

Celebrating Differences

Thursday, October 4, 2018

6:30-8:30 at APL Auditorium

Join us for the ALLEN ReaDs Kick-Off Event at the Library!

- Coping with special needs in your family?
- Feeling overwhelmed but you don't know where to turn?
- Worried about our children's future?

Come hear local experts discuss ways for families to cope with their loved ones who have special needs.

Meet our Speaker Panel:

- **Aimee Benfield, Certified Life Quality Coach**, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist-Associate, Supervised by: Dr. Charette Dersch, LMFT-S, of Serenity Family Therapy, will speak about how special needs impacts family functioning and how to overcome the stress.
- **Monica Piper, BCBA** (Board Certified Behavioral Analyst) and owner of Stepping Stones ABA therapy, will talk about handling difficult behavior.
- **29 Acres Housing Development** will talk about housing for adults who have special needs. It is a safe and dynamic supported living community where adults with neuro-diversities can live and be supported.
- **Dawn Hallman, owner of Hallman & Associates legal firm** and nationally recognized estate planning attorney, with a background in tax, will talk about setting up trusts for special needs individuals, to take care of them in the future."

We will also hold a "Resource Fair" with a variety of local groups with special services for kids. In addition the children's section of the Library will have "play stations" from 7 - 8 PM introducing library resources to our families.

Some of the exhibitors scheduled include:

- -Hallman Law www.hallmanlawoffice.com
- -Cutting Edge Therapy www.cuttingedgepediatrictherapy.com
- -Hugs Café www.hugscafe.org/
- -APT G: A Place to Go www.fumcallen.org/aptg
- -nonPareil Institute www.npitx.org
- -Upside Therapy www.upsidetherapy.com
- -My Possibilities www.mypossibilities.com
- -Angel League www.allenkiwanis.org/service-
- -Projects 29 Acres www.29acres.org

Please join us for this free community event - all supervised kids are welcome! For more information, call 469-667-1185, or email bonniebjay@gmail.com

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