

February 2012 Programs — Sign up now!

Aspire Children's Services 708.236.0979

*All groups are open to the public and held at Aspire Children's Services,
1815 S. Wolf Road, Hillside, unless otherwise noted.*

Parent – Child Groups

Register with Evon Mucek-Kucharczyk at x105 at least five days prior to the beginning of class. Space is limited; so register early.

Creating Connections – Social Skills

Ongoing 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Children ages 7-9 meet on Wednesdays; 5- to 6-year-olds meet Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Groups are for children with challenges in social skill development, diagnoses of autism, sensory integration deficits, or related disorders. Creating Connections is a play-based group designed to help improve a child's ability to engage and play with peers and parents, take turns, cooperate, improve conversation skills and increase attention. Parents will learn how to facilitate social interactions. Cost: \$300 for 12 weeks

Music and Movement – Speech and Physical Therapy

Feb. 8 Wednesdays through March 28, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Led by speech and physical therapists, this group will facilitate expressive language and gross motor skills through songs, actions and gestures. Children will increase their musicality and improve imitation skills. Parents will learn ways to incorporate music and movement into daily life. For children 18 to 36 months and their parents/caregivers. Children must be able to sit with support and demonstrate emerging imitation skills. *Register by February 2.*

Family Enrichment Programs

Transitioning to the Public Schools – Part 1

Feb. 8 Wednesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Jill Dressner, CEO of the Special Ed Advocacy Center (www.specialedadvocacycenter.org), will talk with parents whose children will turn 3 in the next six months about the transition process, services offered by public schools and special education law. The following week, a panel of parents who have already been through the process will answer questions and share their insights. RSVP to Debby by February 2 at x103 or dmayo@aspireofillinois.org. *Volunteer babysitting may be available on a limited basis. Inquire when you register.*

Coffee & Conversation

Feb. 9 Thursday, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Gather with other parents of children with special needs for informal conversation and networking. RSVP by January 9 with Paige at x130.

Transitioning to the Public Schools – Part 2

Feb. 15 Wednesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Parents whose children have already transitioned from Early Intervention into the special education system will answer questions and share their own insights. RSVP to Debby by February 9 at x103 or dmayo@aspireofillinois.org. *Volunteer babysitting may be available on a limited basis. Inquire when you register.*

Coming up in March: Sibshop, speech and developmental therapy parent-child groups, and more.

For additional information on groups, contact Evon at 708.236.0979 x105
or visit www.aspireofillinois.org/childrens-calendar.