
The Parenting Center at Abington

New Group for Parents of Special Needs Children

Recognizing the unique roles of parents with special needs children, The Parenting Center at Abington is introducing the new “**Discussion/Support Group for Parents of Children with Special Needs.**” This group will address some basic feelings associated with having a special needs child, including: How do I accept the fact that I have a special needs child? Are my feelings appropriate? How do I navigate the system? How do I balance the needs of my other children with this child’s needs?

Two certified parenting educators who each have a special needs child will facilitate this discussion on Wednesday, August 7 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at The Parenting Center. Moms and dads will be able to share information and concerns with those in similar situations. The cost is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members.

Other Parenting Center offerings this summer will include four workshops. For more information, fees, and registration, call the Center at 215-576-0586.

- **Tools for Effective Discipline** July 9, 16, & 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- **New Mother/New Baby** July 16, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- **Coping with Anger: Yours and Your Child’s** July 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- **Coping with Sibling Rivalry** July 30 & August 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The monthly book club preview will make four presentations throughout the summer months:

- *Kids, Parents and Power Struggles (Part 2)* by Mary Sheedy Kurcinka on Tuesday, June 11, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Barnes & Noble, Abington.
- *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk* by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish on Tuesday, July 9, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Barnes & Noble, Abington.
- *Without Spanking or Spoiling* by Elizabeth Crary, Monday, August 5, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Abington Free Library, 1030 Old York Road.
- *Raising Your Spirited Child* by Mary Sheedy Kurcinka, Tuesday, August 13, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Barnes & Noble, Abington.

For parents of infants and preschoolers who would like to share experiences and concerns while their children enjoy play time. The Parenting Center offers **Play ‘n Share** on Fridays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. For more information, call 215-576-0586.

Hats Off to **Mary Johnson**, Curriculum Specialist at Roslyn and Willow Hill Elementary Schools, for being Pennsylvania’s sole national elementary mathematics winner of a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Mary became Abington School District’s sixth teacher to receive a presidential award since the national program began in 1983.

The Abington Community Taskforce (ACT) is a coalition of parents and Abington- and Rockledge-based educational, religious, social service, recreational, civic, and law enforcement agencies. Its mission is to create a responsible, caring, and safe community. ACT welcomes comments, suggestions, and ideas for future events, programs, and articles. For more information, contact ACT at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001 215-517-2720. ACT would like to express appreciation to Abington Memorial Hospital for its assistance in printing this publication.

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