

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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"It's not what you look at
that matters, It's what
you see." - Henry David Thoreau

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

Feel Free to contact your local representative for assistance or questions.

Meet Your Local PAC Representatives



Back Row: Gynnae Bourdeau, Jennifer Thompson, Jennifer Zott, Cindy Curell, Melivia Mutch, Kim Mileski, Front Row: Kim Hall, Lorri Ruffrage, Becky Baksa, Melanie Starr, Shelli Greschaw Not Pictured: Ron Barnard, Denise Kipp.

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.
7 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Please visit the ISD website at: www.lcisd.k12.mi.us

Meeting Dates

For
2014-2015

2014:

November 8
10:00 AM-12
Social Security

December 1
7:00 PM-9:00

Personal Curriculum

2015:

February 2
Topic TBA

March 2
Business Mtg.

May 4
Topic TBA

June 1
Business Mtg.

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

Childcare is not available

The Next Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

PRESENTS:

What You Need To Know About Social Security Disability

ATTORNEY CLIFF WEISBERG

From

**The Law Center For
Social Security Rights**

Will Present:

- What to do first, if you think your child is eligible
- How and where to apply for SSI benefits
- How does a seriously disabled child qualify for SSI benefits
- What are the non-medical requirements
- What happens if the claim is approved
- Where to find help and guidance that is not costly
- If I hire an attorney, how much does it cost

Saturday, November 8, 2014

10:00 AM– 12:00 PM

LCISD Education & Technology Center

690 N. Lake Pleasant Rd.

Attica, MI 48412



Parent Resources:



Handicapped Accessible Shopping Carts at Kroger

Handicapped accessible shopping carts at both the Imlay City and Lapeer Kroger stores. The carts, known as Caroline's Carts, are specially designed for individuals with special needs. It provides caregivers available option to transport a special needs individual through a store while shopping, without the impossible task of having to maneuver a wheelchair and a traditional shopping cart at the same time.

We need your help in reaching out to parents, grandparents, caregivers, and the community at large to share the availability of these carts.

Kroger has trained staff available to bring these carts out into the parking lot with just a simple phone call.





Dates & Locations for Parent Trainings

What Every Family and Provider Should Know about Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

December 2, 2014
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Saginaw Transition Center
3860 Fashion Square Blvd
Saginaw, MI 48603
(989) 399-7473
<http://svy.mk/1A04wQ6>

Essential Communication Skills for IEP Team Meetings

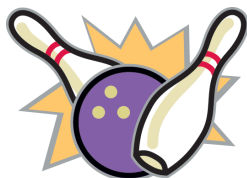
November 24, 2014
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Erwin L. Davis Education Center
2413 West Maple Avenue
Flint, MI 48507
(810) 591-4400
<http://svy.mk/1B0a0vB>

BOWLING - Special Leagues

	Contact Us
	258 W. Genesee Street Lapeer, Michigan 48446
	Phone: 810-664-2082
	bowlingdanno@yahoo.com

Gerlach's "Bowling Buddies"

Special Needs Drop-In Bowling
Any Age Special Needs Person
1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month
Coming up: November 5th & 19th
\$4 per person (2 games),
Starts at 4-4:30 pm (whenever you can make it there).



Almont Hideaway Lanes.

Special Needs League, every other Saturday, starts at 12pm. \$6 for two games, includes a hotdog and drink. Call to get other details –

[\(810\) 798-8589](tel:8107988589)

Teen Social Club & Parent Support

Monthly parent meetings currently held the third Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

Maple Grove Elementary School
2020 Imlay City Road
Lapeer, MI 48446



Teen/Young Adult Social second Friday of every month
6-9pm Ages 13 and up. Games, snacks, friends & fun - a great time for everybody!

for more information: www.hearts4autism.org
jennifer@hearts4autism.org or reginastr@yahoo.com
(810) 656-6139 (810) 623-2041

www.hearts4autism.org



Check out the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Website– Access it from the Lapeer County ISD Main webpage at: <http://www.lcisd.k12.mi.us/>

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The City of Southfield is home to Michigan's FIRST baseball field for children with any physical or cognitive disability, offering the true major league experience. The Miracle League of Michigan is making dream come true for some very special kids– Michigan's First, and Still the Best, Adaptive Baseball Field– est. 2004



REGISTER NOW FOR OUR 2015 MIRACLE LEAGUE OF MICHIGAN BOWLING SEASON!



Miracle League of Michigan Bowling begins Sunday, January, 4th 2015 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm, and continues for 10-consecutive Sundays ending on Sunday March 8th, 2015.



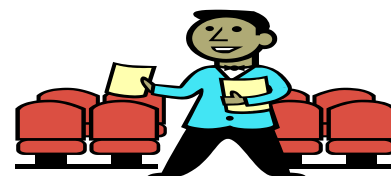
Registration includes: Players Bowling Shirt, Player Award Medal, Prizes and 1-Hour of bowling with shoe rental per week. (Families are welcome to say after and bowl together.) Location: Hartfield Lanes, 3490 12 Mile Rd, Berkley MI. <http://hartfieldbowling.com>.

Space is limited and fills fast for register today! Makes a great holiday gift too.

Register today by clicking the "Register" button below. For questions, write:

Oxford 7– Movie Theater in Downtown Oxford

Located in Downtown Oxford on S. Washington St. (M24)



LIGHTS UP SOUND DOWN

We offer a screening once a month of first run movies on Saturdays mornings open to everyone, but specifically giving families & children with Autism and sensory issues the opportunity to enjoy their favorite movies in a comfortable, sensory - friendly setting with the lights turned up and volume turned down in the auditorium.

DATE AND MOVIE TBD



Sign up for Email Updates!





Free Workshops!

Hot Topic: A.D.D.
November 13th, 2014
10am to noon
deAngeli Library

Kindergarten Readiness
November 6th, 2014
10am to 11:30am
deAngeli Library

Playgroup
November 7th, 14th, 21st, December 5th,
12th, 19th, 2014
10am to 11:30am
Imley City VFW Hall

Registration is required. Call [810-664-2737](tel:810-664-2737)
to reserve your spot!!



Sign up for FREE workshops today by calling [810-664-2737](tel:810-664-2737)



MIAGBell Presents: 2014 Fall Family Conference

When: Saturday, November 15th, 2014 from 9:00am to 3:30pm

Where: Lapeer County Intermediate School District
690 North Lk Pleasant Rd., Attica, MI 48412



Exploring the Frontiers
of Knowledge and Independence

Shon Halacka & Kelly Gilkey
MIAG Bell Fall Conference
November 15, 2014

Exploring the Frontiers of Knowledge and Independence:
Presenters: Shon Halacka & Kelly Halacka- Gilkey, Bio Medical Engineer at NASA

**Building Listening and Language Skills: A Down to
Earth Approach**

Presenter: Ashley Garber, M.S. CCC-SLP LSLS Cert. AVT

Panel Session with Students from Middle - College Years

Children's Program ages 4 and up, older students are welcome to attend sessions.

Cost: *Includes conference, breakfast, lunch & snack*

1 parent-\$15, 1 child- \$10 Immediate family of 4 or more people-\$40

1 college student/ professional- \$25 (LSLS included)

Please mail the form below with payment to: (Please make check payable to MIAGBell)

Fall Family Conference, 697 Merrimac Rd., Canton, MI 48188

Register online at www.miagbell.org

Any questions please contact: Diane Hodgin 248-330-7857 or dianehodgin@miagbell.org

Adults name(s)	Address	Phone	E-mail	Allergies
1.				
2.				
Childs name(s)	Age/Gender	Hearing Impaired Y or N	HearingAids or Cochlear Implants	Special needs: allergies, ect.
1.				
2.				
3.				

Helpful Resources and Numbers:



QUICK CONNECT

QUICK CONNECT FROM:

Name: _____

From: _____

Helping Connect Families to Early Childhood Services & Resources

B 4 Kindergarten Hotline

810-245-3994 (B4K-FYYI)

If you need information, suspect a delay in a child; want to be connected to programs for children before they reach Kindergarten.

Early Head Start

810-667-7511

Home based, free program for pregnant women and children 0-3 years old.

Preschool Programs

Head Start & GSRP*

Preschool programs for children 3 to 5 years of age. Programs also provide strong family involvement and parent education components. Family does not have to live within program area.

(248) 608-8467 - **Almont** GSRP

(810) 796-2201x1201 - **Dryden** GSRP

(810) 245-3934 - **Imlay City** GSRP

(810) 245-1206 - **Imlay City** Head Start

(810) 667-2454 - **Lapeer** GSRP

(810) 245-3934 - **Lapeer** Head Start & GSRP

(810) 452-1002 - **North Branch**

Find Quality Child Care & Preschool

1-877-614-7328

www.greatstarttoquality.org

Statewide database of all licensed child care providers.

Inspiring Hearts for Autism

810-656-6139

"Be Inspired" Autism Support Group, Lending Library, and Information Resources www.hearts4autism.org

LACADA

810-667-4175

Shelter, outreach and help for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors.

Family Literacy Center

810-664-2737

Tutoring for adults who live/work in the Lapeer County area and want to read, write or speak English better. Also, workshops for families to help children develop good reading skills.

Adult Education

810-667-6714

High School Completion and GED Prep: Classes are available at the Ed-Tech Center. **FREE** to all adults who have not graduated from high school.

Local Libraries

Free! Get/use your library card for: books, story hours, computer classes, access to computers/Internet, and much more.

Almont District Library 810-798-3100

www.adlmi.org/

Dryden Township Library 810-796-3586

www.drydentownshiplibrary.org/

Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library

www.ruthhughes.org

Imlay City 810-724-8043

Attica 810-724-2007

Lapeer District Library

www.library.lapeer.org

Branches in:

Clifford (989) 761-7393

Columbiaville (810) 793-6100

Elba (810) 653-7200

Hadley (810) 797-4101

Lapeer (810) 664-6971

Metamora (810) 678-2991

Otter Lake (810) 793-6300

North Branch Township Library

www.northbranchlibrary.org

Find Help: Dial 2-1-1

www.211.unitedwaysem.org

Free, confidential connections to local services, information and resources

Health Department

810-667-0448

WIC - Food assistance for pregnant women and children up to five years old. **Immunizations**- call for details; many insurances are now being accepted. **CSHCS** - medical help for children with special needs

Medicaid / MI Child / DHS

810-667-0800

www.michigan.gov/dhs

Food and rent assistance, medical coverage, family support.

(Has income limits)

Community Mental Health (CMH) 810-

667-0500

Provides mental health services for residents of Lapeer County.

(May have income eligibility)

Call - ACCESS: 1-888-225-4447

Pregnancy Resource Center

810-667-0055

A Christian organization to help families by providing baby and children's supplies, self-administered pregnancy tests and educational, emotional and spiritual support. (All free of charge)

Other Needs - (Food, clothing, utilities, housing, budgeting, etc.)

LOVE INC: 810-245-2414

Hispanic Service Center: 810-724-3665

Human Development Commission (HDC): 810-664-7133

Housing: 810-664-9098 - **BWCIL**
(Blue Water Center for Independent Living)

Employment/Jobs Training:
Thumb Area Michigan Works!
810-664-1680
(Income limits/other restrictions)



□ NewEntry

☐ Update Date: _____

Date Received: _____ Date Entered: _____ Entered By: _____

The school year is off to a busy start, if there’s additional information you’d like your child’s teachers to know, here is a useful form. Additional copies of this can be found by clicking on: nationalautismmassociation.org/wp-content/.../student-profile-form.pdf

SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENT PROFILE FOR EDUCATORS

STUDENT'S NAME & AGE

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

MEDICAL CONDITION(S)/ALLERGIES/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

EMERGENCY CONTACT

DO'S & DONT'S

SIGNS OF ESCALATION

PLACE STUDENT'S PHOTO HERE

STUDENT'S TRACKING FREQUENCY (IF APPLICABLE)

LIKES/ATTRACTIONS/FAVORITE THINGS

TRIGGERS/DISLIKES/FEARS

IF LOST, MAY LIKELY BE FOUND AT

BEST CALMING METHODS

NOTE: immediately notify parent or caregiver of a wandering incident, even if it seems small or insignificant. If the student is ever missing, CALL 911 and search areas that pose the highest threat first, such as nearby water sources and traffic. Avoid the following: non-emergency restraint, prone or supine restraints, and seclusion practices as these can cause new behaviors or worsen existing behaviors.

ADDITIONAL INFO