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## YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND IMAGINE!'S PROVIDER FAIR AND INFORMATION SESSION

On Tuesday, February 20 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, Imagine! will be hosting a Provider Fair and Information Session. The event is free and will be geared towards families with dependents (ages three years through adulthood) who live at home, and adult consumers (and their families) who live in the community and receive Supported Living Services. Supported Living Services are those services designed to assist persons with cognitive disabilities, who do not live in host homes, licensed group homes or other congregate settings. The goal of the event is to provide families and consumers the opportunity to learn more about their service provider options and to attend valuable information sessions about important issues they may be facing.

### Information Sessions Include:

- \* Transitioning from Family Support into Adulthood
- \* Housing Options and Alternatives
- \* Autism: Opportunities and Challenges
- \* What's New in Assistive Technology
- \* Family Services Waiver Updates

### Participating Providers Include:

<i>Center for Music Psychotherapy and Family Therapy</i>	<i>Holistic Pediatric Consulting</i>
<i>Center for People With Disabilities</i>	<i>Homewatch Caregivers</i>
<i>Consultants for Children</i>	<i>Integration Services</i>
<i>Creative Perspectives</i>	<i>Labor Source</i>
<i>Developmental Music</i>	<i>Pathways Therapy Center</i>
<i>Equality Care</i>	<i>People First</i>
	<i>Rocky Mountain Riding Therapy</i>

Service providers represented at the Fair work in program areas including Autism Spectrum Disorders (**ASD**), Children's Extensive Support (**CES**), Family Support Services Program (**FSSP**), Home and Community Based Services (**HCBS**), Supported Living Services (**SLS**) and Traumatic Brain Injury (**TBI**).

The Provider Fair and Information Session will be held at Imagine!'s new building, 1665 Coal Creek Drive in Lafayette (just a few hundred yards south of Imagine!'s Dixon Avenue headquarters). For more information, please contact Michelle Conkey at [mconkey@imaginecolorado.org](mailto:mconkey@imaginecolorado.org).

## FREE COMPUTERS AVAILABLE FOR IMAGINE! CONSUMERS

Thanks to the Jared Polis Foundation, more than 100 computers will be made available free to Imagine! consumers over the next year. To be eligible for the free computers, consumers must receive services from Imagine!.

The computers are not for resale, and they are available on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, please contact Alex Andrews at [aandrews@imaginecolorado.org](mailto:aandrews@imaginecolorado.org).



## AUTISM SOCIETY OF BOULDER COUNTY OFFERS RESOURCES TO FAMILIES

The Autism Society of Boulder County (ASBC) offers many resources to families who have a child diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder including:

### Autism Support Group Meetings

Held the second Saturday of almost every month from 10:00 AM until noon at Imagine!, 1400 Dixon Avenue in Lafayette.

Current meetings planned:

**March 10, 2007**

**April 14, 2007**

**June 9, 2007**

Typically these sessions are a chance for parents of children with autism to share resources and lessons learned. Occasionally guest speakers answer questions related to specific topics of interest.

### ASBC Free Lecture Series

Held the third Wednesday of selected quarterly months from 7:00 until 8:30 PM at Imagine!, 1400 Dixon Avenue in Lafayette.

Upcoming lecture:

**February 21, 2007 – Join Dr. Stacy Goresco**, an RDI® Program Certified Consultant, for an introduction to **Relationship Development Intervention**, a relatively new cutting edge treatment program for ASD.

To confirm attendance at any of these meetings or to obtain more information and to provide input for future agendas, please contact Bob Sargent at [asbcMeetings@gmail.com](mailto:asbcMeetings@gmail.com).

## ONLINE REFERENCE DESK PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT MEDICAID FOR PEOPLE WITH COGNITIVE DISABILITIES



Looking for a simple way to navigate the complex Medicaid system? The Medicaid Reference Desk, an online resource at [www.TheDesk.info](http://www.TheDesk.info), explains Medicaid in basic terms, state by state.

It offers people with cognitive disabilities, family members and advocates information about what is available through their State Medicaid Plans and waivers. The site also gives information on where to apply for services. The site explains each Medicaid service in ordinary language.

# DENVER HOSTS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE IN JUNE

The Collaborative Assistive Technology Conference of the Rockies will be held June 21-23, 2007 in Denver at the Hyatt Regency, Denver Tech Center.

The goal of the conference is to enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities through the appropriate selection and use of state-of-the-art assistive technology devices and services.



**Assistive Technology Partners**

For more information on the conference, including registration, fees and scholarships, call: (303) 315-1280, (303) 837-8964 (TTY), or (800) 255-3477, or visit [www.assistivetechpartners.org](http://www.assistivetechpartners.org).

## SAFETY FIRST CLASS HELPS WITH CONSUMERS' DECISION-MAKING SKILLS

The Boulder Police Department is offering a free Safety First Class for adults with cognitive disabilities. The class is designed for people 18 years and older who are not in a structured school environment. Whether a person is better suited for this adult class or an adolescent class that is also being offered will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The adult sessions will be on the following Wednesdays: April 25, May 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at 1805 33rd Street in Boulder.

The deadline for registration is April 18.

The curriculum covers decision-making skills, street-smart safety, home security, fire prevention and safety while riding public transportation.

To register for the class, please contact Kris Gibson at (303) 441-3332.



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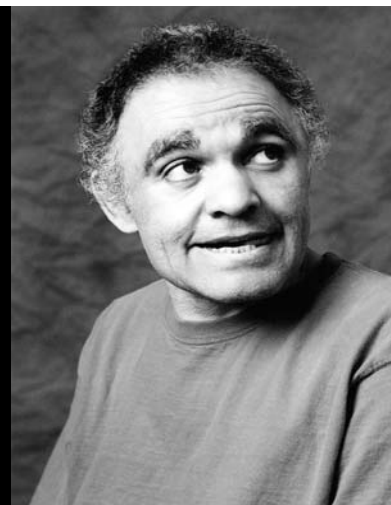
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