



PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE EXTENDED SERVICES

PACES

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PACES WINTER/SPRING 2016 WORKSHOP SERIES FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS

MEETING THE CHALLENGE: UNDERSTANDING, PREVENTING, AND RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY TO CHALLENGING BEHAVIOR

FEBRUARY 10TH 7-9 PM

Having a child with challenging behavior can affect the entire family. This interactive workshop will provide parents with a basis for understanding the causes and functions of their child's challenging behaviors. Practical strategies and pro-active interventions will be discussed as participants learn new ways to prevent and respond to challenging behaviors more effectively.

SOCIAL MATTERS

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6TH 7-9 PM

Are peer playdates challenging for your child? Is your child experiencing difficulty establishing and maintaining friendships? Does your child have a hard time making connections with other kids? While most children learn the skills of Social Thinking™ intuitively, some children have great difficulties understanding the nuances of the social world. If you are concerned about your child's social skills attend this workshop to learn more about Social Thinking™ and how you can help your child.

MOVIE SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13TH 6:30-9 PM

Come join us for the showing of Neurotypical. *"Neurotypical is a rare film among documentaries about autism. It relates the experiences of this neurological condition from the point of view of autistics themselves. Via the worlds of 4-year-old Violet, teenager Nicholas and middle-aged wife and mother Paula, along with provocative interviews with other autistics, the film recounts the challenges they face living among "normal" people--whom many of them call neurotypicals."* After the showing hear the perspective of a parent, a professional, and an individual living with ASD. This event is geared towards anyone who has been touched by someone with Autism.

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUAL HEALTH: HOW AND WHAT TO TALK ABOUT

WEDNESDAY MAY 11TH 7-9PM

Talking about sexuality and intimacy is uncomfortable or difficult for most parents, but when you have a child with social challenges it is often more complex. Most students with social challenges develop biologically at a faster rate than they do socially and emotionally. During this workshop we will discuss this sensitive topic and provide concrete and specific information on how to address sexuality and intimacy with your child in a clear, direct way. This workshop will give an overview of a curriculum of lessons that professionals and parents can utilize to teach the complex topics of both sex education and relationships. The presentation will outline how to teach both the "technical" aspects of sex education (e.g. anatomy, reproductive health, sexual responses, partnered sex, contraception, and sexually transmitted infections). As well as, exploring the social aspects of romantic relationships (e.g., preparing for dating, regular dating, stages of relationships, moving into longer term relationships). Emphasis will be on strategies and skills suitable for teaching to older high school students or young adults. This workshop is intended for students with social differences/high functioning ASD.

All of the listed workshops are free and will take place at the Pilgrim Academy located at 42 Industrial Park Road, Plymouth, MA. There is limited space for each and registration is on a first come first serve basis.

If you are interested in registering for any of the workshops please contact Debbie Crothers at dcrothers@pilgrimac.org or 781.293.6111 ext. 2704