at 668-5228 or Diane Reynolds at 668-6005.

Vernon Support Group (autism)

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP

351 Merline Rd.

Vernon, CT 06066 (860) 645-1940

Support group for parents of children with autism spectrum disorders meets of the second Monday of each month at 7pm at Manchester Memorial Hospital in conference room E. Group does not meet in July and August. **ELIGIBILITY:** Parents of children with autism spectrum disorders **FEE:** No fee **AGENCY DESCRIPTION:** Support group for parents of children with autism spectrum disorders meets of the second Monday of each month at 7pm at Manchester Memorial Hospital in conference room E. Group does not meet in July and August.

Windsor Support Group (autism)

POQUONOCK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER 1760 Poquonock Ave.

Windsor, CT 06095 (860) 687-2080 ext. 131 Voice **email:** amcadams@windsorct.org

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Support group for parents of children with autism spectrum disorders. **SITE HOURS:** M-F: 8:30am-5pm; Open some evenings for school events **FEE:** No fee **AGENCY DESCRIPTION:** Family resource center provides play groups for young children ages 0 through 5 and their parents or caregivers, Parents as Teachers program, parent education programs, and before and after school enrichment programs.

West Hartford Support Group (autism)

Second *Tuesday* of the month: Parent Support Group for parents of children on the autism spectrum. 7:00 p.m. Small group with parents of children of all ages. Sponsored by Jewish Family Services, *West Hartford*. Contact Steven Broyde, PhD., LCSW, Child Clinic Director, JFC for more information at 860-236-1927 x16 or sbroyde@jfshartford.org.

CONN. FAMILIES FOR EFFECTIVE AUTISM TREATMENT (CTFEAT)

P.O. Box 370352

West Hartford, CT 06137

(860) 571-3888 Voice

email: ctfeat1@ctfeat.org

web: www.ctfeat.org

Support group for parents of preschool and school age children with autism spectrum disorders meets quarterly in Rocky Hill, CT. Focus is on Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) treatment.

ELIGIBILITY: Parents of preschool and school age children with autism spectrum disorder, including autism, Asperger's syndrome, and pervasive personality disorder.

FEE: No fee

APPLICATION: Call to register

AGENCY DESCRIPTION: Parent-formed organization provides information and support to families of children with autism spectrum disorders. Information is provided on treatment methods and on Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). Also, the agency offers support/informational meetings three times a year, a quarterly newsletter, and parent to parent networking.

Sibling Support Groups

Sibling Support Group - South Windsor (autism)

Last *Thursday* of the month: Puzzled Sibs - a support group for brothers and sisters of siblings with autism. Discuss feelings, know we are not alone and have a good time. Open to ages 6-13. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. South Windsor Community Center, 150 Nevers Road, South Windsor (across from South Windsor High School). Contact Melissa Dumont at 860-214-2903 or puzzled_sibs@cox.net.

Sibling Support Group – West Hartford (all special needs)

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF GREATER HARTFORD

333 Bloomfield Ave., Suite A

West Hartford, CT 06117

Please call Janice Rothstein at (860)236-1927

email: info@jfshartford.org

web: www.jfshartford.org

SERVICES: Disability Related Support Groups for Siblings of Children with Disabilities: Support group for children ages 10 to 13 with a brother or sister with special needs meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Group does not meet in the summer.

FEE: No fee

AGENCY DESCRIPTION: Family service agency provides child, adolescent, and adult psychotherapy, family counseling, older adult services, the Care at Home Program, and programs for people with chronic needs/developmental disabilities. The agency also provides social and mental health services to Russian speaking clients.