



link to learning

Parent Workshop S E R I E S

OCTOBER 2010

Bipolar Disorder in Children

Although bipolar disorder (BD) is among the most significant health problems for American adults, we know far less about BD in children and adolescents. Pediatric BD is a growing health problem, whose incidence has risen significantly. In this presentation Dr. Dickstein will cover why pediatric BD is so controversial and hard to diagnose; the brain and behavioral changes associated with BD in children and adolescents; and how research on pediatric BD can shape the future of mental health care.

Presenter:

Daniel Dickstein, MD, Director, PediMIND Program, Bradley Hospital, East Providence, RI

Thursday, October 7, 2010 7-8:30 pm

Genetics & Autism

Genetic discoveries have made contributions to the field of autism. These discoveries are becoming increasingly relevant to diagnosis and clinical care. Dr. Morrow will present recent genetic progress in a way that reveals the importance of this progress to a general, non-scientist audience. There will be a focus on the use of genetic tests and also there will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

Presenter:

Eric Morrow, PhD, MD, Assistant Professor in Biology and Psychiatry, and Director of Developmental Disorders Genetics Research, Dept. of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Brown University, Providence, RI

Thursday, October 28, 2010 7-8:30 pm

NOVEMBER 2010

Playful Partners: Best Practice Strategies Can be Fun

This workshop will present a unique and creative program that teaches parents and caregivers specific skills to support children with developmental delay. Through a coaching-learning play-based model, parents and caregivers enrolled in the program learn how to implement evidence-based best-practice strategies to carry over at home and in the community.

Presenter:

Kathleen Schlenz, MS, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist, Sargent Rehabilitation Center, Warwick, RI

Thursday, November 4, 2010 7-8:30 pm

FEBRUARY 2011

Anxiety & Depression in Children and Teens

The presentation will review the signs and symptoms of anxiety disorders and depression as they are seen in children and adolescents. Possible causes will be discussed. Dr. Greer will also review treatment approaches including different forms of counseling and psychotherapy along with possible medication treatment strategies.

Presenter:

James Greer, MD, Psychiatrist, The Providence Center & Casey Family Services, Providence, RI

Thursday, February 10, 2011 7-8:30 pm

MARCH 2011

Social Thinking: A 24/7 Experience

Social Thinking®, as described by Michele Garcia Winner, is the intuitive process which allows people to relate to each other effortlessly through body language and communication. Individuals with social communication deficits (e.g. autism, non verbal learning disabilities, ADHD) often require direct teaching to become aware of and improve competency in social interaction. This workshop will introduce the fundamental concepts of Social Thinking and provide information and ideas for applying Social Thinking strategies.

Presenters:

Celeste Canham, M.S., CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist, Lincoln School Department, Lincoln, RI and Joanne Heffernan, MS, CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist, Sargent Rehabilitation Center, Warwick, RI

Thursday, March 24, 2011 7-8:30 pm

APRIL 2011

Food Allergies in Children

This workshop will begin with a look at the process of food allergy testing and then move into a discussion of what is, and isn't, a "real" food allergy and why this is sometimes hard to determine. The presentation will also describe the signs and symptoms of food allergic reactions and some of the "allergy-like" GI diseases in children.

Presenter:

Vince Mukkada, MD, Pediatric Gastroenterologist, Director of the Pediatric Food Allergy Program, Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, RI

Thursday, April 7, 2011 7-8:30 pm

All workshops, which are free and open to parents, are held at Sargent Rehabilitation Center. Seating is limited. Advanced registration is requested by calling our Link Line at 886-6612.

Sargent Center established its Link to Learning program as a forum for providing information and advice on topics of interest to parents. If there are particular topics you would like to recommend for future workshops, please let us know. **Workshops are geared specifically to parents, but arrangements can be made for professional presentations.**

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