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GENERAL NEWS: Applicable to all in Far Northern California.

See the Art of Our Teens.

Our teen group has drawn some wonderful works of art that you should see! The artwork of Lauren, Laura, Brandon, and Chelle is on display if you visit our website. On the menu click on 'News & Notes' then scroll down and keep your eyes on the left side. Click a thumbnail image to see a larger view in pdf format. What talent!



Susan Hess signs "Don't Laugh at Me".

You might have seen Rowell Family Empowerment's own Susan Hess at the Diversity Faire on Sunday the June 13. She performed a song in ASL titled "Don't Laugh At Me" at the request of the Paradise Center of Tolerance and Non Violence. Way to go, Susan!

Hope for Hypothalamic Hamartomas is Launched.

The Websters are pleased to announce the launch of Hope for Hypothalamic Hamartomas (Hope for HH), a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing information, support, and research to patients with hypothalamic hamartomas (HH). Hope for HH gives us hope that we need to begin to learn how to help families living with this life altering condition. A first-of-its-kind resource, Hope for HH provides...

- Information about HH symptoms, diagnosis, treatments, and specialized centers
- Tips for living with HH, and education resources
- HH research updates and articles, books, news stories, helpful links and
- Interactive forum for HH patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers

We hope you will [VISIT THE WEBSITE](#), SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THIS RESOURCE – please share with you pediatricians – it could change a life.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Special Education Websites.

FASlink.org has a great list of links for Special Education websites. And many of the links to resources are applicable to more disabilities than just Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. [Check it out at their website!](#) It's quite a list, and a valuable one at that!

Seizure Management Series Part II - July 20.

Part II Webinar Coverage: How to Beat Bad Seizures includes a discussion of chronic AED meds and Diastat; Discussing DIASTAT with your doctor; Use of DIASTAT in various settings as school, work, vacation, etc.; Summer travel, summer camp, returning to school, and having Diastat on hand for these situation; Case studies; Review of various state laws relating to which professionals can administer DIASTAT. 4-6pm and this webinar is free. [Go to WebEx to register.](#)

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](#). Also, there are scholarships still available for campers! Just inquire at Nor-Cal.

Medical Information Binder Training: Mt. Shasta - July 15.

Health systems are complicated. Especially for children with special health care needs. Do you have too much paper? Are you having trouble finding your child's current medical records? This workshop provides a time for you to get everything in order. RFENC will help you organize all your important documents and papers in a neat binder specifically designed for your child. All you need to bring is your child's paperwork! Training held at Remi Vista located at 1107 Ream Ave. 11-noon. Also at Hill Country clinic in Round Mountain on July 20 from 3-5pm.



IEP Prep Training in Mt. Shasta - July 15.

RFENC offers this workshop to help parents get fully prepared for their student's Individualized Education Program Meeting. Being prepared is extremely important! You need to know what to expect in the meeting and be familiar with the forms you'll be presented with. Parents have a very important role in the IEP meeting and coming in prepared shows you take the job very seriously. The IEP is a legal document explaining in detail what support and services the team has agreed to. Should you sign the IEP at the meeting? How involved should you be? Come to this training prior to your child's next IEP Meeting and get your free binder to help you stay organized. 1-3pm.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Rowell Continues to Sale - July 24.

RFENC is holding a yard sale again on July 24th from 9-3pm. We will accept donations up until that day. We do need parent volunteers to help set up and take down the yard sale. Please contact Wendy at 226-5129.

Family SOUP of Sutter County presents "Play With Me" - July 7.

A parent and child workshop for children on the autism spectrum, ages 2½ to 6, using "floor time" techniques. Workshop facilitator Mary Nunez is the mother of three boys, two of whom have autism. After two years of unsuccessful attempts to engage her children, Mary learned about and started implementing "floor time" techniques. Now her children are able to enter into "a shared world" with their family and others. Over the past two and a half years, Mary has spent over 1000 hours of clinical intervention time, phone sessions, and on-line courses in "floor time". To register, please call (530) 751-1925.

What Will Health Reform Mean for California's Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs? - July 7.

This Family Voices webinar is scheduled from 12-1pm. [Click here to register.](#) Please join Family Voices of California and Edwin Park from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities for an interactive Webinar for Family, Youth, Family-to-Family Support staff, Professionals and Providers too. This presentation will examine some of the key coverage provisions included in the recently federal health reform law that would likely benefit children and youth with special health care needs in California.

Support the Youth Leadership Forum.

The annual California Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities (YLF) is scheduled for July 24-29, 2010, in Sacramento. The YLF is a very successful employment preparation project developed by the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and many volunteer private and public partners. Volunteers are needed to donate promotional items to fill memento and resource gift bags the students receive upon arrival at the forum. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Kelly Baird at (916) 731-8576 or email to ckbaird@surewest.net.

Disability; There's an App for That - Chico, July 21 - Redding, July 23.

There are a plethora of apps (aka applications) available for mobile Apple devices that can be of great help to children with disabilities, parents, and professionals. This training will guide you through the exploration of many of those apps and their usefulness as Assistive Technology. More than just a fun presentation, you'll be able to 'touch and use' many of the apps on an iPod Touch. The presentations will start at 6pm sharp. Call 226-5129 to RSVP.



Epilepsy and My Child Newsletter.

The National Center for Project Access is proud to release its first issue of the "Epilepsy and My Child" Parent Newsletter. The newsletter contains important news and information for parents, teens and kids. To view the newsletter go signup at EpilepsyAndMyChild.org. If you have any story ideas or news to share, please [email Valerie Hill](mailto:Valerie.Hill).



30 Seats Available for Free - Aug. 9.

Shasta County SELPA would like to offer 30 spaces for parents at no charge to attend the Response to Intervention Overview on August 9, 2010, from 7:30 to 12:00. Parents can register on-line at: <http://www.shastacoe.org/selpa>

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!

[Go to → Donations](#)

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*