



2006-2007
Workshop Series

ACHIEVA

Celebrating Abilities. Exceeding Expectations.

The Arc of Beaver

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WORKSHOPS MONTH BY MONTH

October

October 7 - 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - EI Families-The Basics of Early Intervention

The Human Services Building - 1 Smithfield St - Corner of Ft. Pitt Blvd. & Smithfield Street - Downtown

October 12 - 9 AM - 11 AM - Social Security Administration's Online Services for Service Providers ⁴⁸

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November 7 - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Treatment of Respiratory Disease in Children with Disabilities ⁴⁸

McGuire Memorial Home - 2119 Mercer Road - New Brighton, PA

November 9 - 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM - Teaching New Skills & Responding to Undesirable Behaviors ⁴⁸

ACHIEVA - Pittsburgh, PA

January

January 13 - 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM -

Rodef Shalom - 4905 Fifth Avenue - Pittsburgh, PA 15213

February

February 16 - 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM - Transition to Adulthood ⁴⁸

Arc of Beaver - Stone Point Landing, 500 Market Street, Ste 200A - West Bridgewater, PA

March

March 8 - 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM - Advocacy 101⁴⁸

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March 15 - 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM - ABC's of Behavior & Reinforcement ⁴⁸

Arc of Beaver - Stone Point Landing, 500 Market Street, Ste 200A - West Bridgewater, PA

March 24 - 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - EI Families

The Center for Creative Play, 1400 Braddock Ave.

March 28 - 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM - Transition to Adulthood ⁴⁸

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April

April 10 - 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM - EI Families - Parenting a Child With Special Need & Planning For The Future

The Center for Creative Play, 1400 Braddock Ave.

April 12 - 6:30 - 8:30 - Relationship (Social/Sexual) Education ... Whose Responsibility? ⁴⁸

ACHIEVA - Pittsburgh, PA

April 17 - 6:30 PM - 9:00 - PM EI Families - Promising Practices in Early Intervention

The Center for Creative Play, 1400 Braddock Ave.

April 19 - 6:30 - 8:30 - Relationship (Social/Sexual) Education ... Whose Responsibility? ⁴⁸

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April 24 - 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM - EI Families - Finding Community Resources

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May 2 - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Person-Centered Thinking ⁴⁸

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Green Workshops in Beaver County

Black Workshops in Allegheny County

GENERAL INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS

These workshops are presented by knowledgeable speakers addressing a variety of issues parents and other caregivers confront in raising and caring for persons with disabilities from birth to adulthood.

The sessions are free of charge. Care for your family member can be arranged if he or she needs to accompany you that evening. Please call Kathy Lesko at 412.995.5000 x509 *one week in advance* of a workshop to discuss your family's needs. **If you do not make care arrangements there will not be someone available to care for your family member.**

48 In collaboration with Temple University's Institute on Disabilities, **ACT 48 Credits can be given for many of these workshops. Anyone wishing to receive Act 48 credits must register and bring a \$10 processing fee for each workshop (check payable to "Temple University") payable at the time of the workshop.**

Directions to ACHIEVA*

North

- Follow Route 279 South into Pittsburgh
- At merge point by Heinz Field move one lane to the right and follow signs to Route 376 Monroeville
- Do not cross the Fort Pitt Bridge
- Stay to the right, do not actually get on Route 376, and turn right onto the Smithfield Bridge
- Make a left turn onto Carson Street and go eight blocks
- Make a left onto 8th Street
- ACHIEVA is on the corner of 8th and Bingham Streets on the left

South/Southwest

- Take 79 North to 279 to Pittsburgh
- Exit Route 279 at Exit 5B before the tunnel onto Route 51 North and follow signs to the West End Bridge
- Make a right onto Carson Street just as you go under the railroad bridge
- Follow Carson Street past Station Square and go eight more blocks
- Make a left onto 8th Street

- ACHIEVA is on the corner of 8th and Bingham Streets on the left

East

- Take Route 376 West towards Pittsburgh
- Take Exit 7B Glenwood turning right onto Bates Street
- Go down the hill under the railroad bridge
- Make a right onto 2nd Avenue
- Make a left at the 4th traffic light onto the 10th Street Bridge
- Make the first right after the bridge onto Bingham Street
- Go two Blocks
- ACHIEVA is on the corner of 8th and Bingham Streets on the right

***Due to construction of various roads follow posted detours**

Directions to Beaver Sites

Arc of Beaver - Stone Point Landing 500 Market Street Suite 200A West Bridgewater, PA

- From PA-60
- At exit 13A, Beaver Exit, (RIGHT) onto 3rd Street
- Stay on Third Street. Under the train bridge, you will bear RIGHT following the sign to Bridgewater.
- Stay on this road, which loops around, until you get to the red light. Go straight thru light and 500 Market Street will be on the RIGHT hand side.

McGuire Memorial Home 2119 Mercer Road, New Brighton, PA

- From PA-60
- Exit 13A, Beaver Exit, you will be on Third St
- Stay on Third Street through Beaver. Stay in left-hand lane and follow signs to North 65 and New Brighton.
- At Video Store make a right hand turn. Stay in the right lane and proceed through the light and up Oak Hill. The main campus approximately two miles up the hill on the left hand side. Take the first entrance road and proceed up the driveway to parking.

Special Education Advocacy



Matthew D. Cohen

Special Education Law
Monahan & Cohen
Attorneys at Law

Matthew D. Cohen is co-founder of the firm and is well known for his work in special education law and has extensive experience in health care and mental health law. He has been the principal litigator in a number of important special education cases, most notably the *Max M. v. Thompson*, *Lavon M. v. Turlington*, *McManus v. School Dist. 39*, *Joey T. v. Azcoitia*,

District 130 v. ISBE and *Cara B.* cases. He is the primary or collaborating author of several amendments to the mental health and special education laws of Illinois. In 1997, he was invited to the White House to participate in the signing ceremony for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997, in recognition of his participation in the process leading to passage of that legislation.

Special Education Advocacy under New IDEIA 2004: Opportunities and Obstacles

This presentation will highlight changes to IDEA and the regulations that govern the law. Although IDEA was reauthorized as Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) in 2004, the Federal Government did not release the regulations until August 2006. Attorney Cohen will discuss opportunities and obstacles the new will create laws for students with disabilities. It is your opportunity to hear from an expert how this will impact your child. Cosponsored by ACHIEVA, Education Law Center and the PEAL Center.

Date: January 13, 2007

Time: 1 PM - 5 PM

Location: Rodef Shalom
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213



This workshop is free of charge however registration is necessary, seating is limited. Act 48 credits are available for a \$10 fee. Check made payable to Temple University. Call 412-995-5000 x509 to register.

WORKSHOPS - THE ARC OF BEAVER

Treatment of Respiratory Disease in Children with Disabilities ⁴⁸

Do you have questions about what can be done to better treat and manage chronic respiratory ailments? Come and spend the evening Dr. Finder, a highly respected physician/researcher from Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh to learn about medical interventions to deal with:

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| tracheotomies | drooling |
| respiratory infections | asthma |
| chronic ear infections | assisting cough |
| chronic aspiration | |

Presenter: Jonathan D. Finder, MD Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Date: November 7, 2006

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Place: McGuire Memorial Home
2119 Mercer Road, New Brighton, PA



Presented in collaboration with The Pennsylvania Training Partnership for People with Disabilities and Families

Transition to Adulthood ⁴⁸

- What "transition" is
- What support should be available to you
- Strategies for approaching transition
- Some of the agencies that should be available to help.

Presenters: Partnership Trainers from Achieva

Date: February 22, 2007

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Place: Arc of Beaver, 500 Market Street, Beaver, PA

ABC's of Behavior & Reinforcement ⁴⁸

Participants will discuss how their children's behaviors are influenced by what happens before and after a behavior occur and how to use reinforcement to increase or decrease those behaviors.

Date: March 15, 2007

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Place: Arc of Beaver, 500 Market Street, Beaver, PA

Teaching New Skills & Responding to Undesirable Behaviors ⁴⁸

Participants will discuss what the functions of their child's behaviors may be and different methods for responding to those behaviors.

Date: May 17, 2007

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Place: Arc of Beaver, 500 Market Street, Beaver, PA

Presenters: Claudia Lep, Pittsburgh Public Schools, LEAP Classroom

Lynn Chiafullo, Pittsburgh Public Schools, Speech & Language Pathologist

Relationship (Social/Sexual) Education . . . Whose Responsibility? ⁴⁸

Parents are the primary Relationship Educators of their sons and daughters. BUT their sons and daughters aren't with them all of the time. How do schools figure into this? What, realistically, can schools be expected to do?

Topics will include: addressing relationship issues in the classroom and school environment; giving school personnel help in dealing with the issues; building a team approach-staff and parents; the role of social inclusion.

Presenters: Jim DelBianco, Consultant is a retired special education teacher with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

Katie Cox, special education classroom teacher with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit

Date: April 19, 2007

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Place: Arc of Beaver, 500 Market Street, Beaver, PA

PRESENTED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Social Security's disability process is becoming fully electronic. *As the online procedure becomes the exclusive means for receiving and processing disability claims and appeals, an understanding of this procedure will become an increasingly important part of receiving services.*

Social Security Administration's Online Services for Service Providers⁴⁸

You can now apply for disability benefits and SSI online. Our particular emphasis at the workshop will be the online disability procedure and how third-party service providers and representatives can assist their clients with their disability claims and appeals, especially in the completion and submission of the Adult Disability and Work History Report and Online Appeal Disability Report, critical elements of the disability claims process.

Third-party representatives and service providers who assist the public in applying for Social Security disability benefits and in appealing denied claims will not want to miss this unique training opportunity.

Presenters: Representatives of Social Security's local office and a representative of Pennsylvania's Disability Determination Service (DDS)

Date: October 12, 2006

Times: 9 AM – 11 AM

Place: **ACHIEVA**, 711 Bingham Street

Social Security Administration's Online Services for Family Members⁴⁸

Social Security Administration's award-winning website offers a wide array of online services today. People can go to the site to access a wealth of information about all Social Security programs, find answers to frequently asked questions, research benefit eligibility and calculate payment amounts, and even apply for benefits online.

This workshop will familiarize family members with SSA's website and answer questions you may have.

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Date: October 12, 2006

Times: 6:30 PM - 8 PM

Place: **ACHIEVA**, 711 Bingham Street

PRESENTED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
LOCAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

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Lynn Chiafullo, Pittsburgh Public Schools, Speech & Language Pathologist

Date: November 9, 2006

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Place: **ACHIEVA**, 711 Bingham Street



Advocacy 101⁴⁸

Advocacy is used to help families gain access to services in educational and other community settings. A panel of local experts will discuss the meaning of advocacy, present different approaches to advocacy, and identify resources that can help children with special needs achieve full participation in community life.

Date: March 8, 2007

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Place: **ACHIEVA** 711 Bingham Street

WORKSHOPS - THE ARC OF GREATER PITTSBURGH



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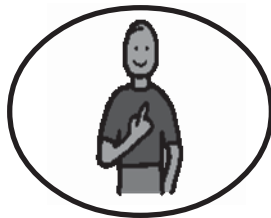
- What “transition” is
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Presenters: Partnership Trainers from Achieva

Date: March 28, 2007

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Place: ACHIEVA, 711 Bingham Street



Person Centered Thinking ⁴⁸

Person centered thinking means we think, plan and do with the focus always on the individual. What you will learn:

- What is person-centered thinking
- Where it came from
- Why it's important
- How can it improve my life
- How it relates to my ISP/IEP
- What are the barriers
- Where do we go from here

Presenters: Partnership Trainers from Achieva

Date: May 2, 2007

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Place: ACHIEVA, 711 Bingham Street

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Date: April 12, 2007

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Place: ACHIEVA, 711 Bingham Street



Down Syndrome Update: What's New in 2007 ⁴⁸

Dr. Cohen will discuss the new guidelines that are being developed by members of the Down Syndrome Medical Interest Group, as well as the new endeavors that seek to improve the health and well being of individuals with Down syndrome.

Presenter: **William Cohen, MD**, Director Down Syndrome Center of Western PA

Date: May 16, 2007

Time: 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Place: ACHIEVA, 711 Bingham Street

FAMILY EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS

THE BASICS OF EARLY INTERVENTION

EI Families

Do you have a child, age birth through five years old, who receives Early Intervention services in Allegheny County?

Would you like to:

- Learn more about the supports and services available to your child and family?
- Meet other families who share your experience?
- Be a better advocate for your child?
- Educate and mentor other families in the early intervention system?

EI Families is a workshop for families by families. The intent of the workshop is to empower families whose children, age birth through five years old, receive Early Intervention services in Allegheny County. All of our workshop leaders are family members raising a child with special needs. They carry with them many years of experience in acquiring services and resources for their child. They have an understanding of how systems work, and will share their knowledge with other families.

SATURDAY TRAININGS

Training topics include:

- Parenting a child with developmental delays
- Creating a plan for your child and family
- The legislative background of early intervention, the parent movement and advocacy
- Promising practices: Inclusion, family centered principles, parent/professional partnerships
- Finding community resources

FALL

Saturday trainings include all training topics.

Date: Saturday, October 7 or Saturday, November 4

Time: 8:30 – 3:00

Place: The Human Services Building - I Smithfield St - Corner of Ft. Pitt Blvd. & Smithfield St. Downtown (free onsite parking)

No child care provided.

Continental breakfast and lunch provided.

SPRING

Saturday training includes all training topics.

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2007

Time: 8:30 – 3:00

Place: The Center for Creative Play, 1400 Braddock Ave. off the Parkway East, Edgewood/Swissvale Exit (free onsite parking) Child Care is provided on a limited basis. Infants are welcome to attend with their families. (Call one week in advance to arrange for child care)

Continental breakfast and lunch provided

EVENING TRAINING SERIES

Time for all Evening Workshops: 6:30-9:00

Place: The Center for Creative Play

1400 Braddock Ave. off the Parkway East, Edgewood/Swissvale Exit (free onsite parking) Child Care is provided on a limited basis. Infants are welcome to attend with their families

Call one week in advance to arrange for child care
Light refreshments served.

Date: April 10, 2007

Topics: • Parenting a child with developmental delays
• Planning for the future for your child and family

Date: April 17, 2007

Topics: • The legislative background of early intervention, the parent movement and advocacy
• Promising practices: Inclusion, family centered principles, parent/professional partnerships

Date: April 24, 2007

Topics: • Finding community resources

To RSVP, obtain a training brochure or for additional information, please call Stephanie Scanlon at 412-323-3220 ext. 1 or Julie Hladio at 412-885-6000 ext. 136.

Please RSVP 1 week prior to all trainings

Sponsored by

Local Interagency Coordinating Council, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, The Alliance for Infants and Toddlers, Pittsburgh Public Schools, Allegheny Intermediate Unit Project DART

With special thanks to ACHIEVA, Easter Seals and Allegheny County Health Department

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION



**ACHIEVA is redesigning
our website, look for it in
late Fall!!**

www.achieva.info

Find out about all of ACHIEVA's supports and services. Keep informed of all the latest legislative and advocacy news.



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User Friendly



Access to more information

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**These workshops are made possible in part
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Have You Considered Membership in The Arc?

Your membership in The Arc of Beaver and The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh will enable us to continue to provide:

- ◆ Education advocacy- assistance with school issues and IEPs
- ◆ Workshops and an informative website
- ◆ Parent support
- ◆ Transition planning and advocating for waiver services
- ◆ Legislative advocacy – working with legislators for funding, legislation for the waiting list and other important issues

Last year The Arc of Beaver and The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh:

- ◆ Began training program as part of The Partnership, a statewide initiative design to educate advocates and families about the disabilities system. Over 50 trainings held in 23 counties.
- ◆ Hosted 16 workshops that were attended by more than 300 people.
- ◆ Provided technical assistance on education, housing, employment, health care and eligibility for benefits to families and adults with disabilities.

All of these services are provided free of charge. For just \$25 you will help to continue to make these services available to families.

To join, please enclose a \$25 check made payable to either The Arc of Beaver or The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh. Any amount given over the \$25 membership fee is tax deductible to the full extent provided by law and helps families who are unable to afford the cost to benefit from membership. Thank you for your consideration.

Please check one based on your county of residence:

The Arc of Beaver

The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: H) _____ W) _____

Email: _____

Mail your membership to either:

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REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE INDICATE HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ATTENDING

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**REGISTRATION FOR EI FAMILIES WORKSHOPS
CALL ONE WEEK PRIOR TO ALL TRAININGS**

**STEPHANIE SCANLON
412-325-4278**

**JULIE HALIDIO
412-885-6000-x136**

**ALL OTHER WORKSHOPS
412-995-5000 x509**

CARE FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER CAN BE ARRANGED IF HE OR SHE MUST ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE WORKSHOP. PLEASE CALL 412-995-5000 x509 **ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE** OF WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Mail form to:

ACHIEVA

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Fax: 412.995.5001

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Toll Free: 1.888.272.7229
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Email: klesko@achieva.info

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