

Chester County Intermediate Unit
Educational Service Center
455 Boot Road
Downingtown, PA 19335
Training and Consultation (TaC) Autism Team

Parent Information Sessions

Supporting Language Development in the Home

January 27, 2010 6:00 – 7:30 (Registration Deadline January 20, 2010)

The focus of this session will be to provide parents and caregivers language facilitation strategies to maximize their child's opportunities for communication development in everyday situations. Parents will learn basic concepts about communication and language that are essential in helping their child's communication develop.

Autism and Transition : What Every Middle/High School Parent Should Know

February 24, 2010 6:00 – 7:30 (Registration deadline February 20, 2010)

This session will provide parents with essential information that will assist them in helping their child as they make a transition to middle school, high school or the community. Some of the topics that will be covered will include: what to expect in middle and high schools, strategies to help students handle organization of materials and assignments , classroom accommodations , sensory issues, and what supports and services are available.

Addressing Sensory Needs in the Home

March 17, 2010 4:00 – 5:30 (Registration deadline is March 10, 2010)

Is your child continually "mouthing" objects, limiting himself to a restricted diet based on food textures, only wearing certain types of clothing, having a hard time "sitting still", reacting in an overly-sensitive way to noise, smells or lights? Have you been told that your child has "sensory issues"? This session will discuss common sensory (seeking or avoiding) behaviors that interfere with daily activities at home. Practical tips to help you deal with these concerns will be offered and there will be time for parents to share strategies with one another.

Supporting Behavior in the Home

April 28, 2010 4:00 – 5:30 (Registration deadline is April 28, 2010)

This session will focus on the basics of effective behavior management and general strategies used for reducing problem behavior. Parents will gain insight on how adult behavior affects the behavior of children and how to manage behavior based on function.

Developing Independence in the Home

May 19, 2010 10:00 – 11:30 (Registration deadline is May 10, 2010)

Children with Pervasive Developmental Disorders such as autism, may present with a variety of motor, sensory, communication, and behavioral difficulties, which influence their ability to perform tasks with ease and independence. Therefore, the development of independent work skills, both at home and at school, should be a key area of intervention. This session will provide strategies for facilitating skill independence and development in the home setting.

Contact Katie Corry katiec@cciu.org to register for each session. Indicate number attending, school district, school, and the age of your child.