

April is National Autism Awareness Month

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Autistic-Like: Graham's Story

<http://www.autisticlike.com/>

Monday, April 4 at 9:00pm

This is an intimate family portrait following one dad's determined search to find the right treatments, the right doctors, even the right words to describe his "autistic-like" son. A startling, award-winning report from the edge of the autism epidemic, **Autistic-Like** illuminates the medical, social, and public health issues faced by families whose "autistic-like" children have no clear diagnosis, and are offered no specific treatment. The film interweaves the family's story with interviews and insights from leading child development/Autism Spectrum Disorder experts Dr. Stanley Greenspan and Dr. Ricki Robinson.

Dreamers Theater

<http://www.dreamerstheater.org/#topOfPage> Wednesday,

April 13 at 9:30pm

The uplifting performance documentary **Dreamers Theater** follows a group of cognitively challenged teens and young adults as they rehearse and stage the original musical, *Assuming Assumptions*. The play dramatizes the issues faced by individuals with special needs in the hopes of increasing awareness about this population and their capabilities. Members of this Richmond, VA-based acting troupe live with a variety of developmental disabilities, including autism, Down's Syndrome, Asperger's Syndrome, and other high-functioning disorders or differences- **Dreamers Theater** intercuts real-life stories with similar scenes from the play: a young couple with Asperger's syndrome go on a date, a young man with Down's Syndrome works his shift at a local restaurant, and another young man misses his bus stop and loses his way home.



PBS NewsHour to Report on Autism Today

Robert MacNeil returns to PBS NEWSHOUR to report on Autism Today
6-part series airs during Autism Awareness Month April 18 - 26, 2011 [Click Here](#) for more information

ParentsCan Family Resource Center hosts

The Autistry Studios Model- Supporting Youth in Transition

Sunday April 17, 2011- Brunch 10:30 • Presentation is from 11:00 - 1:00 1909 Jefferson Street, Napa 253-7444
Presentation and discussion with the founders and staff of Autistry Studios—the groundbreaking new program for ASD teens and adults.

Consumer and Family Resources

Autism Speaks Transition to Adulthood Toolkit: <http://tinyurl.com/5r6qg5j>

Autism Community Team (ACT): <http://www.actnorthbay.org/>

Collaborative Autism Training & Support (CATS) program www.sonoms.edu/autism

Autism Symposium May 17th 3033 Cleveland Ave, Santa Rosa 3:30-6:30 <http://www.anovaeducation.org/>

TRAINING & WORKSHOP UPDATES

- Marin Autism Lecture Series** Topics- Fostering Self Regulation & Parenting Across Life April 16 12-2:00
Marin County Office of Ed: Register at <http://signup.marinschools.org> Bring sack lunch May 18, 12-2:00pm
- AUTISM Support Group** ParentsCAN Fridays 4/8; 5/13; 6/10
Meets at Marie Callenders 1990 Trower, Napa contact donnaa@parentsca.org 9:00-10:30 am
- AUTISM Support Group** ParentsCAN Wednesdays 4/20; 5/18; 6/15
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- CATS Support Group for Parents** of children of ASD at BI and CPI, Santa Rosa 1st Wednesday 7-9:00pm
Contact Regina Marcheschi, MSW 206-2961 or reginax59@yahoo.com 1st Thursday 9-11:00
- Support group** for parents of children with **emotional and behavioral** difficulties April 28 6:30 – 8 pm
4th Thursday Matrix in Fairfield. Contact Nikisha at 423-2545x102 or nikishaw@matrixparents.org
- The Support Group for Families of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder**
Chris Allen- chrisa@matrixparents.org- 707-423-2545 x101 3rd Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm
- NAMI Family Support Group** provides support and insights regarding mental illness 1st & 3rd Thursdays
COTS Mary Isaak Center 900 Hopper St. Petaluma 707-527-6655 6:00-7:30pm
- PEAS: Parent Education & Support** for families with children birth through 5 years
Services designed to accommodate busy schedules call Early Learning Institute 591-0170
- Online Support Group for Parents and Autism Families** Sonoma County Autism Support
Register, login, and connect! <http://sonomacountyautismsupport.ning.com/> telephone: 707-664-2402

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Spring Fling Dance** with DJ Ryan, Steele Lane Community Center \$5.00 April 7, 7-8:30pm
415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa Contact Steve at 738-3294
- Walk Now for Autism Speaks Resource Fair** Windsor Town Green April 9, 9:00 –12:00
701 McClelland Drive, Windsor Contact sonoma@autismspeaks.org or call 415-686-2772
- Spring Festival Easter Seals** Crafts, activities, games and snacks April 18, 10-11:30am
State Farm Dr. Rohnert Park Please call 707-584-1443
- Cypress School Open House** Autism and behavioral services April 21 5:30-7:30
3835 Cypress Dr. Petaluma Contact Laura 766-9990 or lbrigg@ucpn.org
- YMCA Adaptive Aquatics** 1111 College Ave. Santa Rosa Saturdays 10:30-12
Contact Sierra Van Der Kamp 707-799-2253
- Napa Parks and Recreation** offers activities designed for people with Special Needs. Contact Napa
Parks and Recreation at 257-9529 or www.NapaRec.Com for more information.