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Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California, Inc.

Online Newsletter

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GENERAL NEWS: Applicable to all in Far Northern California.



A Note from Pam Levin, RFENC Board Secretary.

As you know, I'm a supporter of Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California and I want to share a simple way for you to help support this organization or any other cause that you care about. Just download and install the [GoodSearch – Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California toolbar](#).

Each time you search the web with GoodSearch's Yahoo-powered search engine, about 1¢ will go to Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California! Also, every time you shop online at 1,000 participating stores including Amazon, eBay, Target, Apple, Staples, Expedia, etc., a percentage of your purchase will be donated for free! The site also has thousands of money-saving coupons! To give you a sense of how the money can add up, the ASPCA has already earned more than \$30,000! Please tell 10 friends about the GoodSearch toolbar today. They've been featured in the NY Times, the Wall Street Journal, CNN, Oprah Magazine, Good Morning America and more.

Webinar on the Budget and Bills Affecting Our Children with Special Health Care Needs - June 2.

Come to either RFENC office or join the webinar on your own from home! This webinar will update you on budget and bills affecting children and youth with special health care needs. Family Voices of California and Jessica Rothhaar, Health Access, will host an interactive Webinar for Family, Youth, Family-to-Family Support staff, Professionals and Providers too. For more info, including how to register, [see the Family Voices website](#).

Sunshine Kids Club of Chico Offers Compassionate Coaching.

Being a parent is a hard job, and being a parent of a child with a disability can sometimes seem overwhelming... Sunshine Kids Club is now offering Compassionate Coaching Services. Your coaching session occurs over the telephone, from the convenience of your own home! We offer a complimentary, 45 minute no-obligation session for you to get some free help and to learn if SKC Compassionate Coaching is right for you. You can call 530-776-5095 or send an e-mail to sunshinekidsclub@att.net to arrange your session.

Active on Facebook.

RFENC is looking to use social networking in a way that keeps you informed. We've started conversation topics in our "Boxes" for DHH families and for SLATE families. We've posted videos also. If you're on Facebook don't be afraid to [fan our page](#) in order to help you stay in touch!



Epilepsy Foundation's Family Retreat - June 25.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Northern California is happy to announce their first ever Family Retreat beginning Friday, June 25 and going through Sunday June 27. If your family has kids with a primary diagnosis of epilepsy this retreat is for you. It will take place at the Taylor Family Foundation's Camp Arroyo in Livermore, CA. For more details and to download an application visit EpilepsyNorCal.org. Questions? Call Stephanie Eistetter at (925) 224-7760.

Camp Grizzly - Aug 1.

Deaf, hard of hearing, or KODA (Kids of Deaf Adults) youth between ages 7 and 14 will have a wonderful time and every camper will be challenged to achieve. Applications and more info can be had at [NorCal's website](#).

Live Seizure Management Series Webinar - July 20.

This webinar will feature Steven M. Wolf, MD & Patricia E. McGoldrick, CPNP on the topic of 'DIASTAT as Treatment for Acute Seizures.' Register here at WebEx.com.



Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at Six Flags - June 5.

Thanks to WRAD (World Recreation Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and GLAD (Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness) Six Flags Magic Mountain is having a DHH Awareness Day. Interpreters will be on hand for major shows and guest relations. Tickets, which are drastically discounted, can be purchased through Paypal at wrad.orgwradceo@aol.com. For questions, please call (661) 952-7752 (videophone) or (866) 668 9147 (Voice Relay) Any further questions please e-mail wradceo@aol.com.

Community Events:

Music, the Brain and the Autism Spectrum - Yuba City - June 10.

Family Soup of Yuba County is hosting 'In the Spectrum', an information and support group designed for the needs of families with children in the autism spectrum. At the June 10 meeting the guest speaker will be Rebekah Hood, a violinist, cellist, and director of North Valley Suzuki Music School. 6:30-8pm at the Yuba City Fire Administration Building Training Room. For more info call 751-1925.

Facilitated IEP Process - Redding - June 10.

Jane Plocher, Assistant Superintendent of Colusa County SELPA/Special Education, will give an overview of the IEP process to parents of special education children. Learn more to contribute and participate in the IEP team process and make informed/appropriate/active decisions about your child's education. 5:30-8:30pm at CR Gibb's, 2399 Hilltop Drive in Redding. Register online at ShastaCOE.org or call 225-0100. Primary care givers only. No drop-ins.

Parking Lot Sale - Redding - June 19.

Rowell Family Empowerment's Redding office is raising some funds to help with summer activities! We are planning activities for teens, a play group for toddlers and one for preschoolers and some other family fun! Keep your eyes and ears open for the dates. Check out our event calendar often! Our Parking Lot Sale on June 19th from 9am-2pm will provide us with the few extra dollars to get all this started! We need all the things that you want to get rid of! If you'd like to donate items please call 226-5129 and speak to Barbara.

"Strong Love" Showing at Focus Film Festival - June 19.

Showing at the Gaia Hotel in Anderson, beginning at 5:30pm is the documentary "Strong Love". To take a bit of the description from the site; What happens when a world-class weightlifter and his childhood sweetheart, both born with Down Syndrome, decide to marry? Check the Focus Film Festival website for upcoming showings!

Tips for Using Assistive Technology with Young Children - Redding, June 22 - Chico, June 24.

Assistive technology (AT) is anything that helps people do what they couldn't otherwise do. For young children, it can make daily activities, family outings, and playtime more fun and educational. AT can be as simple as a foam grip on a crayon! Find many helpful tips in the Tots'n'Tech newsletter from Thomas Jefferson University and Arizona State University. Tots'n'Tech and PACER Center also recently published a new brochure, Discover How Assistive Technology Can Help your Infant or Toddler Learn and Grow. For your free copy and to learn more about what's new in the world of assistive technology come to a presentation on iPod & iPhone apps.



An iPod may be exactly what your child needs! They do a lot more than just music and video. There are many apps for the Apple devices that can help children with disabilities. Come see a fun and exciting presentation about them and even use many of them first hand. The presentation will run from 5:30-6:30pm in the Redding office and from 6:30-7:30pm at the Chico office. Call 226-5129 to RSVP.



DHH Family Picnic and Potluck - June 26 - Red Bluff.

Rowell is having a family get together for families of children who are deaf and hard of hearing! Many of you have been to our support group. Well, we think it will be fun to have a family day to just visit and get to know each other.

C.A.S.T. for Kids - Oroville - Sept 11.

Join the Catch A Special Thrill Foundation for a memorable day of fishing, pairing Bass Fishermen with children with disabilities. It will be a fantastic day of boating, games, BBQ, and plenty of fun! The CAST Foundation will be at Lake Oroville State Recreation Area Sept 11. To sign up for CAST at Lake Oroville call (530) 538-2222.

Don't Forget About RFENC's Event Calendar.

Find dates and times of our recurring training and support groups by going to our Online Calendar, available on [RFENC's website](#). We routinely offer training on topics such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Medical Information Binder, and IEP Preparation, to name a few. There is a special IEP Preparation Training for parents of children birth-5! And we offer several ongoing support groups. Need info about what exactly the training entails? See the Workshops page on our website.

Make a Donation!

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RFENC is able to provide services to children with disabilities and their families because of State & Federal grants and private donations from people just like yourself. Won't you help us? You can make a donation with your credit card securely through PayPal (via our website) or make checks payable to *RFENC, 962 Maraglia Street, Redding, CA 96002*