

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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"A mind that is stretched by new
experience can never go back to its
old dimensions"

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

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.



Do you know about Michigan's

FREE on-line library?

See page 2 for more details!

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

PAC

Meeting Dates

2016

March 7

Business Mtg.

May 16

Topic:

"Financial Planning"

How to get organized, develop a plan, and make informed decisions

June 6

Business Mtg.

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

Childcare is not available



Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Presents:

"Financial Planning"

How to get organized, develop a plan, and make informed decisions

Presenter:

Steven J. Grogan, MBA

President of Atticus Wealth Management



Sorry, at this time childcare is not available for this meeting.

TOPICS:

- ◆ **Guardians and Conservators**
- ◆ **Financial Resources and Support**
- ◆ **Letter of Intent**
- ◆ **Wills and Trusts**



May 16, 2016

7:00– 9:00 PM

**LCISD Education & Technology Center
690 N. Lake Pleasant Rd.
Attica, MI 48412**



Michigan e-Library

Michigan e-Library is a fee on-line resource.

Simply go to www.mel.org to find great books for kids and adults. You can find books to read or



listen to, plus fun

games, silly songs, facts about Michigan, and lots of other learning activities. There's even homework



help. Find links for kids, teens, businesses, jobs, health, and even legal resources.



Lapeer County ISD

**PARENT
RETREAT
MAY 10, 2016**



Time: 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Location: Lapeer County ETC
690 N. Lake Pleasant Rd.
Attica, MI 48412-9303

Cost: No charge, but call to register
and as a courtesy, call if unable
to attend.

Registration Contact:

Kelly Myers (810)667-6637 or

e-mail: kmyers@lapeerisd.org

An Invitation To Parents Of Students With Autism

Funded through a grant from
Grand Valley State University
START Project
(Statewide Autism Resources And Training)



Agenda

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| 9:00 | Welcome/Introductions/Updates/
Autism Resources |
| 9:30 | Guardianship Information |
| 10:00 | Brunch |
| 11:00 | Presentations: Autism & Sexuality
<i>Dr. Jan Graetz & Dr. Chaturi Edrisinba,</i>
<i>Oakland University</i> |
| 12:45 | Networking and Round Table Discussion |
| 2:00 | Questions & Wrap-up |

Sorry, there is NO child care available for this training

Lapeer ISD invites you to attend the annual START Parent Retreat. Please come and enjoy a day of relaxation, food, networking with other parents and professionals, as well as gain useful information relating to autism. A full brunch as well as refreshments throughout the day provided.

Update and resource topics include:

- Technology Information
- Support Groups
- Autism Alliance of Michigan
- ABA Benefit & Health Insurance
- Camps
- Social opportunity resources



SUMMER TIME CAMPS



What sorts of needs do your campers have?

Our campers have a range of different special needs. No particular label or diagnosis is categorically ruled in or out. Skyline is physically spread out and hilly, so some physical limitations can be too much for the camper here. We expect that campers are able to attend to toileting and showering mostly independently. We aim to meet with first-time campers before camp to make sure we have the right staffing and programming to meet the camper's needs.

Special Needs Camps

Ages 13-19 **Camp Far Away** Jun 19-24

Ages 20-34 **Camp For Me** Jun 26- July 1

Ages 35+ **Camp Joy** Jun 12-16

Ages 12-26 **Step Up Camp** Jul 17-22

See also: [Camp For Us](#)

[What to bring & helpful tips](#)

[General Summer Camp FAQs](#)

(see right for some extra Special Needs Camp FAQs)

Learn more by visiting:

<http://www.campskyline.org/special-needs-camps/4587628689>



Website:: <http://www.clarkstonscamp.com/>

Direct all calls to Community Ed. 248.623.4314

A Special Place for Special Kids!

All it takes is one visit to Clarkston SCAMP and you will be hooked! Laughing, singing, swimming, running, hugs and dancing fill the air. SCAMP is a five-week program developed and designed for children and young adults with special needs. The camp is more than just an exciting place for the SCAMPers; this program provides a growing and learning opportunity for both the young adults hired to be aides for the SCAMPers, as well as the volunteers. It provides the parents of the SCAMPers the calming effect of knowing that their child is in a safe haven and having a good time that they might not be able to experience any other way.

While a tuition amount is in place, financial aid is available in limited amounts for eligible families.

PROGRAMS AND CAMPS

Check out all of Oakland University's programs and camps on-line at:

<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/oucares/programs>



Pee Wee Camp—Children ages 3-6

Summer Day Camp— Children 7-12 years old

Life Skills Camp— Adolescents 11-14/ 15-18/18 and up





Lapeer County Intermediate School District supports many early childhood programs that promote early development in children:

The link for the calendar of activities is:

www.my.calendars.net/greatstartlapeer

(There are activities on the calendar link year round).

If you'd like a monthly calendar e-mailed to you each month, contact :

B4K-FYYI or (810) 245-3994

b4k@lapeerisd.org

Great Start parents have a Facebook page. Which also lists the calendar and other activities that might be of interest to parents.

FB/greatstartlapeer

facebook



POWER Summer Camp

Based at YMCA Camp Copneconic, in Fenton, Michigan, POWER Camp (Peer Outreach With Extraordinary Results) is a four-day summer day camp. This program focuses on children ages 7 to 18 years old with Autism Spectrum Disorder. We are pleased to now offer TWO summer sessions for our families!!



More information can be found at:

www.geneseeaautism.org



- 4 Day Camp
- Intentional Programming
- Natural & Caring Environment
- Shared Experiences
- Nurturing Staff & High Staff/Camper Ratios



Our philosophy is to combine neuro-typical "Peer Buddy" children with youth living with ASD. Campers will have an opportunity to engage in activities with their peers that will help them grow and expand their social experiences. Volunteer opportunities for "Junior Counselors" (ages 16-18).



SAVE THE DATES!!!!!!!!!!

July 18th - 21st, or August 1st-4th

For those campers who are interested and ready for an **overnight experience**, a well supervised optional Thursday sleepover will take place on August 4th.



**ASRC and the YMCA
A Partnership Made for Kids and Families**

For those campers who are experiencing hardships, scholarships are available. For more information please call (810) 742-5404

www.GeneseeaAutism.org

Activities Include:

- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Canoeing
- ✓ Fishing
- ✓ Boating
- ✓ Zip-lines
- ✓ Gaga ball
- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Boating
- ✓ Themed events
- ✓ & much more





"Together WE Can"

est. 1957

SUMMER CAMP

All general summer sessions allow campers to participate in a variety of the recreational activities we have

to offer. These general summer sessions are either Adult (ages 21 & up) or youth (ages 6-26). Programs designed around specific activities, such as Therapeutic Riding and the Outpost, have slightly different age breakdowns.

Our adult summer sessions are designed to meet the needs of individuals based on the assistance they need with daily care and engagement in activities.

Find More information by going to:

<http://thefowlercenter.org/summer-camp.htm>



Children's Summer Therapy Camp

Each summer approximately 180 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. They provide the children with supervision & love, therapy & classes, activities & meals, and all the services to keep camp in good running order. During the seven week long camp session, progress towards goals of greater independence is incredible.



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

Get More Information At:

<http://www.baycliff.org/>



CAMP GRACE BENTLEY

ON THE SHORES OF LAKE HURON



ABOUT CAMP GRACE BENTLEY

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.

Before admittance, each camper is carefully screened to ensure that Camp Grace Bentley is best suited for his or her needs.



AMENITIES

Located in Burtchville, Michigan, just north of Port Huron, a total of 11 cabins line the shore of Lake Huron, giving campers a truly rustic and authentic camping experience. Individual cabins for campers and counselors each with their own bed, closet, nightstand and private bathroom

CAMP AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- New Air Conditioning/Heating units in each cabin
- New in-ground pool and therapeutic whirlpool - accessible to all campers
- New pine furniture
- Spacious recreation hall for plays, skits, indoor games and dances
- Large dining hall with meals specially designed for kids
- Lounge for "movie night", rainy days
- Hobby Shop for arts & crafts
- Sun porch with a breathtaking view of the lake
- Camp Grace Bentley Chapel (Non-denominational)

ACTIVITIES

Our summer activities are everything a child could imagine, including:

- Swimming & beach activities
- Campfires and sing-alongs
- Movie Nights
- Team Sports
- Dances
- Karaoke Night
- Arts and Crafts
- Theme Nights



Grace Bentley Camp

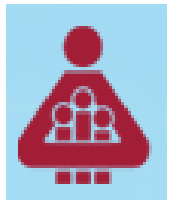
8250 Lakeshore Rd., Burtchville Township, MI 48059

www.campgracebentley.org

PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS



Support Group for Foster/Adoptive Parents And Parents with Special Needs Children



This group meets the second Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 PM

At the Lapeer Community Church

Located at: 80 N. Lake Pleasant Road, Attica (the old Attica Elementary School)

Please call first in order to plan ample seating and POSSIBLE free childcare.

Call Kim Hall at (810) 664-4743 or (810) 441-6135

ALL parents are welcome that need support and/or advice from other parents! Enjoy an environment where parents can help each other and most importantly, help their children.

Like Us On Facebook
Facebook.com/FFNRS



Meets 1st and 3rd Friday of the month

5:30 PM– 7:30 PM

Location: Former Maple Grove School

2020 Imlay City Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

Questions Contact: Regina Starr (810) 623-2041

Drop-In Parent Support Group

**For Families Currently Working With The Children's Services Program at
Lapeer Community Mental Health**

Meets Every Thursday

11:30 AM– 1:30 PM

North Branch Township Library

3714 Huron St, North Branch, MI 48461

Contact Christine Jaros-Starr (810) 667-0500



Parent Leadership Training



Parent Leadership in State Government is a
joint initiative between:
MI Department of Health and Human Services
MI Department of Education
Children's Trust Fund

Parents Partnering for Change

A training of the Parent Leadership in State Government Initiative



What is Parent Leadership Training?

The Parent Leadership in State Government (PLISG) initiative offers the *Parents Partnering for Change* training curriculum. The curriculum trains Michigan parents to use their voice to impact program planning and policy development on local, regional, and state boards and other decision-making bodies.

Training topics include:

- How to tell your family story
- What it means to be a parent leader
- Improving communication skills
- How a board works
- Effective meetings and how to handle conflict

After the training, parents are encouraged to put their new skills to use. Parents receive support from a PLISG parent mentor, and can connect with new opportunities for involvement through Facebook® and a Yahoo® group.

Parent Leadership Training

Flint, MI

July 26 & 27, 2016

Who can apply for the training?

- Any parent or caregiver in Michigan who has a child aged birth to 18, who has received specialty public services in Michigan. Priority will be given to those closest to the training site.

Is there a cost for the training?

- There is no cost to parents to attend. Parents receive mileage reimbursement, a stipend (\$200) for their time, and meals during the training. Hotel may be covered based on travel distance.

How long is the training?

- The training is two days in length. The first day is from 1pm-8pm. The second day is from 8am-4pm. Parents must attend both days.

When & Where is it located?

- July 26 & 27, 2016
- Flint, MI

Is there childcare available?

- No, however the project provides reimbursement for childcare needed while at training (up to \$50 per day).

Have you ever wanted to use your voice to make a difference? This training teaches you how to get involved in advisory boards or committees. You will learn alongside other parents in this informative and interactive training. The goal of this training is to provide you with new knowledge and skills, as well as to help inspire and motivate you to get involved!

If you have questions please contact:

Jane Pilditch @ 517-324-8392
jpilditc@mph.org

To apply for the training please go to:

<https://mph.wufoo.com/forms/zbsewi80e9nqr0/>

Disability Benefits 101

working with a disability in Michigan



Michigan's Disability Benefits Planning Site

www.mi.db101.org

- On-line calculator - 24/7/365
- Confidential - Only requires month/year of birth and zip code
- Direct links to supporting information and/or key contacts
- Become more self-determined and empowered
 - Save sessions to discuss with agencies
- **Note:** Well-trained benefits planners contact information available on active links at www.mi.db101.org

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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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Further, it is the policy of this District to provide an equal educational opportunity for all students, without regard to the Protected Classes, place of residence within the boundaries of the District, or social or economic status, to learn through curriculum offered in this District.

The following individuals have been designated by the Board of Education as the District's Compliance Officers to handle inquiries regarding the District's nondiscrimination, prohibition against discrimination based on disability, and anti-harassment policies:

Michelle Proulx, Director of Special Education (student-related)

Ann M. Schwieman, Director of Administrative Services and Personnel (staff-related)

Address (for mailing purposes only): Lapeer County ISD Administration Building, 1996 W. Oregon St., Lapeer, MI 48446

Phone (to speak to or schedule an appointment with a Compliance Officer): (810) 664-5917

Fax: (810) 664-1011 E-mails: mproulx@lapeerisd.org and aschieman@lapeerisd.org

