

You're Invited To...



The Baton Rouge Autism Speaker Series

Where The Pieces Come Together

Parents, caregivers, families, and professionals affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) are invited to the first annual Baton Rouge Autism Speaker Series. The Speaker Series is the result of a collaborative effort of the Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation, Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge, Junior League of Baton Rouge, Inc., and Our Lady of the Lake Pediatric Residency Program. The 2009/2010 Baton Rouge Autism Speaker Series will provide a series of three, three-hour educational sessions delivered by national experts on ASD.

“Taking Effective Strategies Home for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder”

November 7, 2009

Presented by:

Denise Sawan Caruso

Speech-Language Pathologist

Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence Board Member

- Information on how to identify the strengths and challenges of children with autism
- Provide basic information on ‘why’ behavior
- Provide strategies to implement in the home environment

“Teaching Alternative Ways of Behavior”

February 6, 2010

Presented by:

Dr. Cathy Pratt

Director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at the Indiana Institute for Disability and Community

- Strategies for assessing problematic behavior with a focus on both decreasing inappropriate behaviors and teaching alternative skills.
- Identify basic strategies to enhance pro-social behaviors
- Learn strategies to replace problematic challenges

“Developing a Social/Emotional Plan for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders”

April 24, 2010

Presented by:

Denise Sawan Caruso

Speech-Language Pathologist

Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence Board Member

- Identification of communication and social characteristics: Individual strengths and challenges.
- Identification of social awareness and social understanding issues: “Hidden Curriculum” and “Cycle of Rage”
- Strategies to address social challenges

TIME: All sessions will be held on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m.—Noon. Check-in and registration begins at 8:15 a.m. Early arrival is recommended. Sessions will begin promptly at 9 a.m.

LOCATION: St. James Episcopal Church in Bishop’s Hall, 204 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801

COST: FREE: Families, Caregivers, Students & Professionals Not Seeking Continuing Education
\$60: Professionals Seeking Continuing Education Credits

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For more information, or if you require special accommodations, please call the Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation at (225) 343-4232.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT CHILD CARE: Please be advised that there will be **NO CHILDCARE** provided at this event and therefore adult only attendance will be allowed.

REGISTER EARLY & IN ADVANCE: All participants are strongly urged to register for each event in advance. All advance registrations will receive priority admittance on the day of the event. Admittance and registration the day of the event cannot be guaranteed and will be based solely on space availability.

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HOW TO REGISTER: Online at www.brshf.org (**preferred method**) or complete this form and mail it at least **10 days** in advance to:

Junior League of Baton Rouge
Attention: Leigh Anne Baker
9523 Fenway Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1411

Please register me for the following event(s):

___ **November 7, 2009**

___ **February 6, 2010**

___ **April 24, 2010**

Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: (Home) (_____) _____ **E-mail:** _____

I am a: PARENT CAREGIVER FAMILY MEMBER PROFESSIONAL STUDENT OTHER

Circle the total number of guests attending (including yourself): **1** **2** **3** **4**

If others are attending besides you, please provide their name(s) below:

2. _____ I am a _____

3. _____ I am a _____

4. _____ I am a _____

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRANTS ONLY

FEE: \$60/Session or \$150/All 3 Sessions

How To Register As A Professional: Online at www.brshf.org or mail by sending this completed form and check payable to The Junior League of Baton Rouge to: Junior League of Baton Rouge, Attention: Leigh Anne Baker, 9523 Fenway Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1411. One professional participant per form. Professional Continuing Education Credit will only be given to those registering as a professional.

Professional Affiliation: _____ Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners for Occupational Therapy
License Number: _____ Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
 _____ Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology
 _____ Other: _____

NOTE: Continuing Education Hours (3) have been **approved** by the Louisiana Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and the Louisiana Board for Speech Pathology and Audiology. An application for 3 continuing education hours has been submitted to the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners for Occupational Therapy; we are awaiting their response. If you have questions regarding the approval, please contact Leigh Anne Baker at 225-610-8770 or at leighanne-baker@hotmail.com.

YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RSVP! Registration is not complete until your check is received.

Refund Policy: Refunds ONLY if the request is received two weeks prior to the seminar.