

*World Autism Awareness Day is April 2 —
the perfect occasion to attend
Chicagoland Autism Connection's 12th annual*

Spring Fling for autism awareness

**Saturday, April 2, 2011
8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Chicago HS for Agricultural Sciences
3857 West 111th Street, Chicago
(southeast corner of 111th and Pulaski)

The Spring Fling provides valuable information to parents and families of individuals with autism spectrum disorders, supports professionals, and increases public awareness. The program features workshops on topics of interest, exhibitor tables, and lots of opportunities for networking.

This is a free event, with workshops conducted by experts from diverse areas of work with autism. Advance registration is recommended but not required. To register, go to www.cacspringfling.eventbrite.com. **We regret child care is not available.**

Spring Fling Schedule

8:00 to 9:00 a.m.	Registration, networking, exhibitor tables open all day
9:10 to 9:45 a.m.	Opening program — Remarks from William Hook , Principal, Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences Keynote speaker: Dr. Richard Smith Chief Officer, CPS Office of Special Education and Supports
9:50 to 12:25 p.m.	Workshop sessions one and two
12:25 to 1:25 p.m.	Lunch break, networking, exhibitor browsing
1:30 to 2:45 p.m.	Workshop session three
2:45 to 3:00 p.m.	Final exhibitor browsing

For more info, please visit
www.chicagoautism.org
or call 773-329-0375.

CPDU credits available.

Please e-mail
pebutler@chicagoautism.org
by March 25
if you require credit.

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Session 1: 9:50 to 11:05 a.m.

- **Transition to Adulthood**
– Brian Rubin, JD
Special Needs Future Planning
- **Sexuality and Disabilities**
– Linda Sandman, MSW, LCSW
Clinical Director, The Developmental Disabilities Family Clinic at UIC
- **Autism 101**
– Joanne Wilken and Tricia Brouwers
Board Members, Autism Speaks Chicagoland Chapter
- **Creating Shared Theatrical Experiences for Children Affected by Autism: The Red Kite Project**
– Julia Beck
Education Associate, Chicago Children's Theatre

Session 2: 11:10 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.

- **Microboards and Cooperatives: Providing Services and Supports to Individuals with Disabilities**
– Wendy Partridge
Field Organizer Northern Illinois, IL Assoc. of Microboards & Cooperatives
- **The Special Education Clinic/Hotline**
– Lam Ho, JD
Staff Attorney, Equip for Equality
- **Love, Sex, and Autism**
– A Panel of CAC Parents, moderated by Linda Sandman, MSW, LCSW
Clinical Director, The Developmental Disabilities Family Clinic at UIC
- **Autism in the Schools**
– Joanne Wilken and Tricia Brouwers
Autism Speaks Chicagoland Chapter

Session 3: 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

- **Personal Exercise Programs for Children with Autism**
– David S. Geslak, BS, CSCS
The Exercise Connection
- **Behavior: Coping with the Challenges of Having a Child with Autism**
– Carol Paske
Consultation Team Coordinator & Parent Coach, Little Friends Center for Autism
- **PATHs: Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope**
– Wendy Partridge
Field Organizer Northern Illinois, IL Assoc. of Microboards & Cooperatives

New this year: Art Exhibition and Portrait Drawings by Adults with Autism from Chicago's Project Onward

food! fun! exhibitors! networking!

- **We regret that child care is not available at the event.**
- Parking is available in the school parking lot.
- **Sincere thanks to**
 - All workshop speakers for donating their time to this event.
 - William E. Hook, Principal, and the staff of Chgo HS for Ag Sciences.
 - Volunteers and members of Chicagoland Autism Connection (*projects include Chicago Southside Autism Support Group and the A-Team Social and Recreation Club*).
 - The Autism Program of IL (TAP), exhibitors, program book advertisers, and other generous donors for sponsoring the event.

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