



I'm happy to announce that once again the Center received funds from DDS's Autism Division to benefit families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, here in Central Massachusetts.

Again we decided to take all the funding provided by the division and put it towards funding Social Skills Programs for Division of Autism eligible children with Asperger Syndrome or High Functioning Autism up to the age 18.

If your child meets the criteria cited and you are interested in receiving funding you must first call the Resource Center to be approved for funding. If you have not contacted DDS to determine if your child is eligible you can call us at the Resource Center and we will assist you in filing an application. After being verified for funding families may call the various providers below to schedule an intake. Clinicians make the final decision for inclusion in a group. We've also reserved some funding for those who are already involved in a therapeutic relationship with a provider not listed here. We'll fund up to \$240.00 / child. To tap into that funding, parents need to call the center for approval then have their clinician send an invoice to the Center

#### **WEST BROOKFIELD**

**West Brookfield Counseling Center**, 62 Ware St, W. Brookfield has groups for children ages 4-18. Contact Brenda or Norman Tonelli at the Center at : (508)-867-4451

#### **WORCESTER**

**Family Works** at 51 Union Street # 304 in Worcester will have a group for children 6-10 year olds facilitated by Fran Peterson Med. CAGS, LMHC The Group will begin April 2, 2010 and meet on Mondays 4-5:15 PM Contact the Office at (508-791-9340 ext 2 ) for intake

#### **WEST BOYLSTON**

**Pediatric Behavioral Health**, 148 Worcester Street in West Boylston will have a Toddler / Preschool Group for children Ages 2.9- 5 Years, facilitated by Dawn Hartnett LICSW. This group will meet Wednesday afternoons 4:30-5:30 for six weeks beginning in March 3. Call 508-835-1735 for intake.

**Valerie Chase** will be offering a group for young children as well as the following group for teens

#### **FITCHBURG**

**Early Childhood Enrichment Center** Saturdays 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM  
Starting in March and running 6 weeks Ages 2.9 – 5 years Call for Intake at 774-285-6153

#### **Devens Academy**

Fridays 5:45 PM – 7:30 PM Starting in March  
Ages 13 – 17 .11 years Call for intake at 774-285-6153

#### **HARVARD**

**Peter Pan Center** Ayer Rd in Harvard offers groups for children aged 4-14 , call Donna Shea BA at 978-772-1255 for intake

Sincerely,

Sue Loring – Director

