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LOCKPORT BAYOU SIDE PARK

Date: MARCH 27,2010

Time: 9:00AM-12:00PM

In the event of inclement weather all activities will be moved to

Victory Life Church, 1200 Crescent Ave., Lockport, LA 70374

Bayou Land Calendar of Events

March 12, 2010 10:00 am-12:30 pm	DOUBLE WORKSHOP “Who Can Help My Family? And “How Can I Help My Family? See page 3	East Bank Regional Library River Road, Destrehan, LA	Karen Scallan at 985-447-4461, 1-800-331-5570 or f2fhic@bellsouth.net
March 25, 2010 9:30 am-11:30 am	Transition Planning: My child is graduating from High School and has a disability, where do we go from here? This workshop will assist families in transition IEP planning, goal setting, and employment opportunities.	St. John Parish Library 2920 Highway 51 Meeting Room A LaPlace, LA	Shonna Riggs at 985-447-4461, 1-800-331-5570 or sriggs@bellsouth.net

Louisiana F2F HIC Tele-Workshops 2010 Quarterly Tele-Workshops

What is a Tele-Workshop? Tele-workshops are brought to you in the comfort of your home, office or anywhere you are able to attend. All you need is a telephone (**note call-in numbers are NOT toll free**). Once you register, you are provided with a copy of the materials you will need via email in a PDF adobe acrobat format. If you have no access to computer, we can make arrangements for you to get the materials printed and sent to you.

Double Workshops “Who & How”

Who Can Help My Family? This portion of the event will provide families with an overview of what agencies are out there, how they are connected, what they do and who qualifies, as well as how to access the services they provide. State and local agencies will be discussed and families will have a better understanding of where to go for assistance for their children.

How Can I Help My Family? Louisiana Medicaid is in crisis, private insurance premiums are on the rise, there are shortages of medical professionals in our state and the agencies that provide related services like direct support professional assistance, respite and emergency crisis funding are in budget crises themselves. This portion of the training will focus on the state of care in Louisiana, how the system works and how families can advocate for their child on a personal, local, regional or state level. Families will have a better understanding of the system and how to advocate for children and youth with special needs and will be connected to opportunities to advocate at whatever level they feel comfortable with. Contact **Karen Scallan at 1-800-331-5570**

Tuesday March 9, 2010 7:00 pm	How does a Tele-Workshop work? First, registration is required. Our funding requires that we take certain information and track your satisfaction with our materials and program. We will get most of that information in the registration process. When you register, you will be asked if you have access to a computer and email. If so, we will email you your call in phone number and the presentation materials. Then all you do is call in on the date of the call. Do I need a computer? Certain computer programs? We encourage individuals to view our information via the computer because many slides may have color variances that are not as obvious in printed form. You will receive your packet quicker via email. However, if you do not have access to a computer, we can make arrangements for a copy of the materials to be sent to you <i>if you are registered far enough in advance to receive the materials via mail.</i> Materials sent via email are in adobe acrobat format. Note the call in numbers are not toll free. Individuals are urged to use a line with either free long-distance or with unlimited long distance at one flat rate to avoid additional long distance charges. Groups are welcome but each participant must register.
Thursday March 11, 2010 12:00 pm	
Tuesday March 16, 2010 10:00 am	
Thursday March 18, 2010 2:00 pm	
Saturday March 27, 2010 10:00 am	

Coming Soon in May 2010

Bayou Land Families Helping Families

Presents

Louisiana Children’s Trust Fund

~Conference~

~Beyond Blame Positive Steps for Change~

Anyone interested in submitting proposal papers for this conference may do so by contacting

Ragain M. Gray or Joyce Chiasson at 985-447-4461 or ragaingray@bellsouth.net.

Information on this conference will be in our next quarterly newsletter



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By Dr. James J. Stafford

Dr. James Stafford is participating in a campaign to raise funds for local and national children's charities. He is offering to do professional teeth whitening during the next three months in exchange for the patient's personal donation to the Smiles for Life Foundation. The requested donation is substantially less than the standard fee for this service.

Fifty-percent of the funds will go to Bayou Land Families Helping Families which is a resource center for individuals and families of children with disabilities or special needs in the local area and the remainder to national children's charities through the Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation. The "Teammates for Kids Foundation" is an organization that contributes financial resources to selected non-profit organizations that effectively serve and benefit children with an emphasis on health, education and inner city services. The teeth whitening is quick and painless with excellent results.

This is part of an annual campaign organized by the Crown Council, an association of several dentists throughout North America of which Dr. Stafford is a member. Their charity organization, the Smiles for Life Foundation, has raised more than \$25 million dollars since it was organized in 1998. The funds have benefited nearly 500 children's charities.

For further information contact: Dr. James J. Stafford 225-265-3026



A Rally at the State Capitol
in Baton Rouge

2010 Disability Rights Day

The Right to Receive Services

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

1:00 pm

Join other Individuals with Disabilities, Family
Members and All interested!

****Remember to wear Yellow!!**

**A Waiting List
is
NOT a Service!**

To Register Your Attendance or For More Information
contact:

Bayou Land Families Helping Families

1-800-331-5570

Email: blfhf@bellsouth.net