



# Family Connections

# 2017

All are welcome to attend any session. Please call Family Services at 773-2014 to RSVP.

Transportation and Respite are provided upon request for all sessions with the exception of Sensory Swim.

Sessions take place at the following locations:

**The Center at Lexington**  
465 N. Perry St., Johnstown



**Lexington Family Services**  
43 Harrison Street  
Gloversville, NY 12078  
Phone: (518)773-2014  
Fax: (518)773-2080

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**MUSIC THERAPY for School—aged Children Diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum**  
*Every Tuesday in March | 5:30p-7:30p*

Ages 3-12, 5:30-6:30pm

Ages 13-21, 6:30-7:30pm

**Sensory Swim :** Due to limited availability of the pool for the program, we will be having our sensory swim program in the Spring and in the Summer. Please be on the look out for information this month.

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**Learn to do your taxes: Income Tax Instruction Assistance**

**Saturday, March 4th | 9am-11am**

**Appointment required, reservations must be made by March 2nd.**

Come and receive free instruction on how to do your own taxes on-line. Specific requirements must be met to be able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Please see the attached flyer for details.

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**Ask the Advocate**

**Tuesday, March 7th | 12pm-1:30pm**

*Individual 15 minute phone appointments with Education Specialist, Tina Beauparlant, of Parent to Parent of NYS.*

Do you have any questions related to the IEP process that you want answers to?

Do you know how to request information about your child / student?

Do you understand your role at a CSE meeting?

Do you know how to discuss your child's needs at a CSE meeting?

If you have questions we have answers for you!

If you are a Parent, Grandparent, Family Member, Medicaid Service Coordinator, here is an opportunity to come and get your questions answered.

**Call Family Services to make an appointment.**

**Target Audience:** Parents/Caregivers

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**SIB March 10th and 24th | 6pm—8pm**

A support group for the siblings (ages 8-15) of individuals who have been diagnosed with developmental disabilities.

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**Webinar: NYS Autism Insurance Reform**

**Tuesday, March 14th | 5pm-6:30pm**

Please join Lin Perry, Project Director, Family to Family Healthcare Information Center, as she presents a webinar on the Autism Insurance Reform.

Autism Insurance Reform legislation became effective in 2013, however aspects of the bill, related to Applied Behavioral Analysis, are still being worked on within the NYS government. This webinar will address the overall legislation, who it assists and how and will also give an update on the current status of the ABA portion of the legislation.

**Target Audience:** Parents/Caregivers

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**Autism Movement Therapy and Creative Movement**

**Saturday, March 18th | 10:00am-11:00am**

AMT and creative movement is a movement and music integration strategy combining patterning, visual movement, calculation, audible processing, rhythm and toward ages 5 through 18. Parent participation is required. Come dressed to move and have fun!

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**Parent Round Table  
Lite Lunch Provided**

**Webinar: Healthcare Notebook**  
**Thursday, March 23rd | 1pm-2pm**

Please join Sharon Marrella, Regional Coordinator, as she presents a webinar on the Health Care Notebook. Participants will learn how a HCN can assist in organizing medical records. They will be given tips on how the notebook can assist with advocacy, save time, reduce stress and utilize the information within the notebook in the event of an emergency.

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**Parents as Partners: Tips and Tools for a Successful CSE/IEP Annual Review Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 23 | 5:00pm-7:00pm**

It's that time of the year—the time when districts & parents meet to develop a new IEP for the next school year. Join us as we share tools and tips parents need to help prepare for their child's Annual Review CSE/IEP Meeting. This training will also cover all sections of the IEP and how they relate to the CSE meeting.

Registration Link:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7ktbt6cab&oeidk=a07edqoqxs3da83f978>

**Please see additional Flyer for more details on this topic. There is a 10 person minimum for this class to be held.**

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**Autism Rocks the Spectrum: Autism Family Fun Day**

**Sunday, March 26 | 1pm-4pm**

More information will be provided very soon for this amazing event!