

## OCTOBER 2011

### Why Do We Vaccinate Children? Is it Safe?

This talk will highlight the current recommendations for vaccinations in childhood as well as discuss the facts and myths surrounding vaccinations. In addition, the workshop will address what is known about vaccinations and autism and how parents can remain informed about vaccination.

**Presenter:**

Celeste Corcoran, MD, Pediatrician, Narragansett Bay Pediatrics, Wakefield, RI

**Thursday, October 20, 2011 7-8:30 pm**

## NOVEMBER 2011

### Developmental Delay in Young Children: Causes, Identification and Treatment

During this presentation Dr. Marwil will discuss and describe children who may be at risk for delayed development. He will also address how parents and physicians can identify children who have delays and what services are available for helping children reach their full potential.

**Presenter:**

Daniel Marwil, MD, Developmental Behavioral Pediatrician, Governor Diagnostic & Treatment Center, Providence, RI

**Thursday, November 17, 2011 7-8:30 pm**

## JANUARY 2012

### Estate Planning for Families of Children with Special Needs

This workshop will address how to best plan for the long term financial needs of children with special needs. The discussion will focus on the use of trusts and other strategies when planning for the future.

**Presenter:**

Doris J. Licht, Esq., Partner, Hinckley Allen Snyder, LLP Providence, RI

**Thursday, January 5, 2012 7-8:30 pm**

## FEBRUARY 2012

### The Risks and Benefits of the Internet for Youth

Today, America's young people spend more time using media than they do engaging in any single activity other than sleeping. Data shows that the Internet can allow youth to be better educated, more socially connected, and better informed than any previous generation of the nation's children. However, there is also data to support that online activities can lead to risky behavior and poor outcomes, particularly for children with intellectual or psychiatric disabilities. Dr. Whiteley will

discuss the risks and benefits of the Internet and social media for youth and review how parents and caregivers can stay informed and involved in the online lives of children.

**Presenter:**

Laura Whiteley, MD, Researcher and Psychiatrist, Dept. of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Rhode Island Hospital and Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Providence, RI

**Thursday, February 2, 2012 7-8:30 pm**

## MARCH 2012

### Seizures, Epilepsy and Autism

Epilepsy is an increasingly recognized condition in children with autism. Seizures and epilepsy can be subtle and are frequently missed by the clinician. Yet, they have an important impact on language, attention, and cognition. This talk will focus on what is known about the co-existence of these conditions, when to pursue a work-up, and what are the best available treatment strategies.

**Presenter:**

John Gaitanis, MD, Assistant Director of Neurology and Pediatrics, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and Director of Pediatric Epilepsy, Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, RI

**Thursday, March 29, 2012 7-8:30 pm**

## APRIL 2012

### The Impact of Bullying Upon Children with Special Needs

Bullying among children and teens is associated with substantial negative health and mental health outcomes. Children with special needs are a particularly vulnerable population. This workshop focuses on what adults can do to raise awareness of the impact of bullying among children with special needs. Existing psycho-educational resources will be introduced with opportunity for discussion of challenging examples. Strategies for collaborating with educators and childcare professionals to raise awareness or address specific problems will also be discussed.

**Presenter:**

Steven Barreto PhD, Senior Psychologist, Pediatric Partial Hospitalization Program, Bradley Hospital and Clinical Asst. Professor, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Providence, RI

**Thursday, April 26, 2012 7-8:30 pm**

**All workshops, which are free and open to parents, are held at Sargent Rehabilitation Center. Seating is limited. Advanced registration is requested by calling our LINK LINE at 886-6612.**

Sargent Center established its LINK TO LEARNING program as a forum for providing information and advice on topics of interest to parents. If there are particular topics you would like to recommend for future workshops, please let us know. Workshops are geared specifically for parents, but arrangements can be made for professional presentations.

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