

Lapeer County Intermediate School District Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for Special Education



Newsletter for the Families of Children with Special Needs

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"Until you have a kid with special needs you have no idea of the depth of your strength, tenacity, and resourcefulness."
- Anonymous

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lapeer County Intermediate School District Parent Advisory Committee is to promote partnerships among parents and educators that benefit students with disabilities.

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CHATFIELD

Contact Lapeer County ISD

FREE PARENT TRAININGS

The LCISD Parent Advisory Committee Host Educational Presentations

On Various Topics For Parents of Special Needs Children Throughout The School Year!

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The Lapeer County ISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

The Lapeer County Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is a group of educators and parents representing our local school districts whose primary focus is to stay informed regarding Special Education plans and changes, current trends in Special Education at the County, State, and Federal level, and if needed, to assist and promote partnerships among parents and educators that benefit students with disabilities.

The PAC takes an active role in the development of the Lapeer County Special Education Mandatory Plan, a document which describes the delivery of special education services in Lapeer County. The PAC provides workshops and speakers from the county and state-wide programs which can richly serve not only the parents of children with special needs, but in many instances the individual with the disability.

The PAC meets at:

**Lapeer County ISD Education and Technology Center
690 N. Lake Pleasant Road, Attica, MI.
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Please visit the ISD website at: www.lapeerisd.org

PAC

Meeting Dates 2019-20

September 30, 2019

November 4, 2019

January 13, 2020

February 3, 2020

March 9, 2020

May 4, 2020

Please join us at our meetings, we welcome and encourage your participation and suggestions.

Childcare is not available



Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Presents:

FREE PARENT TRAININGS

“TENTATIVE” TOPICS FOR 2019-2020 INCLUDE:



Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Dates
2019-2020

Topics Are Tentative & Subject To Change

September 30, 2019	“Assistive Technology” / Business Meeting
November 4, 2019	“Getting & Keeping the First Job”
January 13, 2020	Business Meeting
February 3, 2020 -	“Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy”
March 9, 2020 -	“Estate Planning- Creating Special Needs Trusts” / Business Mtg.
May 4, 2020 -	“Rethinking Guardianship” (Daytime Luncheon Presentation Hosted By: Michigan Alliance for Families)

**Meetings &
Presentations Are
6:00-8:00 PM**

Unless Noted Otherwise

Located At:

Lapeer Education
& Technology Center
690 N. Lake Pleasant Rd.
Attica, MI 48412
Conference Room 146





Save without losing benefits.

Support your **health, independence and quality of life.**

The Michigan Able Act was signed into law in October 2015, following passage in December 2014 of the federal Stephen Beck Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act, which authorized states to establish tax-advantaged savings programs for individuals with a disabilities.

The goal is to encourage and assist individuals and families in saving funds that help individuals with disabilities to maintain health, independence and quality of life without jeopardizing benefits provided through private insurance, Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, the beneficiary's employment and other sources.

In general, individuals are eligible if they became disabled or blind before the age of 26 and are entitled to either Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income. Take the online quiz or call 844-656-7225 to determine eligibility.

Find Out More At: <https://www.miable.org/>

An Introduction to Behavioral Health Treatments *A Parent's Guide*

A FREE tool kit is available to provide parents of children with ASD with an **overview of in-home strategies** as well as tips to teach and increase desirable behaviors and decrease behavior problems. This tool kit also provides parents with an **overview of professional behavioral treatments** that families can seek out from qualified professionals. For information about more intensive home-based treatments please refer to the ABA tool kit posted to the Autism Speaks website.



For More Information Visit: <https://www.autismspeaks.org>





MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Resource Center for
Persons with Disabilities

Project Venture

As a student with a disability, considering college comes with a mix of excitement and uncertainty. RCPD invites you to join us for a unique on-campus, pre-college experience. Project Venture offers the chance to “try on” university life through an interactive experience here at MSU. RCPD hosts the Project Venture program thanks to the generous contributions of the [Wochholz Endowment](#), which encourages students with disabilities to pursue higher education at an inclusive university such as MSU.

At Project Venture you will:

- ◆ Talk directly with current MSU students with disabilities who have “been there” and understand the journey
- ◆ Consult with university disability specialists to gain skills for college
- ◆ Experience the latest assistive technology through breakout sessions
- ◆ Attend a college class, stay overnight, and connect with other high school students with disabilities
- ◆ Become aware of self-advocacy skills and resources for a successful transition to higher education

Explore the possibilities, design your future, and commit to success: It's in your hands!

Please take note that the program fills quickly. The application system will close after 50 applications have been submitted. 20 participants will be accepted based on the quality of the submissions.

When is Project Venture?

June 23-26, 2019

Programming will begin Sunday evening and run through Wednesday afternoon.

For More Information Visit: <https://www.rcpd.msu.edu/programs/venture>



Special Needs Program

July 25, 2019

10:00am-12:00

The Eastern Michigan State Fair will once again open its gates to people with special needs. This year's special needs day



will be Thursday, July 25, 2019 from 10:00am-noon with a lunch to follow.

Please fill out the request online. You will need caregivers at a min of 3 to one. This event is free to qualified persons with special needs. Everyone must be preregistered through a qualified organization. **Application form closes at 12:00pm on July 23, 2019.** Contact the fair office for more information.

For More Information Visit: <https://www.easternmichiganstatefair.com/>



Forever Friends Network (FFN)

Every child wants to be accepted and have a place where they can be themselves without judgment. Forever Friends Network (FFN) is a place where they can go and have fun. We are an Autism Support Organization based in Lapeer, MI. Everyone is welcome to join our social groups. Ages 5-10 must be accompanied by an adult.

For details visit: www.foreverfriendsnetwork.net

Questions Contact: Regina Starr (810) 623-2041

JUNE

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019 / 5:30-7:30pm

Autism Social Group: Hoops with Friends Basketball
at Forever Friends Network
323 Jefferson Street • Lapeer, Michigan 48446

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019 / 5:30-7:30pm

Autism Social Group: End of School Year Party
at Forever Friends Network
323 Jefferson Street • Lapeer, Michigan 48446

JULY

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019 / 5:30-7:30pm

Autism Social Group: 4th of July Party
at Forever Friends Network
323 Jefferson Street • Lapeer, Michigan 48446

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2019 / 5:30-7:30pm

Autism Social Group: Water Fun with Balloons and Sprinkler
at Forever Friends Network
323 Jefferson Street • Lapeer, Michigan 48446

Automated Print Identification



Vulnerable or Impaired Person (VIP) Enrollment

In Michigan, [MCL 722.774](#) and [MCL 28.274](#) allow a parent/legal guardian/power of attorney of an individual with special needs to voluntarily provide the Vulnerable or Impaired Person's (VIP's) fingerprints and photograph for inclusion in a State of Michigan repository that can be used to assist in identifying the VIP should he/she become lost in the future or find him/herself in a situation in which he/she cannot identify him/herself.

Learn More or ENROLL By Visiting: www.mi.gov/MSP-VIP



GREAT START FAMILY FUN DAY

Did you ever wonder?



What
makes
balloons
float?

Why is grass green?



How
high
can a
frog
jump?



How do
flowers
grow?

How does
a caterpillar
turn into a
butterfly?



FREE!

Downtown Lapeer
in front of the historic
courthouse

Wednesday, June 26, 2019
10am to 2pm
Rain or shine!

**THE FARMER'S
MARKET WILL
BE OPEN!**

I wonder what I will
do at Family Fun Day!

- ⇒ Bounce house!
- ⇒ Visit with emergency vehicles!
- ⇒ Storytimes every half hour or
go on a Storywalk!
- ⇒ Snacks, crafts, games...

...and so much more!



For more information or questions please call Susanna Jackiewicz 810-245-3981

**FAMILY FUN DAY
IS SPONSORED BY:**



LAPEER COUNTY

LCISD



6002 N. Lapeer Rd.
North Branch
(810) 793-6106



1388 Imlay City Rd.
Lapeer
(810) 664-0868

SUMMER CAMPS



BAY CLIFF HEALTH CAMP



N4175 County Road KCA
P.O. Box 310
Big Bay, MI 49808

Phone: (906) 345-9314

Fax: (906) 345-9890

Email: baycliff@baycliff.org



The summer therapy camp program is the heart of what we do here at Bay Cliff. We are planning for our 86th consecutive summer!

Each summer approximately 170 children come through the gate at Bay Cliff for a summer filled of therapy and camping fun. They come with the dreams of walking, talking, playing, and taking care of themselves just like any other child. Helping them in this pursuit is a staff of dedicated camp counselors and therapists, instructors and nurses, and support personnel numbering 130.



OUCARES Summer Camp Information is Now Available!

The Oakland University Center for Autism Outreach Services (OUCARES) offers a variety of summer day camps for individuals on the Autism Spectrum ages 3 yrs through Adult. All OUCARES Summer Camp rooms are led by teachers specifically certified to teach individuals with ASD. All camps maintain a 3:1 ratio of campers to staff per room.



Pee Wee Camp—Children ages 3-6

Summer Day Camp— Children 7-12 years old

Teen Life Skills Camp— Adolescents 11-14/ 15-18

Adult Life Skills Camp- Ages 16 +

Registration forms will be available at

oakland.edu/oucares

oucares@oakland.edu

(248) 370-2424 / Fax: (248) 370-4242

OUCARES offers a variety of programs and events throughout the year for people impacted by ASD age 3 through adult.

Go to www.oakland.edu/oucares to find out more about:

- **Recreational Programs:** basketball, social skills, robotics club, teen social, yoga, SNAG golf, baseball, judo and much more!
 - **Employment Skills Training**
 - Special Events
 - Parent Workshops
 - **Evening Enrichment Events**
- We look forward to seeing you soon!

The links to the various resources are provided as a convenience, Lapeer County Intermediate School District does not specifically endorse any particular resource.

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SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPS 2019

Ages 30 + **Camp Joy** June 9-14

Ages 20-32 **Camp Sassafras** June 16-21

Ages 13-22 **Camp Stepping Stones** June 23-28

Contact:

Camp

5650 Sandhill Road
Almont, MI 48003
office@campskyline.org
810-798-8240

Business Office

1669 West Maple Road
Birmingham, MI 48009
office@campskyline.org
248-644-2043
248-644-8047 fax

<http://www.campskyline.org>



<https://www.clarkstonscamp.org/>

The SCAMP Program

Clarkston SCAMP is a five week summer day camp for children and young adults with special needs. SCAMP provides recreational and social opportunities under the supervision of highly trained staff.

SCAMP supports students with a wide range of special needs including autism/spectrum disorders, physical disabilities, cognitive and emotional impairment. There are over 50 young adults that volunteer at the camp in addition to trained staff to provide support and positive social interaction. SCAMPers attend our program from Clarkston and surrounding areas.

SCAMP runs from the end of June to the beginning of August. Three days a week, MTW from 9 am until 2 pm. This year the SCAMP Program will be located at Clarkston Junior High School.

Camp Inquiries:

Terry Porritt (248) 623-4314
taporritt@clarkston.k12.mi.us
scampcamp@clarkston.k12.mi.us

P.O.W.E.R. CAMP



Based at YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton, POWER Camp is a summer day camp exclusively tailored to those with Autism Spectrum Disorder. In 2019 we will celebrate our 9th year! POWER Camp was developed to help expand the capabilities, confidence, and social experiences of youth with autism. The program includes "Peer Buddies" who are typically developing children aged 10-15 who serve as a friend and mentor to campers with autism. Led by adults with specialized ASD training and supported by "junior counselors", the camp encourages fun, learning and social interaction in a supportive and loving setting.



CONTACT INFORMATION

<http://www.geneseeaautism.org>

G-4476 S. Dort Hwy.
Burton, MI 48529
810-742-5404
asggc@yahoo.com

2019 POWER Camp Dates

Week 1: July 22nd - July 25th (optional overnight July 25th)

Week 2: August 5th - August 8th (no overnight)



CAMP GRACE BENTLEY
ON THE SHORES OF LAKE HURON



WHO ATTENDS CAMP GRACE BENTLEY?

Camp Grace Bentley hosts campers with a range of physical and mental challenges. Campers ages seven through sixteen are invited to sign up for a nine day session beginning late June and running through mid-August.

CONTACT INFO

CAMP GRACE BENTLEY

8250 Lakeshore Road
Burtchville Township, MI 48059
Telephone: +313.962.8242
E-mail: campgracebentley@gmail.com

<http://campgracebentley.org/>

AT THE CAMP, WE OFFER A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES:

> Swimming	> Dances
> Campfires	> Karaoke Night
> Movie Nights	> Arts and Crafts
> Team Sports	> Theme Nights



"Together We Can"

SUMMER CAMP

<http://thefowlercenter.org>

Check In: Sundays 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM / Check Out: Fridays 9:30AM - 11:00AM

HOW TO PICK A SESSION: All classic summer sessions allow campers to participate in a variety of the recreational programs we have to offer. These sessions are either for adults (ages 21 & up) or youth (ages 6-26) and designated by a #1-7. Our adult summer sessions (#1-4) are designed to meet the needs of individuals based on the assistance they need with daily care and engagement in activities. As a guide, please check each area below (see "camper care") that your camper needs physical assistance with (more than verbal prompts). Add the number of checks together and sign up based on the legend below. If you have any questions or are unsure of what session is best for your camper call us at 989-673-2050 or email info@thefowlercenter.org.

Camper Care:

Toileting/Briefs ____

Showering ____

Teeth Brushing ____

Eating/Feeding ____

Transferring (pivot or lift) ____

Dressing ____

0-2 = Independent/Minimum Assistance

Any Session based on age

3+ = Moderate-Complete Assistance

Session 1 or 2 for adults ages 21+

Session 5,6,7 for youth ages 6-26

Address

2315 Harmon Lake Road
Mayville, MI 48744

Numbers

Phone: (989) 673-2050

Fax: (989) 673-6355

BRIDGEPORT TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

Great Lakes Bay Miracle League



What We Are: The Great Lakes Bay Miracle League is dedicated to providing a safe and enjoyable baseball experience for children with developmental or physical disabilities. We welcome girls and boys ages 5 and up, regardless of previous experience or level of ability. Each player is assigned an able-bodied "buddy" volunteer to assist them during the game! Parents may volunteer or sit back and watch their child play.

Where We Play: The Frank N. Andersen Recreational Complex is a unique facility—the only of its kind in the Great Lakes Bay Region. A custom-designed rubberized turf field gives the look of a typical diamond with ease of access. Designed to go above and beyond basic ADA-requirements, this universally-accessible outdoor athletic complex easily accommodates wheelchairs, walkers, and other assistive devices.



Contact Information: *Bill Wheeler, Parks & Recreation Director 989.777.0940 ext. 222*

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