

Northshore



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2006

Families Helping Families' mission is to provide information and referral, education and training and peer support to individuals with disabilities and their families.

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You are always welcome at NFHF Board Meetings. Our Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at our Resource Center. If you would like to address the Board, call Jeanne Abbott-Gauthier at (985) 892-4950.

NFHF Disability Resource Center
(985)
875-0511
Or
Toll-Free
1(800)

It's who we are. It's what we do.



Northshore Families Helping Families is dedicated to the empowerment and support of parents who have a child with a disability. Our newest program is being established specifically for parents who have a child who has autism. As we have worked with you in the past, we would like to invite you to be a part of newest network. We sincerely hope that you will join us in our newest endeavor to give parents the opportunity to socialize, share stories, laugh together and also share your concerns. Cindy Brignac, of Livingston parish, has graciously offered to be the parent facilitator for the first meeting.

Please submit your contact information to our office via telephone @ 985.875.0511. 800.383.8700, FAX number: 985.875.9979 or email to mfolsenfhf@bellsouth.net. The group will then decide how they want the network to proceed after the initial meeting, with any assistance from Northshore Families Helping Families the group



Prescription Medication

Assistance Programs

There are a large number of pharmaceutical houses that have patient assistance programs for people who can't afford to purchase their prescribed medications.

These programs typically require a doctor's consent and proof of financial status. They may also require that you have either no prescription drug benefit through your health insurance or no health insurance at all.

If you think that you meet the eligibility requirements, we, at Northshore Families Helping Families may be able to assist you in getting the medications you need. We have established and maintain contact with many pharmaceutical companies and have been successful in helping many people if they meet the eligibility requirements.

When you call for our help, please provide the name of the medication, the maker of the drug and the dosage required by your doctor. We will then check to see if your medicine is listed in the prescription patient assistance program. If it is, we will mail you the information you will need to apply for assistance. You will also need the help of your physician's office.

Assistance is available for children who may be eligible for FREE treatment or medical care at Shriner's Hospitals.



Children from infancy to their 18th birthday may be eligible for these services.

Treatment and medical care are provided at **NO COST** to the patient or parent, regardless of race, religion, or relationship to a Shriner.

Contact Persons:

Chris Knoblauch
Public Relations Director
Jerusalem Shrine Center
1940 Ormond Blvd
Destrehan, La 70047
985-966-4418
For General information
985-725-1716 or
toll free 1-800-262-1587.
www.shrinersshq.org

Shriner's hospitals treat children with healed burns and or orthopedic problems with bones joints or muscles.

**West St. Tammany
YMCA
2006 Summer Day
Camp**

July	3-7	Five (5) ONE- WEEK SESSIONS TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
	10-14	
	17-21	
	24-28	
July 31- -August 4		

*Before Camp Care and After Camp Care
Onsite and at North Tenth Street.
Before: 7:00—8:30 a.m.
After: 4:30—6:00 p.m.*



FOR SUMMER CAMP

INFORMATION CALL:

West St. Tammany YMCA
19550 N. 10th Street
Covington, LA 70433
(985) 893-4800



Upcoming events:

***People First
Meeting***

*Slidell
2006
6:30—8:00 p.m.*

***Self-Advocates Gaining
Empowerment***

*(SAGE)
Miller Memorial Library
Hammond
2006 10:30 a.m.*



**For more information on Self
Advocacy
Groups in your
area, please
call:**

**Louise Kryger, Coordinator (SAGE) Self Advocacy
Gaining Empowerment**



**SPECIAL THANKS TO Maurice
LeBlanc
JELLYSTONE PARK**

46049 Highway 445N
Robert, LA (Exit 47 off I-12.)
For Donating the use of his facilities for
Northshore Families Helping Families
SPRING PICNIC on April 22, 2006 .

Dora Albin,
"Families Can't Wait" Facilitator

Congratulations

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LOUISIANA DISABILITY RIGHTS DAY

"DISABILITY RIGHTS DAY RALLY"

April 11, 2006 Advocates from around the state gathered on the steps of the Capitol to advocate for the services so desperately needed for individuals with disabilities in Louisiana.

**A Rally Held at the State Capitol
"A Waiting List is NOT a Service"!!**

*Workshop scheduled
Increasing Parent Advocacy
Skills
Health Unit
15481 Club Deluxe Rd. Hammond
2006
9:00—10:30 a.m.
To Register Contact:
(985) 875-0511*



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Resources for you...
"It's who we are and what we do"

**Emergency Preparedness for People
with Disabilities and Their Families**
The Take and Go Emergency Book

This booklet format was developed by people with disabilities and family members in collaboration with the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (05/10/06).

This booklet enables you to provide information relative to personal and medical information, likes and dislikes, health and safety, provider agency, support coordination agency, and schooling data.

Completing the information requested within the form will prove useful in any emergency, but especially in times of evacuation for storms.

These booklets are free to anyone requesting them and can be picked up at the Northshore Families Help-

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port and empower individ-
als with disabilities and their
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