

# Chattanooga Community Calendar for Families of Children with Disabilities

August – December 2009

The following document is a list of upcoming events in the Chattanooga area that are available to families of children with disabilities. It is not considered to be comprehensive but rather is an attempt to list in one place some of the many informative and supportive activities available for families. These listings cover late August through December. Similar calendars will be developed on a quarterly basis.

The entries are the result of a collaborative effort by many agencies in our community to provide a quick and easy way to view available services. We welcome all organizations and support groups in the area to submit events for inclusion in this quarterly calendar. To submit events for the first quarter 2010 calendar, send your contributions to Beth Oldham, Family Support Coordinator at Siskin Children's Institute. [beth.oldham@siskin.org](mailto:beth.oldham@siskin.org) or (423) 648-1757

We hope this is a helpful document that you and your colleagues share with families.

## 2009 Contributing Agencies:

- Boehm Birth Defects Center
- Capital Financial Group
- Chattanooga Down Syndrome Society
- Children's Advocacy Center
- City of Chattanooga, Therapeutic Recreation Div.
- First Things First
- Mothers Moving Mountains
- Lifeline
- Parent to Parent of Georgia
- Parents Are First Teachers
- Relative Caregiver Program
- Rivermont Youth Athletic Association
- Signal Centers
- Tennessee Early Intervention System
- Siskin Children's Institute
- Support and Training for Exceptional Parents
- Tennessee Voices for Children
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

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DATE	TITLE OF EVENT	AGENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
08-22-2009	Disability Awareness Night at the Lookouts	Capital Financial Group	7:00pm	AT&T Stadium 201 Power Alley Chattanooga	Jeff Turner 423-266-7400 jmturner@finsvcs
08-22-2009	Lifeline Ride for Families	Lifeline Ministry	9:30am-12:30pm	Southern Fluid Power Chattanooga	Kevin Hawkins 423-838-0164
08-24-2009	Awesome Autism Support Group	TN Voices for Children	7:00pm-9:00pm	Ronald McDonald House 200 Central Ave. Chattanooga	Jackie Benkert jsbenkert@bellsouth.net
08-25-2009	Family Conversations on Disability	Collaborative partnership of community organizations	6:30pm-8:30pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org
08-27-2009	Coalition Meeting	Tennessee Respite Coalition	12noon-1:30pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Megan Tucker megan.tucker@tnrespice.org
08-29-2009	Parent Minority Leadership Conference	Support & Training for Exceptional Parents (STEP)	8:00am-3:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	STEP Office www.tnstep.org
08-29-2009	Star Night Featuring Boyz II Men	Siskin Children's Institute	6:00pm	Trade & Convention Center 2 Carter Plaza	Jasmin Rippon jasmin.rippon@siskin.org
08-29-2009	Dream League Fall Ball Sign Up	Rivermont Youth Athletic Association	10:00am	Rivermont Youth Athletic Assn Field	Michele McClure 706-820-7364
08-29-2009	Sifting Through Your Parental Rights	Parent to Parent of Georgia	10:00am-12:00noon	Chickamauga Public Library 306 Cove Road Chickamauga, GA	Michal Jones 706-866-9778 ext.122 1-800-229-2038

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09-06-2009	Touch A Truck	Parents Are First Teachers	9:00am-1:00pm	Riverpark 4301 Amnicola Hwy. Chattanooga	PAFT Office 423-209-6838
09-08-2009	Siskin Seminar Series: Home Visiting	Siskin Children's Institute	3:00pm-5:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Julie Mickel julie.mickel@siskin.org
09-08-2009	RCP Support Group	Relative Caregiver Program	10:00am	1000 Riverfront Parkway Chattanooga	1-866-735-8752
09-10-2009	Family Support Session: Environmental Supports for Home and School	collaborative partnership of community organizations	11:00am – 1:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org
09-10-2009	RCP Support Group	Relative Caregiver Program	6:00pm	Ooltewah United Methodist Church 6131 Relocation Way Ooltewah	1-866-735-8752
09-11-2009	Autism Support Group	Mothers Moving Mountains	12noon-2:00pm	Hamilton YMCA 7430 Shallowford Chattanooga	Lisa Dupree autismhope4you@yahoo.com
09-11-2009	Book Group (Featured Book: Lucky Man by Michael J. Fox)	Siskin Children's Institute	12:30pm-2:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Karen Coleman karen.coleman@siskin.org
09-12-2009	Taster's Luncheon (Chinese Auction at 10:30am)	Boehm Birth Defects Center	11:30am	St. Stephen's Catholic Church 7111 Lee Hwy. Chattanooga	Mitzi Ward mitzi@boehmbdc.com
09-15-2009	Siskin Seminar Series: Parenting Support	Siskin Children's Institute	3:00pm-5:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Julie Mickel julie.mickel@siskin.org

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09-16-2009	Parent Café Series	Signal Centers/Child Care Resource and Referral Center	5:00pm-6:00pm	Building Stable Lives Building 37 <sup>th</sup> and Dodds Ave. Chattanooga	Raquel Hidalgo 423-867-9785 Erricka Hill 423-298-8528
09-17-2009	Positive Behavior Supports for Family Life	Collaborative partnership of community organizations	3:00pm-5:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org
09-18-2009	All Dolled Up	Orange Grove Center	6:30pm-8:00pm	Orange Grove Center 615 Derby St.	Brandy bbeeson@orangegrove.org
09-21-2009	Jackie Tyber Memorial Golf Tournament	Orange Grove Center		Black Creek Golf Club 4700 Cummings cove Drive Chattanooga	Leslie Smith lesmith@orangegrove.org
09-24-2009	RCP Support Group	Relative Caregiver Program	5:00pm-7:30pm	Eastgate Town Center 5600 Brainerd Rd Chattanooga	1-866-735-8752
09-24-2009	Siskin Family Association	Siskin Children's Institute (East Brainerd location)	6:00pm-7:00pm	1602 Gunbarrel Rd. Chattanooga	Sheila Garner sheila.garner@siskin.org
09-26-2009	Roll & Stroll at the Zoo	Boehm Birth Defects Center	6:00pm (check-in @ 5:30pm)	Warner Park Zoo 1101 McCallie Ave. Chattanooga	Mitzi Ward mitzi@boehmbdc.com
09-28-2009	Super Hoops	City of Chattanooga Therapeutic Recreation Division	5:30pm-6:30pm (skill level 1) 6:30pm-7:30pm (skill level 2)	North Chattanooga Recreation Center 406 May Street Chattanooga	Lizzy Hockinson 423-643-5716
09-28-2009	A Song for the Children	Children's Advocacy Center	8:00pm	Tivoli Theatre	423-266-6918
09-28-2009	Awesome Autism Support Group	TN Voice for Children	7:00pm-9:00pm	Ronald McDonald House	Jackie Benkert jsbenkert@bellsouth.net

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09-29-2009	Family Conversations on Disability	Collaborative partnership of community agencies	6:30pm-8:30pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org
09-29-2009	Siskin Seminar Series: Classroom Interventions for Young Children	Siskin Children's Institute	3:00pm-5:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Julie Mickel julie.mickel@siskin.org

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## October

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10-01-2009	Tools for Promoting Your Child's Communication Skills	Collaborative partnership of community organizations	6:30pm-8:30pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org
10-03-2009	Go Fest	City of Chattanooga, Therapeutic Recreation Division	10-00a.m.-2:00pm	Chattanooga Zoo at Warner Park	<a href="http://www.gofestchattanooga.org">www.gofestchattanooga.org</a> 423-425-7800
10-08-2009	RCP Support Group	Relative Caregiver Program	6:00pm	Ooltewah United Methodist Church 6131 Relocation Way Ooltewah	1-866-735-8752
10-10-2009	Buddy Walk	Chattanooga Down Syndrome Society	11:00am	Riverview Park	amyp98@comcast.net
10-13-2009	Very Special Arts Festival	Orange Grove Center	10:00am	Rock City Lookout Mountain	Leslie Smith lesmith@orangegrove.org
10-13-2009	RCP Support Group	Relative Caregiver Program	10:00am	1000 Riverfront Parkway Chattanooga	1-866-735-8752
10-13-2009	Siskin Seminar Series: Engagement of Every Child in the Preschool Classroom	Siskin Children's Institute	3:00pm-5:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Julie Mickel julie.mickel@siskin.org
10-15-2009	Parenting a Child with Special Needs	Collaborative partnership of community organizations	11:00am-1:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org
10-19-2009	Siskin Seminar Series: Do Your Own Video Self-Modeling	Siskin Children's Institute	6:00pm-8:30pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Julie Mickel julie.mickel@siskin.org
10-22-2009	RCP Program	Relative Caregiver Program	5:30pm-7:30pm	Eastgate Town Center 5600 Brainerd Rd Chattanooga	1-866-735-8752

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10-27-2009	Family Conversations on Disability	Collaborative partnership of community organizations	6:30pm-8:30pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org
10-27-2009	Siskin Seminar Series: Teaching Practices in Early Childhood Classrooms	Siskin Children's Institute	3:00pm-5:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Julie Mickel julie.mickel@siskin.org
10-29-2009	Strengthening Your Marriage and Improving Family Dynamics	Collaborative partnership of community organizations	3:00pm-5:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org

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## November

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11-05-2009	Healthy Relationships with Siblings and Extended Family Members	Collaborative partnership of community agencies	6:30pm-8:30pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org
11-10-2009	Siskin Seminar Series: Integrating Therapy and Instruction for Young Children with Special Needs in Classrooms	Siskin Children's Institute	3:00pm-5:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Julie Mickel julie.mickel@siskin.org
11-13-2009	Book Group	Siskin Children's Institute	12:30pm-2:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Karen Coleman karen.coleman@siskin.org
11-19-2009	Setting Your Child Up for Success: Environmental Supports for Home and School	Collaborative partnership of community agencies	3:00pm-5:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org
11-23-2009	Awesome Autism Support Group	TN Voices for Children	7:00pm-9:00pm	Ronald McDonald House 200 Central Ave. Chattanooga	Jackie Benkert jsbenkert@bellsouth.net
11-24-2009	Family Conversations on Disability	Collaborative partnership of community organizations	6:30pm-8:30pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org

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## December

DATE	TITLE OF EVENT	AGENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
12-01-2009	Siskin Seminar Series: Feedback to Teachers	Siskin Children's Institute	3:00pm-5:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Julie Mickel julie.mickel@siskin.org
12-03-2009	Positive Behavior Supports for Family Life	Collaborative partnership of community organizations	6:30pm-8:30pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org
12-10-2009	Tools for Promoting Your Child's Communication Skills	Collaborative partnership of community organizations	11:00am-1:00pm	1102 Carter Street Chattanooga	Beth Oldham beth.oldham@siskin.org
12-15-2009	Siskin Seminar Series: Measuring Meaningful Family and Child Outcomes	Siskin Children's Institute	3:00pm-5:00pm	1101 Carter Street Chattanooga	Julie Mickel julie.mickel@siskin.org
12-17-2009	Holiday Lights Dreamnight	City of Chattanooga, Division of Therapeutic Recreation	6:30pm-8:30pm	Chattanooga Zoo (Education Building)	Elaine Adams adams_e@mail.chattanooga.gov
12-28-2009	Awesome Autism	TN Voices for Children	7:00pm-9:00pm	Ronald McDonald House	Jackie Benkert jsbenkert@bellsouth.net

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## Miscellaneous Listings (recurring events, details to be announced, etc.)

DATE	TITLE OF EVENT	AGENCY	Details	CONTACT INFO
09-01-2009 through Mid-October	Dream League Fall Ball	Rivermont Youth Athletic Association	Games recur on Tuesday evenings from Sept. 1 through mid-October.	Michele McClure 706-820-7364
09-12-2009	TOPSoccer	US Youth Soccer program	Begins on 09-12-2009 and runs through a season.	Elaine Adams adams_e@mail.chattanooga.gov
TBA	Chillin' Like a Villain	City of Chattanooga, Therapeutic Recreation Division	September – Ghost Tour October – Corn Maze November – TBD December – Holiday Pot Luck	Lizzy Hockinson 423-643-5716
TBA	Halloween Masquerade	City of Chattanooga, Therapeutic Recreation Division	Cost: \$5.00 – Caregivers come free	Lizzy Hockinson 423-643-5716
09-28-2009 through 11-16-2009	Super Hoops	City of Chattanooga, Therapeutic Recreation Division	Skill level 1: 5:30pm-6:30pm Skill level 2: 6:30pm-7:30pm North Chattanooga Recreation Center Cost: \$20.00	Lizzy Hockinson 423-643-5716
TBA	Scenic City Adaptive Cycling Seated Tai Ji Chattanooga Speeders	City of Chattanooga, Therapeutic Recreation Division	These events are still in the planning stage.	Elaine Adams adams_e@mail.chattanooga.gov