

Southern Illinois Network
Connecting and Supporting the Autism Community



Our Mission

Education: Train family members and professionals on best practices in autism, including biomedical, educational, and social strategies.

Community Awareness: Improve public understanding and acceptance of individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis.

Support: Provide helping hands, listening ears, and shoulders to lean on. No one should walk this road alone.

Advocacy: Work toward quality, individualized educational services that allow the child with an ASD to make significant progress in the academic curriculum and in social skill growth.

Upcoming Forums

Starting in 2009, ALL trainings and forums will be held at St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon (2nd floor conference room) AND will be video-conferenced to St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital (main floor education room) in Centralia! We meet from 6:30-8pm.

Upcoming Discussion Groups

We listened to your feedback, and we are pleased to announce our new Age-Based Discussion Groups as another way to network and support one another. Groups will meet quarterly at the times and locations designated below on the following 2009 dates: February 26th, May 28th, August 27th, October 22nd.

Age-Based Discussion Groups

"Little Ones" Group: Birth - Age 4
Leader: Nicole Gaunt, jcgng01@yahoo.com
Location: Ben Franklin School, Mt. Vernon
Time: 5-6pm

"New to School" Group: Pre - 1st grade

Leader: Pam Ford, phord5@aol.com

Location: St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital, Main Floor Education Room, Centralia

Time: 6:30-8pm

"Older and Wiser" Group: 2nd grade & up

Leader: Jennifer Baum, bjbbaum@yahoo.com

Location: St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital, 2nd floor Conference room, Mt. Vernon

Time: 6:30-8pm

To receive E-mail announcements from the Southern Illinois Network

Send your name, address, phone number, child's name and age with ASD, if applicable, and your email address to SILNetwork@autismillinois.org

Chairperson Rebecca Harper

Phone 1.618.244.3315

UMCH Community Connections 207 N. 27th Street Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

The Southern Illinois Network is working with the Autism Society of Illinois to bring autism awareness and support through out the state of Illinois.

United Way Donations

You can send your **United Way** contributions to our organization! In most areas, United Way participants may direct all or part of their payroll deduction pledge to any legitimate charitable organization. If you wish to contribute to **The Autism Society of Illinois/ Southern Illinois Network** please include our name on the enrollment form during your company's annual campaign drive, along with our tax ID number

36-3293613. Include our mailing address:
2200 S. Main Street, Lombard Illinois, 60148