

Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition



Cape Cod Family Resource Center and Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition

Monthly Parent Education & Support Calendar

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: August 2015

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

Beginning August 4 for three Tuesdays, 5–7 p.m.: “Active Parenting of Teens” at the Cape Cod Family Resource Center, 29 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, staff from the Cape Cod Family Resource Center. This free three-week class for parents of preteens and teens includes child care and dinner. Preregistration required. Information or registration: 508-862-0600 or pmelville@familycontinuity.org.

August 5 (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. Free dinner and child care. 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.

August 6 and 13 (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 Judy Starck, LICSW. Divorce has a profound impact on children; learn to 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.

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August 7 (first Friday), 9:30-11 a.m.: **“Support Group for Parents and Caregivers of Children with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities”** at Panera Bread - *Mashpee Commons*, 9 Steeple St. Sponsored by Kennedy Donovan Center. Information or registration: Juliane Dillon at 508-385-6019 Ext. 125 or jdillon@kdc.org.

August 8 (second Saturday), 9 a.m.-4 p.m.: **“Labor Express”** at *Falmouth Hospital* (Faxon I Basement Conference Room), 100 Ter Heun Drive. 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 (scholarships available). Information or registration: fhparented@capecodhealth.org or 508-457-3630.

August 8 (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 male caregivers who are challenged by a child’s mental health, 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. Come share your knowledge and experience with us. Information or registration: 508-947-8779 or cbean@bamsi.org.

August 11, 6-7:30 p.m.: **“Dads & Babies Pizza Party”** at *Falmouth Hospital* (Faxon Basement Conference Room), 100 Terr 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. Free pizza dinner. Sponsored by Cape Cod Healthcare and the Coalition for Children. Information or registration: Suzan Scharr at 508-457-3632.

August 13, 5:15-6:45 p.m.: **“Single Parenting”** at Cape Cod Child Development, 83 Pearl St., *Hyannis*, with Paul Melville, program director at the Cape Cod Family Resource Center. This monthly group is a supportive environment for single moms and dads to share successes, challenges, and resources. All single parents are welcome at this non-therapeutic gathering, regardless of child(ren)’s age(s) and parenting situation. Dinner and child care provided. Sponsored by Family Continuity’s 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: Mary at 508-775-6240 Ext. 512.

August 16 (third Sunday), 5-7 p.m.: **“Support Group for Parents of Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Children”** at *West Barnstable Community Building, 2377 Meetinghouse Way (Rte. 149)*. This group is for parents of transgender and gender-nonconforming youth ages 2 to 21 years. Co-led by the parent of a transgender youth and a transgender woman who is an advocate for transgender youth and is also a gender diversity trainer. Information: 508-694-6763 or sarah@pflag-CapeCod.org.

August 17 (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 and 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.

August 18 (third Tuesday), 10:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.: **“Free Private Family Law Consults”** at the *Falmouth Service Center, 611 Gifford St.* Free thirty-minute appointments with an attorney for low to moderate income parents. The attorney will not represent you in court, but will advise you on legal matters and provide guidance at no cost to you. Limited appointments available; you must preregister. Sponsored by the WE CAN and the Falmouth Service Center with support from the Massachusetts Bar Foundation IOLTA/ Funds, The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, and the Cape and Islands United Way. Information or Registration: WE CAN at 508-430-8111.

August 18 (third Tuesday), 7-9 p.m.: **“NAMI-Family Member Support Group”** at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 3055 Main St. (Route 6A), *Barnstable*. This non-therapeutic group is open to all who have a family member with a mental illness. Connect with other family members, share challenges and successes, and learn about the resources available to your family. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Cape Cod Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Information: Jud at 508-364-9035 or marshset@verizon.net.

August 19 (third Wednesday), 6-7:30 p.m.: **“Support Group for Parents and Caregivers of Children on the Autism Spectrum or with other Developmental Disabilities”** at the Dennis Senior Center (first floor library), 1045 Route 134, *South Dennis*. Sponsored by Kennedy Donovan Center. Information or registration: Juliane Dillon at 508-385-6019 Ext. 125 or jdillon@kdc.org.

August 20 and 27 (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 Judy Starck, LICSW. Divorce has a profound impact on children; learn to 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.

August 25 (fourth Tuesday), 10:30 a.m.-noon: **“Support Group for Parents and Caregivers of Children with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities”** at the Eastham Senior Center (first floor library), 1405 Nauset Road, *North Eastham*. Sponsored by Kennedy Donovan Center. Information or registration: Juliane Dillon at 508-385-6019 Ext. 125 or jdillon@kdc.org.

August 25 (last Tuesday), 7-8:30 p.m.: **“PFLAG ~ Falmouth”** at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth, 840 Sandwich 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.

August 28 (fourth Friday), 9:30-11 a.m.: **“Support Group for Parents and Caregivers of Children with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities”** at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital (first floor conference room), 311 Service Road, *East Sandwich*. Sponsored by Kennedy Donovan Center. Information or registration: Juliane Dillon at 508-385-6019 ext. 125 or jdillon@kdc.org.

Weekly Programs and Groups

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: **“Parents Supporting Parents”** at *Mashpee Senior Center*, 26 Frank Hicks Drive. 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 or Donna 508-934-9058.

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 Ann Macdonald, RN, BSN, CCE. 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. Information: Ann at 508-862-5123.

Weekly Programs and Groups Continued

Tuesdays, 9:15-11 a.m.: **“Baby's First Year Stroller Walks”** at the Salt Pond Visitors' Center (we meet at the entrance to the bike trail), 50 Doane Road, *Eastham*, with Monica Keefe-Hess, Parent Education Coordinator at the Cape Cod Children's Place. We meet to walk, talk, share stories, ask questions, and get familiar with resources that support you and your family. No cost; no registration; older siblings welcome. Sponsored by the Cape Cod Children's Place. Information: 508-240-3310.

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, 6-7 p.m.: **“Reaching Out Family Support Group”** at the Gosnold-Thorne Outpatient Counseling Center, 1185 Falmouth Road, *Centerville*. A free weekly support group for family members and loved ones of addicted individuals. No registration required. Information: Shelley Stormo at 508-563-9229 Ext. 5074 or mstormo@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.

Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.: **“Reaching Out Family Support Group”** at the Gus Canty Community Center, 790 Main St., *Falmouth*. A free weekly support group for family members and loved ones of addicted individuals. No registration required. Information: Shelley Stormo at 508-563-9229 Ext. 5074 or mstormo@gosnold.org.

Weekly Programs and Groups Continued

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon: “**Breastfeeding Support Group**” at *Falmouth Hospital* (Faxon 1 Conf. Room), 100 Ter Heun Dr. (off Route 28), with Suzan Schar, RNC and board certified lactation consultant. All are welcome to this free group. Information: 508-457-3630.

Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon: “**Mom's Café**” at Cape Cod Hospital (Mugar Building, Cape Cod 5A Room), 27 Park St., *Hyannis*, with Ann Macdonald, RN, BSN, CCE. Free group for all new mothers, we discuss any and all topics that relate to being a new mom! Bring your baby. No registration required. 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 WIC and community breastfeeding women. Siblings welcome. Sponsored by Cape Cod WIC, a program of Health Imperatives. No registration necessary. Information: Cheryl at 508-540-5275.

Select Ongoing Resources

“**Al-Anon / Ala-teen 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.

“**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 on or near Cape Cod. Check it out or sign up: dads.capecoalition.com. Information: Paul Melville: pmelville@familycontinuity.org.

Select Ongoing Resources continued

“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 508-862-0600 or e-mail 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.

“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: kbickford@barnstablecounty.org or 508-375-6695.

Select Ongoing Resources continued

“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.

“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. For information: www.wecancenter.org.

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The **Cape Cod Family Resource Center and Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition** collaborate to compile and distribute this monthly list for the benefit of Cape and Islands families and professionals who support them. We include workshops, classes, support groups, and other resources that we believe adhere to best practices; however, we suggest that you consider the appropriateness of program content for your family’s needs and values. This list is neither exhaustive nor an endorsement of any specific program or provider.

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