

Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition



Cape Cod Family Resource Center and Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition

This free, monthly Cape and Islands-wide listing of workshops, meetings, groups and related programs for parents, grandparents, guardians, and primary caregivers of children has been compiled and distributed free for over nine years. You can find it online and sign-up for a monthly e-mail (no spam-ever): capecoalition.com/calendar

Parent Education & Support Opportunities: June 2016

All meetings, workshops etc. are free to participants unless otherwise noted.

June 1 (first Wednesday), 6-7:30 p.m.: **“Dads’ Talk ~ Lower Cape”** at the *Harwich Community Center*, 100 Oak St. with Eric Hauck. Connect with other fathers and chat about being a dad (or whatever is on your mind). All men are welcome to this non-therapeutic gathering, regardless of their child(ren)’s age(s), their parenting situation, and where they live. Dinner and child care provided. Sponsored by Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition, Cape Cod Children's Place, and Harwich Early Childhood Council. Information or registration: beverly@capecoalition.com or 508-771-4336.

June 1 (first Wednesday), 6:30-8:30 p.m.: **“Parent Information Network (PIN) Parent Support Group”** at *Falmouth Public Library*, 300 Main St., with Claudia King. For families who are challenged by children’s mental health, emotional, or behavioral needs. Sponsored by the Parent Information Network (PIN), a BAMSI program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. Information: Parent Coordinator, Claudia King at 508-947-8779 Ext. 229 or capepin@bamsi.org.

Beginning June 1st for five Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m.: **“Positive Solutions for Families”** at the Cape Cod Family Resource Center, 29 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, with Kelly Rodriguez. This five-week series is designed to help parents build a positive relationship with their child, teach social and emotional skills, and learn strategies for addressing challenging behaviors. Child care and a light dinner provided. Sponsored by the Cape Cod Family Resource Center and the Massachusetts Departments of Early Education and Care and Elementary and Secondary Education. Information or registration: 508-815-5100 or rharrison@familycontinuity.org.

June 2 and 9 (must attend both sessions), 5:30-8 p.m.: **“Set a Good Example (SAGE)”** at MSPCC, 206 Breeds Hill Road, *Hyannis*, with Matt Daniels, LMHC, and Jodi Starck, LICSW. Divorce has a profound impact on children; lessen the impact for yours. Meets the court’s mandate for education for divorcing parents. FEE: \$80. Information or registration: Donna Davis at 508-775-0275.

June 2 (first Thursday), 7-8:30 p.m.: **“Family and Friends of People with Mental Illness”** at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 310 Route 137, *East Harwich*. A support group hosted and facilitated by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Information: 508-778-4277.

June 5 (first Sunday), 6-7:30 p.m.: **“Family and Friends of People with Mental Illness”** at Daybreak Clubhouse, 457-B State Road, *Vineyard Haven*. Support group facilitated by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Information: Peggy at 508-693-5872 or pegsb4.1@comcast.net.

Beginning June 6th for four Mondays, 10-11 a.m.: **“Infant Massage Class”** at the Cape Cod Family Resource Center, 29 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, with Amy Brigham. Parents and other caregivers are invited to bring their babies (newborn through pre-walker) to a four-part infant massage class. Learn to help your baby relax, digest, and sleep better. Sponsored by the Cape Cod Family Resource Center. Information or registration: 508-815-5100 or rharrison@familycontinuity.org.

June 11 (second Saturday), 9 a.m.-4 p.m.: **“Labor Express”** at *Falmouth Hospital* (Faxon I Basement Conference Room), 100 Ter Heun Dr. A one-time prenatal class that includes: hospital orientation, tour, and comfort measures for labor, both medical and non-medical. Ideal for expectant couples who are unable to attend a series of Preparation for Birth classes. FEE: \$60 per couple (assistance available). Information or registration: fhparented@capecodhealth.org or 508-457-3632.

June 11 (second Saturday), 5-7 p.m.: **“Dadminion!”** at the Parent Information Network (PIN), 47 East Grove St., *Middleboro*, with Christopher J. Bean, MFT. For dads and other men who are challenged by a child’s mental, emotional, or behavioral needs. We exist to encourage and enable fathers to pursue the well-being of their children through positive leadership, provision, protection, and presence. Share your knowledge and experience. Information or registration: 508-947-8779.

June 13, 6:30-8 p.m.: **“Discipline Matters!”** at West Parish Family School, 2049 Meetinghouse Way (Route 149), *West Barnstable*, with author and behavioral specialist Jeanine Fitzgerald. This session will explore the choices parents have when teaching and disciplining their children. Come gain a deeper understanding of the strategies that help you balance structure and support in your child’s life. FEE: \$10 suggested donation, accepted at the door. Information: 508-362-4967.

June 14, 4:30-6:30 p.m.: **“Home is Where the Heart Is”** at *Forestdale School* Library, 151 Route 130, with Valerie Perry and Steve Alexander of Adoption Journeys. This group celebrates the many variations of families raising children in our community. Dedicated to supporting parents who encounter unique sets of challenges and rewards every day. Snack and child care provided. Information or registration: Lauren at 508-477-6600 Ext. 132.

June 14 and 28 (second and fourth Tuesday), 5:30-7 p.m.: **“Grandparents Helping Grandparents Support Group”** at the Cape Cod Family Resource Center, 29 Bassett Lane, *Hyannis*, with Cynthia Klopfer, Family Partner. Utilizing the Parents Helping Parents model, this group provides a supportive environment for grandparents who play a significant role in raising their grandchild(ren). All grandparents are welcome at this non-therapeutic gathering, regardless of grandchild(ren)’s age(s). Dinner and Child care provided. Information or registration: Cynthia at cklopfer@familycontinuity.org or 508-815-5143.

June 14, 6-7:30 p.m.: **“Dads and Babies Pizza Party”** at *Falmouth Hospital* (Faxon Conference Room), 100 Ter Heun Dr., with Paul Melville, family support specialist and Cheryl Donahue, LCCE, IBCLC. Dads: Come show off your baby, connect with other Cape dads, and learn about resources for local families. This month we’ll focus on the benefits of baby-wearing (carriers, slings, etc.). Free pizza dinner. Sponsored by Cape Cod Healthcare and the Coalition for Children. Information or registration: Suzan Scharr at 508-457-3632 or sscharr@capecodhealth.org.

June 14 (Second Tuesday), 6:30-7:30 p.m.: **“Bridging the Gap”** at Dance in the Rain, 145 Barnstable Road, *Hyannis*. Designed for peers and family members to begin dialogue, healing, and finding solutions when there is a mental health challenge within the family. A collaboration of Dance in the Rain and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Information: NAMI at 508-778-4277.

June 14 (second Tuesday), 7-8:30 p.m.: **“Family and Friends of People with Mental Illness”** at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 6 Merchants Road, Building B, *Sandwich*. A support group hosted and facilitated by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Information: NAMI at 508-778-4277.

June 14 (second Tuesday), 7-8:30 p.m.: **“Family and Friends of People with Mental Illness”** at Sherburne Commons, 40 Sherburne Commons Drive, *Nantucket*. Hosted and facilitated by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Information: Ruth at 508-221-3437 or ruthblount7@gmail.com.

June 15 (third Wednesday), 3:30-5 p.m.: **“Parents of Transitional Age Youth- Education and Support Group”** at 29 Bassett Lane, *Hyannis*, with Tresa Salters of BAMSI’s Parent Information Network (PIN). Information or registration: Tresa at 508-947-8779 Ext. 222 or ptaypin@bamsi.org.

June 15 (third Wednesday), 6:30-8 p.m.: **“Family and Friends of People with Mental Illness”** at Martha’s Vineyard Hospital, 1 Hospital Road, *Oak Bluffs*. Hosted and facilitated by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Information: Daryl at 508-627-5249 or darylmknight@verizon.net.

June 16, Noon-1 p.m.: **“New Parents Luncheon”** at Cape Cod Hospital (Mugar Building, Cape Cod Lorusso Conference Center), 27 Park St., *Hyannis*. All parents who have utilized maternity services at Cape Cod Hospital are invited to a free luncheon and to provide This free group for breastfeeding mothers provides hands on help, questions and answers, and weight checks. Bring your baby hungry and ready to breastfeed. No registration required. Information: Ann at 508-862-5123.

June 16, 5:30-7 p.m.: **“Single Parenting”** at Cape Cod Family Resource Center, 29 Bassett Lane, *Hyannis*, with Rebecca Harrison, Family Support Worker. This monthly group is a supportive environment for single dads and moms to share successes, challenges, and resources. All are welcome at this non-therapeutic gathering, regardless of child(ren)’s age(s) and parenting situation. Dinner and child care provided. Sponsored by the Cape Cod Family Resource Center and Cape Cod

Child Development's Families United Network (F.U.N.). Supported by Not Your Average Joe's. Information or registration: Rebecca at 508-815-5175 or rharrison@familycontinuity.org.

June 16 and 23 (must attend both sessions), 5:30-8 p.m.: **"Set a Good Example (SAGE)"** at MSPCC, 206 Breeds Hill Road, *Hyannis*, with Matt Daniels, LMHC, and Jodi Starck, LICSW. Divorce has a profound impact on children; lessen the impact for yours. Meets the court's mandate for education for divorcing parents. FEE: \$80. Information or registration: Donna Davis at 508-775-0275.

June 19 (third Sunday), 3:30-5 p.m.: **"Support Group for Parents of Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Children"** at *West Barnstable Community Building*, 2401 Meetinghouse Way (Rte. 149). This group is for parents of transgender and gender-nonconforming youth ages 2 to 21. Co-led by the parent of a transgender youth and a transgender woman who advocates for transgender youth. Information: 508-694-6763 or sarah@pflagcapecod.org.

June 20 (third Monday), 7-8:30 p.m.: **"PFLAG ~ Brewster"** at *First Parish Brewster*, 1969 Main St. This monthly group for parents, families, and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people is half support/half educational. All are welcome to come be supported and learn in a confidential, non-judgmental setting. Information: Amy at 508-420-0696 or www.pflagcapecod.org.

June 21 (third Tuesday), 10:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.: **"Free Private Family Law Consults"** at the *Falmouth Service Center*, 611 Gifford St. Free half hour appointments with an attorney for low to moderate income parents. They will not represent you in court, but can advise you on legal matters and provide guidance at no cost. Limited appointments; must preregister. Sponsored by WE CAN and the Falmouth Service Center with support from Mass. Bar Foundation, Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, and Cape & Islands United Way. Information or Registration: WE CAN at 508-430-8111.

June 21 (third Tuesday), 7-8:30 p.m.: **"Family and Friends of People with Mental Illness"** at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 3055 Main St. (Route 6a), *Barnstable*. A support group hosted and facilitated by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Information: Jud at 508-364-9035 or marshet@comcast.net.

Beginning June 21 for eight Tuesdays, 7-9:30 p.m.: **“Childbirth Preparation: Babies, Bonding and Beyond”** at *Falmouth Hospital* (Faxon I Basement Conference Room), 100 Ter Heun Drive, with Cheryl Donahue, certified ASPO Lamaze childbirth educator, IBCLC; Lee Burwell, LMHC, certified Gottman educator; and Paul Melville, family support specialist. An innovative course to prepare women and their birth partner for the normal childbirth process and minimize the need for medical intervention. Includes third trimester changes, birth process, labor support, variations of labor, delivery, and going home with your newborn. Teaches all childbirth options using exercise, body awareness, and Lamaze breathing and relaxation techniques. Learn what to expect during each phase of childbirth, how to work together as you transition to parenthood, and planning for relationship changes. Includes maternity unit tour. FEE: \$60 per couple (scholarships available). Information or registration: fhparented@capecodhealth.org or 508-457-3630.

June 23 (fourth Thursday), 10-11 a.m.: **“Snap-Ed Nutrition Workshop”** at the Cape Cod Family Resource Center, 29 Bassett Lane, *Hyannis*, with Susan Bourque, RD, LDN. This FREE workshop is for ALL families. Participants will try new, tasty recipes, learn to eat on a budget, and get tips on keeping you and your family healthy. Registration required. Information or registration: SNAP-ed.referral@state.ma.us or the Cape Cod Family Resource Center at 508-815-5100.

June 27 (fourth Monday), 7-8:30 p.m.: **“Family and Friends of People with Mental Illness”** at Gus Canty Recreation Center, 790 Main St., *Falmouth*. A support group hosted and facilitated by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Information: 508-428-4351 or fisher62045@hotmail.com.

June 28 (last Tuesday), 7-8:30 p.m.: **“PFLAG ~ Falmouth”** at the Falmouth Jewish Congregation, 7 Hatchville Road, *East Falmouth*. For parents, families, and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. Half support/half education. All are welcome to this confidential, non-judgmental setting. Information: amy@pflagcapecod.org or www.pflagcapecod.org.

Parent Weekly Programs and Groups

Mondays (except holidays), 10-11 a.m.: **“Baby Breakfast Club”** at Cape Cod Hospital (Mugar Building, Cape Cod 5A Room), 27 Park St., *Hyannis*, with a certified lactation consultant. This free group for breastfeeding mothers provides hands on help, questions and answers, and weight checks. Bring your baby hungry and ready to breastfeed. Information: Ann at 508-862-5123.

Parent Weekly Programs and Groups continued

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: **“Parents Supporting Parents”** at *Mashpee Welcome Center*, 5 Bates Road. This is a free family member support group for those who are coping with their child’s narcotic addiction. We share our experience with kindness and compassion for the purpose of strengthening ourselves and each other. We gain knowledge of addiction so that we can support our children through recovery and wellness. Information: Lisa at 774-238-1570.

Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m.: **“Learn to Cope”** at *Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Plymouth*, (Funkhouser Rooms A&B) 275 Sandwich St. A free weekly meeting offering support, education, and resources for parents and family members coping with a loved one addicted to opioids. Information: 508-738-5148.

Tuesdays, 9:15-11 a.m.: **“Baby’s First Year”** at Snow Library, 67 Main St., *Orleans*, with Monica Keefe-Hess, parent education coordinator at the Cape Cod Children’s Place. Meet to share stories, ask questions, and get familiar with resources that support you: nutrition, parenting, breast feeding Etc. Discussion topics include developmental stages of baby’s first year. Funded by a Family Centers grant through the Children’s Trust, administered by the Cape Cod Children’s Place. Information: Monica Keefe-Hess at 508-240-3310 or mkeefe@capecodchildrensplace.com.

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.: **“Nursing Mothers’ Group”** at the Center for Breastfeeding, 327 Quaker Meeting House Road, *East Sandwich*. No cost; no registration. Come meet with a certified lactation consultant and other breastfeeding moms in a relaxed environment. Information: 888-890-2229.

Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m.: **“Anger Management Classes”** at the Gosnold-Thorne Outpatient Counseling Center, 1185 Falmouth Road, *Centerville*, with Dana Sumner, counselor. Fulfills court’s requirement for anger management classes. FEE: \$20 per class, pay as you go. Information or registration: Dana Sumner at dsumner@gosnold.org.

Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.: **“Learn to Cope”** at the *Yarmouth Police Headquarters*, 1 Brad Erickson Way. A free weekly meeting offering support, education, and resources for parents and family members coping with a loved one addicted to opioids. Information: 508-738-5148 or lrc@learn2cope.org.

Parent Weekly Programs and Groups continued

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: **“Parenting in Recovery”** at Cape Cod Children’s Place, 10 Ballwic Road, *Eastham*. A free psychodynamic group set in a safe space. Increase your insight and skills to support your recovery and your desire to strengthen your parenting. We provide a consistent forum to seek out support, access resources and be part of a community. Dinner and child care provided. Information and registration: Cindy Horgan at 508-240-3310.

Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.: **“Grief and Addiction Support Group”** at the Gosnold Counseling Center, 1185 Falmouth Road, *Centerville*. Designed for anyone who has lost a loved one to the disease of addiction, this group aims to help its participants build a network of support with others who share their experience, in an environment designed to facilitate both healing and integration of the loss into their lives. Information: Mary Fisher at 844-558-HELP (4357) or mfisher@gosnold.org.

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon: **“Breastfeeding Support Group”** at *Falmouth* Hospital (Faxon 1 Conference Room), 100 Ter Heun Dr. (off Route 28), with Suzan Scharr, RNC and board certified lactation consultant. All are welcome to this free group. Information: 508-457-3632.

Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon: **“Mom's Café”** at Cape Cod Hospital (Lorusso Conference Room), 27 Park St., *Hyannis*, with Ann Macdonald, RN, BSN, CCE. For new mothers. We discuss any and all topic related to being a new mom! Bring your baby. No registration. Information: Ann at 508-862-5123.

Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon: **“Breastfeeding Support Group”** at the *Hyannis WIC office*, 1019 Iyannough Road (Route 132). Open to all breastfeeding women (you needn’t qualify for WIC). Siblings welcome. Sponsored by Cape Cod WIC, a program of Health Imperatives. No registration. Information: Cheryl at 508-540-5275.

Select Ongoing Resources

“Al-Anon / Alateen of Cape Cod and the Islands”: There are over fifty weekly groups on Cape Cod for friends and loved ones of problem drinkers and alcoholics. Groups can help you recover from the impacts of a loved one’s drinking. Members help each other by practicing the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous themselves, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. Information: 508-366-4663.

Select Ongoing Resources continued

“Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod and the Islands”: Offers one-to-one mentoring to boys and girls ages 7 to 12. The organizations vision is to inspire, engage and transform communities by helping youth achieve their full potential. Information: www.bbbscci.org or 508-771-5150.

“Breastfeeding Warm-line” sponsored by the Center for Breastfeeding, *East Sandwich*. All calls are free and confidential. Call anytime, day or night; all messages received after-hours will be returned at the start of the next business day: 508-888-7794.

“Cape Cod Dads Update” sponsored by the Southeast Fathers & Family Network. A free monthly e-mail and perpetual calendar of events and resources for fathers and human service providers who support fathers on or near Cape Cod. Check it out or sign up: dads.capecoalition.com. Information: Southeast Fathers & Family Network Coordinator, Paul Melville: pmelville@familycontinuity.org.

“Cape Cod Family Resource Center (a Program of Family Continuity)”: Now open in downtown *Hyannis* at 29 Bassett Lane. Information and referral for all families, parent education and support for all parenting situations, help navigating resources, child and youth assessments, and much more. All services free to all families, regardless of need, insurance, and community of residence. To learn more about us and how we can help your family or those you work with, call 508-815-5100 or email Paul Melville, program director at pmelville@familycontinuity.org.

“Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition”: The mission of the Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition (CCNSC) is to strengthen families and the resources that support them in order to help prevent child abuse and neglect in our region. We strive to achieve this mission by promoting effective community-based family support initiatives, and by participating in coordination and collaboration among family support providers, practitioners and policy-makers. Contact us to learn more about us and how we can help your family or the families you work with: 508-771-4336.

“Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Hotline”: Independence House staffs this hotline 24/7/365. You do not have to leave your relationship to get help and you do not have to press charges against your abuser. They will not notify the police unless you request it. They can help arrange emergency safe shelter for you and your family, as well as police intervention and medical care: 800-439-6507.

Select Ongoing Resources continued

“Fit to be Kids” at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Cape Cod, 311 Service Road, *East Sandwich*. An outpatient program for children Ages 4 -15: exercise, nutrition, and healthy lifestyle strategies. Information or registration (including FEE schedule): Meg Petitti at 508-833-4197.

“FoodSource Hotline of Project Bread”: Having trouble making ends meet? We provide information and screen callers for food stamp eligibility, connect you to school meal programs, and other local emergency food resources in 160 languages. Information: 800-645-8333.

“Military Family Outreach Cape Cod (formerly OMK)”: Families dealing with an overseas deployment can learn what is available to them and their child(ren). Free after school and family programs through a grant from the Army Child and Youth Services. Information: Kerry Bickford at kbickford@barnstablecounty.org or 508-375-6695.

“Parent Information Network (PIN)”: assists families challenged by children’s mental health, emotional, or behavioral needs. They offer a quarterly newsletter, individual advocacy, parent/ community education, and support groups across Cape Cod. Funded by the Department of Mental Health. Information or registration: 508-947-8779 or capepin@bamsi.org.

“Parental Stress Line”: You don’t have to keep going it alone, Parents Helping Parents can help. Confidential and anonymous 24 hours/day, 7 days/week across Massachusetts: 800-632-8188.

“Parents of transitional age youth (PTAY) with mental health challenges”: Get support from the Parent Information Network (PIN): Tresa Salters at 508-947-8779 Ext. 222 or ptaypin@bamsi.org.

“The Samaritans on Cape Cod and the Islands”: Dedicated volunteers listen compassionately to anyone who needs to be heard. Some callers are suicidal and some simply need a non-judgmental friend to validate their feelings and listen to their concerns. Confidential/anonymous: 800-893-9900.

Select Ongoing Resources continued

“**WE CAN**” collaborates with other organizations and local businesses to improve the quality of life in our community by ensuring lasting, positive change in the lives of women and their families. They empower Cape Cod women of all ages to navigate challenging transitions and achieve lasting positive change through: Mentoring; free legal services; workshops, training and support groups, and information and referrals to other local resources. Information: www.wecancenter.org.

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