



evanston citizens for appropriate special education

Summer 2011 Newsletter

Hello CASE members,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. I recently learned about some programs that might be of interest to you. Let me know if you utilize the services of either of these programs. I am always interested in feedback about your experiences.

Social Endeavors (<http://socialendeavors.net/>)

They are located in Evanston at 1416 Lake Street. According to their website information, "**Social Endeavors** provides treatment services to help children develop age appropriate social and communication skills. Our group programs, [Social Endeavors kids](#), [Social Endeavors Together](#), [Social Endeavors Parents](#), emphasize hands-on learning for both parents and children. [Social Endeavors School](#) helps teachers identify and implement strategies that will help your child fully participate in classroom activities and benefit from them."

A Big Blast Project Gymnastics for Special Kids (<http://www.abigblast.com/>)

Their programs are located in Lake Forest, Downers Grove and Mundelein, which are a bit far but may be worth the trip. They offer gymnastics therapy, recreational therapy, and a variety of summer programs which you might consider for next year. Their organization was featured in the summer 2010 edition of Chicago Special Parent magazine.

<http://www.abigblast.com/suntimescheerarticle.htm>

Family Resource Center on Disabilities Disability Pride Parade!!

I just received information from the Family Resource Center on Disabilities about the Disability Pride Parade in downtown Chicago tomorrow. See their announcement below at the end of this newsletter. To view a **YouTube video of last year's Disability Pride Parade** click on this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tR04y9TWW-M&feature=player_embedded. I am sad that I wasn't aware of this sooner, because it looks like a fabulous event to participate in. CASE will plan to be there next year!

CASE Membership Advertising Project

We are currently working on advertising to be submitted in the Evanston RoundTable and Evanston Review newspapers this fall. CASE ran an ad in the RoundTable four years ago and we feel it's time to reach out to the community again. CASE has become a resource for parents, educational professionals and other special needs organizations. We have over 100 members

on our mailing list and we receive calls on our CASE Line at a steady pace throughout the year. The District 65 administration has been responsive to our concerns, and the D65 School Board members value our perspectives. We plan to expand our support to the Evanston Township High School D202 families this year, and will announce that intention via the advertisement. **Here's where you come in.** Advertising costs money. A ¼ page ad in the Roundtable would cost \$393. I am still waiting on a proposal from the Evanston Review, but it would likely be even more expensive since their distribution is larger. So, I am appealing to our membership for contributions to cover the costs of this advertising. If you visit our website at www.evanstoncase.org there is a **PayPal link** that makes it very easy for you to make a contribution. \$10 or more would be much appreciated.

CASE has been self-funded over the last four years by our Board members. CASE membership is free and our email newsletters are free. We hope that you have come to value our advocacy for the improvement of special education services in Evanston. We would like to offer programs this coming year including a Disability Awareness Event in October, a Film Festival about Inclusion in February, and an IEP Training Workshop in March. We know we add value to this community and we hope you can support us in our efforts going forward.

Thank you for your support.

Cari Levin, LCSW
Founding Director
Evanston CASE



FRCD

Family Resource Center on Disabilities
Providing parents of children with disabilities with information, training, assistance, and support.

This Saturday Join FRCD at the Chicago Disability

Pride Parade!

CELEBRATE DISABILITY PRIDE

What is the date, time, location and route of the parade?

Saturday, July 23, 2011. Parade steps off promptly at 11 a.m.

We will gather at the staging area at 401 S. Plymouth Court at 10:15 a.m. (Plymouth Court and Van Buren, at the rear of the main public library)

The route is a little less than a mile. We will march west to Dearborn, north to Daley Plaza at Washington & Dearborn.

What is the post-parade program?

Post-parade program at Daley Plaza begins at 12:30 p.m.

There will be entertainment, free food, water, over 50 non-profits distributing information.

I want to participate, but don't want to march in the parade.

If you wish to participate, but don't want to march in the parade, you may also choose to go directly to Daley Plaza where FRCD will be staffing its own booth.

How much does it cost?

There is no registration fee.

You may purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win an Apple iPad I (Raffle Tickets \$10.00)

If you can't come, we will appreciate your donation. Make checks payable to FRCD and mail to 20 E. Jackson, Ste 300, Chicago, IL 60604.

What are the drop-off and pick-up addresses for paratransit?

If you are marching in the parade, give paratransit 401 S. Plymouth Court as the drop-off

address. The pick-up address at the end of the parade at Daley Plaza is 50 W. Washington. For public transportation, call 312-836-7000 for CTA, Metra and Pace.

Who should I contact?

Contact George Terzakis at 312-852-3900 or gterzakis@gmail.com or call FRCD's office at 312-939-3513 or at TTD: 312-939-3519 www.frcd.org