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Oakland County

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## The Arc Receives Award from Centers for Disease Control for Cutting Edge HealthMeet Project

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The Arc of the United States is excited to announce that it has been awarded a three year cooperative agreement through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to run a new project called HealthMeet.

HealthMeet aims to improve the health of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) through trainings for medical students and health professionals, community-based health assessments for individuals with I/DD, data collection and analysis including longitudinal health outcomes for people with I/DD, comprehensive information and referral, and a public awareness campaign. The project will use innovative strategies and cutting edge technology to help reduce some of the most serious health disparities people with intellectual and developmental disabilities face, and it will contribute to systems-change efforts in health care access.

"With cutting edge technology and a network of top notch partners, this project has the potential to uncover eye-opening information about the health of the millions of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in this country. We are thrilled to be given this opportunity by the CDC to learn more about the health of this population and help change lives in the long run by informing policy and systems change at a national level," said Peter V. Berns, CEO of The Arc.

In addition to the CDC, The Arc is pleased to work with several of our chapters with expertise in the arena, including The Arc of San Francisco, The Arc of New Jersey, and Achieva, along with Therap, the Association on University Centers on Disabilities, the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, Autism Speaks, and the National Down Syndrome Congress.

The CDC has allocated an initial \$1 million for the first year of the program. The plan is to work with a wide variety of local and national organizations to implement HealthMeet across the country.

## "From The Director's Chair"

*By: Tom Kendzierski*

The long, hot summer is over. Let the re-seeding of our lawns begin! Students and teachers have returned to the classroom and I anticipate the new "I.E.P. season" with a unique excitement known only to a professional special education advocate. Over the past few months, essentially no one calls about school issues. Labor Day is the silent bell that tolls the beginning of our client intake race, which leads to the school house door.

In the world of professional advocacy, we eagerly await the first few phone calls or e-mails about parental concerns with school programs, busses that fail to arrive as scheduled, or promises that aren't being kept from the IEP Team meeting held during the spring time. The sleepy giant known as a school district awakens from a sound two-and-a half month slumber, rubs its eyes, yawns, stretches and sets out on a nine month sojourn of educating our youth.

I offer the following tips to all parents as the new school year begins:

- Keep and maintain a positive attitude!
- Re-acquaint yourself with your student's most recent IEP;
- Familiarize yourself with the special education procedural safeguards;
- Any significant changes in your child during summer break? Let the teacher know;
- Talk to your child's teachers and support staff. Get to know them well;
- Always keep the lines of communication open throughout the school year;
- Record potential items of "parental input" for use at the next IEP Team meeting;
- Update school district personnel of any changes in

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### Mission Statement

*The Arc of Oakland County advocates for the rights and full participation of all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We strive to improve systems of supports and services; connect families; inspire our community, and influence public policy.*

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# THANK YOU . . .

## 2012 Dove Award Donations from Local Knights of Columbus Councils

Bishop Gallagher Council #2569	Royal Oak	\$ 3,467.02
Father Kosco Council #12808	West Bloomfield	\$ 1,659.52
Bishop Sheen Council #7444	Milford	\$ 700.00
Sacred Heart Council #8659	Auburn Hills	\$ 628.80
Pope John XXIII Council #5436	Clarkston	\$ 575.33
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 7,030.67</b>



## Please Support The Arc of Oakland County's Annual 2012 Half Marathon Challenge

Every year, The Arc of Oakland County presents a donation challenge to all of our members and friends. As in previous years, we are requesting that you sponsor Tom this year for the Brooksie Way Half Marathon. You can do this by pledging and donating dollars that will support the programs and services of The Arc of Oakland County! You may also donate online on our website through our secure PayPal site at [www.thearcoakland.org](http://www.thearcoakland.org).

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Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for TOM'S ANNUAL HALF MARATHON CHALLENGE.

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your contact information;

- Immediately speak with the principal or your special education director on more difficult matters – don't be the "phantom parent" who only emerges when things go awry;
- Monitor and document your student's goals and objectives for progress or lack thereof;
- Document any regression and recouplement since school was last in session last June;
- Based on the previous two points, start thinking about Extended School Year (ESY) now! Gather and keep written data from school-based AND private resources (e.g., behavior program statistics, therapy notes, psychological evaluations, medical changes);
- Think about holding an IEP Team meeting next February-March if you believe that a contentious ESY issue may be looming – due process takes a long time;
- Consider scheduling a separate parent-teacher meeting outside of the regular evening "mass gathering" events to better discuss individual concerns or issues;
- Attend all special education advocacy training sessions that may be offered in your community ( ... do not believe everything you read on the internet!); and,
- Finally, don't wait until May or June to think about contacting a special education advocate, by then it is way too late and they tend to be already booked up.

Now for a couple summary clichés. "School is a marathon, not a sprint." "Take it one day at a time." Have a wonderful school year! .....TFK

## ADVOCACY VIGNETTE SUCCESS STORY

### *(Examples of our direct advocacy services and how it impacts the lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities)*

*by Thomas F. Kendziorski, Esq.*

#### *Note:*

Advocacy can either be of the "table pounding" and aggressive anger variety, or it can be practiced with mature calm, reasoned and persuasive evidence, and tact. I assure you that the latter works better than the former when it comes to achieving effective outcomes. Think about it and put yourself in the place of a teacher, a claims representative at the Social Security Administration, a mental health supports coordinator, or a benefits specialist at the local Department of Human Services office. Would you rather assist a screaming, overly agitated customer, or one who believes more in the Golden Rule?

#### *Scenario:*

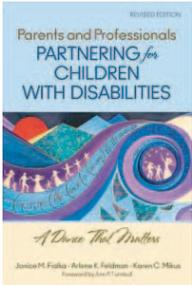
At a past IEP team meeting, an advocate from The Arc had the privilege of assisting a single mom during a rather difficult and technical process of determining whether her daughter was even qualified for special education services. Although an advocate from The Arc was called to the scene late in the game, it was readily apparent that this child did not have any cognitive impairment or a related developmental disability. We still wanted to help the family work out its impasse with the school district. Fortunately, we were able to obtain a pretty good end-result.

This youngster was declared no longer eligible for special education by her school district almost a year earlier; early intervention and early childhood services had been provided in the past. Now in second grade, this bright girl was performing at grade level; however, she was absent more than she was present in school. Her health was compromised by a rare physical condition along with some emotional overlay, so her mother was having to constantly to take her to medical specialists.

The advocacy advice was to have the school district provide a new battery of tests to determine special education eligibility. The district complied with this request from The Arc staff since all available testing was already about two years old. Ultimately, the result was the same. To their credit, the IEP team members remained concerned about the child not attending school as much as she should. Everyone understood that this young lady had a difficult medical condition of some sort. What to do? The advocate from The Arc had to admit that this child did not qualify for special education services, but came up with a suggestion that "section 504" accommodations and services might be utilized to help this girl along. So, the school district readily agreed to develop a "section 504" plan, as long as the parent was able to obtain and submit a report from the attending physician/pediatrician that her daughter's physical condition hampered her in such a manner that educational accommodations were necessary.

Today, this young lady is in the third grade, academically doing quite well. Better than that, her doctors were finally able to figure out the exact medical problem and began a regimen of treatment to alleviate it altogether. Working in concert with the school district personnel on this case resulted in the best overall solution for the student.

# Parents and Professionals Partnering for Children with Disabilities: A Dance that Matters



*Parents and Professionals Partnering for Children with Disabilities: A Dance that Matters* by Janice M. Fialka, Arlene K. Feldman, and Karen C. Mikus was written from both the parent's and the professional's points of view. This book draws upon the metaphor of dance to highlight the essential partnership between teachers, administrators, support staff, and parents of children with disabilities. Rich with humor and heart, the book offers helpful steps for self-reflection, personnel preparation, and parent-professional training. Key features in the book include:

- Practical insights and evidence-based approaches to forming partnerships
- Easy-to-read, non-technical language that speaks both to the heart and the mind
- Sample letters, conversations, and other forms of communication between professionals and parents
- Effective ways to handle difficult situations

To order the book please visit Janice's website at [www.danceofpartnership.com](http://www.danceofpartnership.com). Books will also be available for purchase at the Self Esteem Bookstore in Royal Oak.

There is a book signing and conversation about parent-professional partnerships which will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2012 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia Road, Huntington Woods, MI. It is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required, but are appreciated. Please call 248-543-9720.

## Top Reasons Why The Arc Supports the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Posted on-line on June 28, 2012 by The Arc of the U.S.

### Health Insurance Reforms in the ACA

- Eliminates pre-existing condition exclusions
- Bans annual and lifetime limits
- Ends the practice of rescissions (insurance coverage is cancelled when a person develops a serious health condition)
- Improves appeals process including independent reviews
- Requires that 80% of health insurance premium dollars are paying for health care
- Enhances state capacity to regulate unfair increases in insurance rates
- Prohibits considering health status in calculating premiums (2014)
- Requires guaranteed issue and renewals (2014)
- Prohibits discrimination based on health status (2014)

### The ACA Expanding Access to Coverage

- Establishes temporary high risk pools to cover those who are currently uninsured (until 2014)
- Allows coverage for dependents until age 26
- Creates health insurance Exchanges for individuals and small employers to purchase insurance (2014)
- Provides significant subsidies to assist low income individuals to purchase coverage in the Exchanges and provides tax credits to help small employers
- Includes coverage of dental and vision care for children in the Exchanges
- Includes mental health services, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, and other critical disability services in the health plans sold in the Exchanges

### The ACA Expands Medicaid

- Expands Medicaid eligibility to 138% of the federal poverty level
- New method of income disregards
- No asset test
- 16 million new beneficiaries by 2019
- Federal government pays 100% till 2016 (phase down to 90% in 2020)

### The ACA and Long Term Services and Supports

- Establishes the Community First Choice Option for states to cover comprehensive community attendant services under the state's optional service plan
- Improves existing Section 1915(i) option for home and community based services
- Creates a new state balancing incentives to reduce institutional bias of Medicaid
- Extends "Money Follows the Person" Demonstration
- Authorizes the CLASS program

### Other Medicaid and Medicare Improvements

- Gives states the option to provide health homes for Medicaid enrollees with chronic conditions
- Allows a free annual Medicare well visit with assessments and individualized prevention plan
- Eliminates Medicare Part D (drug coverage) co-pays for dual eligibles receiving waiver services
- Improves Medicare Part D access to key anti-seizure, anti-anxiety and anti-spasm medications

### Selected Prevention, Provider Training, Data Collection and Accessibility Issues Addressed by the ACA

- Eliminates co-pays for critical prevention services
- Creates the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) to provide new funding for transformational investments in promoting wellness, preventing disease, and other public health priorities
- Increases opportunities for training of health care providers (including dentists) on the needs of persons with developmental and other disabilities
- Authorizes new training programs for direct support workers who provide long term services and supports
- Improves data collection on where people with disabilities access health services and where accessible facilities can be found
- Adds disability as a category to measure health disparities and in health care quality reporting surveys
- Requires the establishment of criteria for accessible medical diagnostic equipment

# Transition Conference: Building a Bridge to the Future

## Crossing the Bridge from School to Community Adult Services

The partners of the Oakland County Transition Network are please to present a transition conference that will focus on crossing the bridge from school to community adult services. The conference will be held on Friday, November 16, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois Road, Troy, MI.

The Transition conference will feature sessions focused on: Common Ground & Determining Eligibility, Adult Service Agencies, Person Centered Planning, and Success Stories.

This conference is sponsored by the Regional Inclusive Community Coalition, Oakland Schools and Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority.

For more information, and to register, please visit [www.oakland.k12.mi.us](http://www.oakland.k12.mi.us) or call (248) 209-2500. If you have questions about the presentation content please call Linda at (248) 975-9835 or Cathy at (248) 209-2504.



## 4th Wall Theatre Company

4th Wall Theatre Company is a theatre program designed specifically to meet the educational and recreational needs of children with special needs. Students will meet once or multiple times, depending on what the host site wants. All programs culminate in a final showcase performed before a live audience. The classes are divided into the three pillars of theatre (singing, acting, and dancing) with the addition of theatre games/activities and life skills (eye contact, manners, etc). All classes are led by professionals trained in the field of teaching and theatre.

Their mobile company is available to visit your setting for a lively singing, acting and theatre-based workshop with students.

The smiles abound as students and staff engage in confidence building activities, related to the theatre and movement therapy; designed for all abilities. Workshops culminate in a Showcase Presentation for families and friends!

4th Wall Theatre Company, Goals and Values—

Their goal is to efficiently and respectfully teach children of all abilities about the creative process of theatre. The founders believe that musical theatre can be utilized to educate children about themselves and develop real world skills. The process of learning about the theatre and rehearsing a live show promotes teamwork, cooperation, belonging, work ethic, memory, leadership, and social skills. The element of a live performance provides the students with a sense of accomplishment and empowerment when they explore their abilities.

For more information please visit [www.4thwallkids.com](http://www.4thwallkids.com) or call 313.212.8864. You can also find them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/4thwallkids](http://www.facebook.com/4thwallkids).



# TELLING YOUR STORY: LATEST APP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FROM PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING



"TELLING YOUR STORY" IS A FREE TOOL THAT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND OTHER ADVOCATES CAN USE TO COMPOSE AND PRACTICE THE PERSONAL STORY THEY'LL PRESENT TO ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR OTHER POLICYMAKERS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WHEN SEEKING POLICY CHANGES OR INCREASING AWARENESS ABOUT DISABILITY ISSUES.

THE APP GUIDES USERS THROUGH THE STEPS, FROM INTRODUCING YOURSELF TO IDENTIFYING THE SPECIFIC ISSUE TO THE BEST METHODS FOR PRESENTING A COMPELLING PERSONAL STORY. AFTER ENTERING THE TEXT OF THEIR STORY,

AN AUDIO RECORDING FEATURE ALLOWS THE USER TO REHEARSE THEIR STORY. USERS CAN ALSO SELECT AND PREVIEW A PHOTO THEY MAY WISH TO INCLUDE.

YOU CAN VIEW THE APP IN THE ITUNES STORE AT [HTTP://ITUNES.APPLE.COM/US/APP/TELLING-YOUR-STORY/ID541403749](http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/TELLING-YOUR-STORY/id541403749).

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

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### DCH Director Olga Dazzo Resigns, To Be Replaced By James Haveman

Michigan State Department of Community Health Director Olga Dazzo is stepping down as she has decided to take a job in the private sector. Gov. Rick Snyder on Wednesday 8/15 named former Director James Haveman Jr. to lead the agency, effective 9/1.

Haveman, of Grand Rapids, served in Gov. John Engler's cabinet as DCH Director from 1996 to 2003 and Department of Mental Health Director from 1991 to 1996. He was appointed in 2003 by the White House as the Coalition Provisional Authority Senior Advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Health. Haveman is resigning his seat on the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Board of Directors, effective Friday 8/17.

### People with Intellectual Disabilities Prone to Poor Dental Health

Research published in the August Journal of the American Dental Association sheds light on the dental health of people whose intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDDs) may interfere with their care. Researchers at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston examined a year's worth of electronic dental records for 4,732 adults (ages 20-98) with IDDs. The patients' dental care was provided through clinics, supported by the state of Massachusetts and run by Tufts, designed to provide dental care to people with such disabilities.

They found that 10.9 percent of the study subjects had no teeth; 88 percent had a history of dental caries (cavities), and nearly a third (32.2 percent) had untreated caries. More than 80 percent had periodontitis, and 18 percent had gingivitis (without periodontitis). For comparison's sake, the study cites CDC data showing that among the general population of adults age 20 and up, 7.6 percent have no teeth and 22.7 percent have untreated caries.

To view the article in its entirety, please visit [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com).

### SAVE THE DATE! The Arc's 2012 National Convention and International Forum

Join The Arc and Inclusion International at the 2012 National Convention and International Forum from October 25-28 to connect with members of the intellectual and developmental disability community from across the globe. Enjoy the event's international flavor at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Washington, D.C. and explore everything our vibrant capital city has to offer.

For more information, and to register, please visit [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org)

### Bridging the Gap Conference Addresses Violence

Register now for the 2012 National Conference on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Against People with Disabilities October 31 - November 1 in Louisville, Kentucky. Learn about existing promising practices for serving survivors with disabilities; explore emerging issues at the intersection of violence and disability; and network with peers who are working to end violence against people with disabilities.

For more information on the conference, or to register, visit the Accessing Safety Website at [www.accessingsafety.org](http://www.accessingsafety.org).

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The Arc of Oakland County is now on Facebook & YouTube. Visit [www.thearcoakland.org](http://www.thearcoakland.org) and look for the social media icons.

## We Need Your E-mail Address

We are collecting our members' e-mail addresses so we can send out electronic flyers, event reminders, action alerts and any other important information regarding The Arc. Please send us the e-mail address you would like us to use either by e-mail ([amurowany@thearcoakland.org](mailto:amurowany@thearcoakland.org)) or to the The Arc office.

## Annual Southeast Michigan Step Up For Down Syndrome Walk (Formerly the Buddy Walk)

Saturday, September 29, 2012 at The Palace of Auburn Hills

The Southeast Michigan Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk is sponsored by the Down Syndrome Guild of Southeast Michigan (DSG) — a local non-profit, which provides support, education and advocacy for people with Down syndrome, their families and communities.

Get your walking shoes ready, your tailgating gear packed and join them for a ton of family fun! The walk will take place around the perimeter of the Palace of Auburn Hills (rain or shine). Strollers and wheelchairs are welcome. No dogs please. Parking is free.

To find out how you can be involved, or to start a team, please contact Colleen Holmes at [stepup@dsgsemi.org](mailto:stepup@dsgsemi.org).



9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Registration
10:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Raffle Sale
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Announcements and Opening Ceremonies
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Top Teams Award Ceremony
11:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Walk Begins w/ Detroit Pistons Automotion Dance Team
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Raffle Drawings



## New Members

**AS OF 8/21/2012 WE HAVE 731 MEMBERS!**

### JULY MEMBERS

Larry Bell, Mark J. Katz, Ron Kucharski, Kevin McDavid, Michael Paulisin, Michael Rice, Brett Shafer, Vidya Shaw, Nicholas Victorson

### AUGUST MEMBERS

Rochelle Adler, Jessica Anderson, Stuart Carver, Maria Komasara, Anthea Papista, Gregory Phillips, Beverley Richard

## 2012 Membership Goal

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The Arc of Oakland County is only as strong as its membership. Your membership is the life-blood of The Arc of Oakland County and you add to our strength. Help us build our numbers and our strength through members!

# Profiles



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## WEEKLY EVENTS

- SUN** First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Sunday School for children with special needs; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Contact Cindy Merten at **248-644-2040**.
- SUN** Temple Beth El Religious School Program for Exceptional Children, 9:30 - 11:45 a.m., Call Rose Werney, **248-851-1100**.
- SUN** Zion Christian Church, 3668 Livernois, Troy; Joyful Classes for all ages; 10:00 a.m. to Noon; Call Rachel Taylor at **248-549-1524** or the church at **248-524-2400** for more information.
- SUN** Calvary Baptist Church, Hazel Park, JOY Class for all ages; 9:30 - 12:00. Call Mrs. Ayres at **248-758-7825**.
- SUN** Agency for Jewish Education, Efshar Special Education Program, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; contact Robyn Glickman at **248-645-7860**.
- SUN** Special Needs Sunday School (GEMS) at Auburn Hills Christian Center, 2592 East Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills; 10:00 a.m.; **248-373-7139**
- SUN** Special Education Sunday School, Grace Baptist Church, Birmingham. 10:00 a.m. - noon, **248-646-2002**.
- SUN** Sunday School for over 18 adults who are mildly mentally impaired. North Metro Free Methodist Church Troy, 9:45. Call Sue Carlson, **248-689-3593**.
- SUN** Christ Lutheran Church, 620 General Motors Rd., Milford: Sunday School, September-May; 9:45 a.m.; call **248-684-0895**.
- SUN** "God's Special Gifts" - individualized programs for all ages, child through adult; St. Paul's UMC, Rochester. Contact Amy Heitman, **248-651-9361**.
- SUN** Woodside Bible Church, Troy: Adult Sunday School class, 11:30 a.m., family support class and more. Call Greg McDougall at **586-228-2935** for information.
- MON** Swing Fit. Enjoy basic exercise and get into shape. \$4/person, 8-9 p.m. All ages, LD, DD. Sashabaw Jr. High School, **248-642-8223**.
- MON** 2nd Monday is Movie & Pizza Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$6/person; 3rd Monday is Karaoke Night, 7-8:30 p.m., \$6/person; 4th Monday is Bingo Night, 7-8:30 p.m., \$6/person; Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois; Call **248-524-3484**.
- MON** Religion classes for young adults from all parishes in Southeast Oakland. Our Lady of LaSalette, Berkley, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m., **248-754-5597**.
- TUES** Weight Watchers Program, Big Beaver United Methodist Church, two meetings; 5:30 and 6 p.m. Weigh-in before class starts. Call **248-816-1900**.
- TUES** Tuesday Nite at the SAL Community Center: Activities for persons with M.R. Call Denise Beachum, **248-585-0808**.
- TUES** Coffee House, K. of C. Hall, 5660 Maybee Rd., Clarkston, 7:30 p.m. Closed July & August. www.coffeehousedance.org
- WED** Friends AWANA Program, Faith Baptist Church, Waterford; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call **248-623-7330** for information.
- WED** Special Education religious classes for children/adult with special needs through March; 6:30-8:15 p.m.; Five Points Community Church; call **248-733-1381**.
- WED** Special Education religious classes 7-8:15 p.m. at Our Lady of LaSalette, Berkley. Contact LaVerne Bures at **248-754-5597**.
- THUR** Christ Lutheran Church, 629 General Motors Rd., Milford."Exceptional Fun Night"  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month, Sept-May, 7-8:30 p.m. Crafts, pizza, chips, pop. Open to all ages/all disabilities. Most attendee's are 18 and up. No Fee. Contact Person: Carol Johnson: **248-685-0200**.
- FRI** Friday Frolic monthly dance, age 16 and older; \$6/person Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois; 7-9 p.m. Call **248-524-3484**.
- SAT** Bowling Ages 10+. Troy Lanes (temporarily), Square Lake & John R.; Cost: \$4/3 games. Call Adaptive Rec for info: **248-524-3484**.
- SAT** St. Alan Catholic Church Religion Education classes for persons with mental impairments; 10-11:15a.m. Call Sr. Mary Choiniere at **248-822-4261**.
- SAT** Saturday Adult Bible Class, Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Sept. - June; Kathy Morris, **248-689-6871**.

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## Calendar

### September

3 – Labor Day

10 – 17th Annual Autism Society of Oakland County Golf Outing; 10:30 a.m. at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth

21 – Community Homes, Inc. Golf Tournament; 12:30 p.m. at Fieldstone Golf Club, Auburn Hills

22 – Easter Seals Michigan's Walk With Me Event; 7:30 a.m. at the Detroit Zoo

30 – Brooksie Way Half Marathon; 8 a.m. at the Oakland University Campus

### October

2 – The Arc of Oakland County Board of Director's Meeting, 7 p.m. at The Arc's office

25-28 – The Arc's 2012 National Convention and International Forum at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Washington, D.C

31 – Halloween

### November

16 – Transition: Building a Bridge to the Future Conderence; 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Troy Community Center

22 – Thanksgiving

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