

Bergen County Support Groups for Early Intervention Families



Support Group Name	Support Group Type	Location/ Town	Contact Info
Apraxia Network of Bergen County	Support Groups meet 4x a year	Paramus, different locations	Jeanne Buesser 201-741-4035 jbmistletoe@optonline.net
Bergen Autism Support Group	For parents with children on the autistic spectrum	Mount Carmel Church 1 Passaic Street Ridgewood, NJ	Gary Lahm 201-503-9476 (former Autism New Jersey group)
Billy's Buddies	Children with Down Syndrome (play groups, activities, parent support)	Wyckoff Family Y	201-891-2081 info@wyckoffymca.org Jen Kaplan
Child Development & Wellness Parent Support Groups	Information on topics such as early childhood development, special needs children, developmental disabilities, etc.	Affiliated with Valley Hospital	201-612-1006
Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey	Monthly support group. Spanish group also available North East Regional Epilepsy Group	Hackensack University Medical Center 20 Prospect Ave, Suite 800 Main Conference room	Lorna Myers Email: lmyers@epilepsygroup.com
Family Support Organization of Bergen County	Weekly support group on child's complex emotional & behavioral needs. Onsite child supervision. Bilingual groups are available.	108 29 th St. Fair Lawn 201-796-6209	info@fsobergen http://fsobergen.org

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Parent to Parent-Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey –for all disabilities	For parents seeking mutual support with other parents who have been there. Parents may be matched with another parent for information on a specific topic, such as education, medical issues, or just to talk with another parent who understands.	http://www.efnj.com	Contact: Resource Coordinator 732.528.8080 or 800.372.6510
“Putting the Pieces Together “	Support and education to families by hosting speaker meetings and workshops because education is the best weapon against autism and other different needs.	Lasalle Center 200 Ridge Rd North Arlington, NJ	Debbie Wertalk 201-966-8738 201-679-0569 Putting the piecetogether@verizon. net
SPAN – START PROJECT	Provides an online listing of school district-specific special education parent groups and disability-related groups.	www.spannj.org/START/	Contact: Dianne Malley, Project Director Phone:973-642-8100 E-mail: dmalley@spannj.org
“Winning Angels”	Children with Special Needs. Spanish speaking as well.		Yolanda Quintero 201-988-9670 908-436-5201

Please check the NJ Self-Help Group Clearinghouse
for a more detailed listing of all support groups throughout NJ
Through its **toll-free NJ helpline, 1-800-367-6274** provides contacts for over 6,750 local
self-help groups in New Jersey. Also helps those in NJ interested in joining with others to
start new self-help groups. www.njgroups.org

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