

CAPE COD NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT COALITION

*Strong Families Need
Strong Support*

Support, education
and information for all
families with children,
including
single moms and dads,
foster parents,
grandparents raising
grandchildren
and other
kinship families

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Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition's Priorities:

- Community-based Family Support Initiatives and Resources
- Parent Support and Education
- Quality Child Care and Positive Youth Development
- Violence Prevention
- Effective Social Services
 - Including a positive role for the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in the community.

Monthly Parent Education & Support Calendar

For over eight years, the CCNSC has been compiling and distributing this free, monthly Cape and Islands-wide listing of workshops, meetings, groups and related programs for parents, grandparents, guardians, and primary caregivers of children. Find it online and sign-up for a monthly e-mail (no spam-ever): capecoalition.com/calendar

Parent Education & Support Opportunities: September 2014

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

September 2 (first Tuesday), 8-9:30 a.m.: **“Parent Information Network (PIN) Parent Support Coffee/Tea Group”** at Hearth ‘n Kettle, 9 West St., *Orleans*. For families who are challenged by children’s mental health, emotional, or behavioral needs. Cup of coffee/tea provided. Sponsored by the Parent Information Network (PIN), a BAMSI program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. Information: Kimberly Eldridge at 508-947-8779 ext. 229 or capepin@bamsi.org.

Beginning September 2 for four Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m.: **“Birth and Beyond: A Family Experience”** at Cape Cod Hospital, 27 Park St., *Hyannis*, with Ann Macdonald, RN, BSN, CCE. This series of five classes (four before and one after birth) includes informational discussions for parents six to eight months pregnant. Topics include: hospital orientation, choices in labor and delivery, anesthesia, cesarean birth, breastfeeding, newborn developmental needs and parenting. Includes tour of the Family Birthplace at Cape Cod Hospital. FEE: \$35 per couple. Information or registration: Ann at 508-862-5123 or amacdonald@capecodhealth.org.

September 3 (first Wednesday), 6-7:30 p.m.: **“Dads’ Talk ~ Lower Cape”** at the *Harwich Community Center*, 100 Oak St., with Paul Melville, family support specialist. Connect with other fathers and chat about being a dad (or whatever else 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, Family Support Project, and the Harwich Early Childhood Council. Information or registration: Paul Melville at 508-771-4336 ext. 2 or paul@capecoalition.com.

September 3 (first Wednesday), 6:30-8:30 p.m.: **“Parent Information Network (PIN) Parent Support Group”** at *Falmouth Public Library* (Basement Conference Room), 300 Main St. For families who are challenged by children’s mental health, emotional, or behavioral needs. Sponsored by the Parent Information Network (PIN), a BAMSII program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. Information: Kim Eldridge at 508-947-8779 ext. 229 or capepin@bamsi.org.

Beginning September 3 for four Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m.: **“Birth and Beyond: A Family Experience”** at Cape Cod Hospital, 27 Park St., *Hyannis*, with Ann Macdonald, RN, BSN, CCE. This series of five classes (four before and one after birth) includes informational discussions for those parents six to eight months pregnant. Topics include: hospital orientation, choices in labor and delivery, anesthesia, cesarean birth, breastfeeding, newborn developmental needs and parenting. Includes a tour of the Family Birthplace at Cape Cod Hospital. FEE: \$35 per couple. Information or registration: Ann at 508-862-5123 or amacdonald@capecodhealth.org.

September 4 and 11 (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. Divorce has a profound impact on children; learn to lessen the impact for your kids. Meets the court’s mandate for education for divorcing parents. FEE: \$80. Information or registration: Donna Davis at 508-775-0275.

September 5 (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.

September 5 (first Friday), 10-11 a.m.: **“Getting Started Breastfeeding”** at the Center for Breastfeeding, 327 Quaker Meeting House Road, *East Sandwich*. This free group is designed especially for pregnant women. Information: 888-890-2229 or 508-888-7794.

September 9, 6-7:30 p.m.: **“Dads & Babies Pizza Party”** at *Falmouth Hospital* (Faxon 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.

September 12 (second Friday), 9:30-11 a.m. **“Support Group for Parents and Caregivers of Children with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities”** at Spaulding Cape Cod (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.

September 13 (second Saturday), 9 a.m.-4 p.m.: **“Labor Express”** at *Falmouth Hospital* (Faxon I 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. This one day class is ideal for expectant couples who are unable to attend a series of Preparation for Birth classes. FEE: \$60 per couple (scholarships available based on need). Information or registration: fhparented@capecodhealth.org or 508-457-3630.

September 13 (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.

Beginning September 16 for seven Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: **“Raising Healthy Families”** at *Chatham Community Center*, 702 Main St. with Cindy Horgan, Executive Director and Family Support Coordinator at Cape Cod Children's Place. A seven-week parenting series that will provide skills to support parents with some of the challenges that make this job so difficult. Topics include: discipline without yelling, handling tantrums, understanding temperament and why children do what they do, the value of routines, setting limits and boundaries, and much more. Dinner and child care provided. Funded by a Bilezekian Family Foundation grant; additional funding from a Family Centers grant through the Children's Trust. Pre-registration required. Information or registration: 508-240-3310.

September 15 (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.

September 16 (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.

Beginning September 16 for five Tuesdays, 7-9:30 p.m.: **“Preparation for Birth”** at *Falmouth Hospital* (Faxon Conference Room), 100 Ter Heun Drive. This five-week course prepares women and their birth partner for the normal childbirth process and minimizes the need for medical intervention. Topics include: Third trimester pregnancy changes, birth process, labor, delivery, labor support, variations on labor, and going home. Teaches all options for birth using exercise, body awareness, Lamaze breathing and relaxation techniques. Couples learn what to expect during each phase of childbirth, and how to work together. Includes a tour of the Birthplace. FEE: \$60 per couple. Information or registration: fhparented@capecodhealth.org or 508-457-3630.

Beginning September 17 for eight Wednesdays, 5:30–7:30 p.m.: **“Effective Positive Discipline”** at Faith Assemblies Church, 154 Bearses Way, *Hyannis*, with Cindy Horgan, co-creator of the Parenting Station. Topics include: developmental issues, communication, understanding temperament, encouraging good behavior, parenting styles, discipline, working through power struggles and tantrums, anger management, sibling rivalries, and coping with stress. Free pizza, limited child care and transportation available. Sponsored by Cape Cod Child Development’s Families United Network Program and the Massachusetts Children’s Trust. Information or registration: 508-775-6240 ext. 512.

September 17 (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, 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.

September 18 (third Thursday), 5:15-6:45 p.m.: **“Single Parenting”** at Cape Cod Child Development, 83 Pearl St., *Hyannis*, with Paul Melville, family support specialist. 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 Cape Cod Child Development’s Families United Network (F.U.N.) Program and the Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition with support from Not Your Average Joe’s. Information or registration: Mary Wilson at 508-775-6240 ext. 512.

September 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: **“Parent Café: How Much Is Too Much? Media and Our Children”** at Cape Cod Children's Place, 10 Ballwic Rd., *Eastham*, with Cindy Horgan, Executive Director and Family Support Coordinator at Cape Cod Children's Place. Join us for a relaxing evening of dinner and conversation. You'll have an opportunity to share experiences, ask questions and help plan future discussion topics. Pizza dinner and child care provided. Pre-registration required. Funding support provided by a Family Centers grant through the Children's Trust and a Coordinated Community and Family Engagement grant through the Mass. Dept. of Early Education and Care, administered by Cape Cod Children's Place. Information or registration: 508-240-3310.

September 18 and 25 (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. Divorce has a profound impact on children; learn to lessen the impact for your kids. Meets the court’s mandate for education for divorcing parents. FEE: \$80. Information or registration: Donna Davis at 508-775-0275.

September 23 (fourth Tuesday), 10:30 a.m.-noon: **“Support Group for Parents and Caregivers of Children with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities”** at the Eastham Senior Center, 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.

September 23 (fourth Tuesday), 6-7:30 p.m.: **“Dads’ Talk ~ Upper Cape”** at the Falmouth School Age Center, 439 E. Falmouth Highway, *East Falmouth*, with Mark Abbott, LICSW and Paul Gabrielle. A monthly opportunity to get together with other local fathers. Connect with other fathers. All Dads welcome! Dinner and child care provided. Sponsored by Falmouth Human Services, Cape Cod Child Development, Family Support Project, and the Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition. Information or registration: Mark Abbott at 508-548-0533 or mabbott@falmouthhumanservices.org.

September 25 (fourth Thursday), 5-6:30 p.m.: **“Support Group for Parents and Caregivers of Children with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities”** at YMCA Cape Cod (Diabetes Resource Center), 2245 Iyannough Road, *West Barnstable*. Sponsored by Kennedy Donovan Center. Information or registration: Juliane Dillon at 508-385-6019 ext. 125 or jdillon@kdc.org.

September 25, 6–8 p.m.: **“Father & Baby Pizza Party”** at Cape Cod Hospital (Lorusso Conference Center), 27 Park St., *Hyannis*, with Ann Macdonald, RN, BSN, CCE and Paul Melville, family support specialist. 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 Families United Network Program of Cape Cod Child Development. Information or registration: Ann at 508-862-5123.

September 30 (last Tuesday), 10-11:30 a.m.: **“Parent Information Network (PIN) Parent Support Coffee/Tea Group”** at Dunkin' Donuts, 24 Meetinghouse Lane, *Sagamore Beach* (off-Cape side of bridge). For families who are challenged by children’s mental health, emotional, or behavioral needs. First cup of coffee/tea provided. Sponsored by the Parent Information Network (PIN), a BAMSI program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. Information: Kimberly Eldridge at 508-947-8779 ext. 229 or capepin@bamsi.org.

September 30 (last Tuesday), 6:30-8 p.m.: **“PFLAG ~ Falmouth”** at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth, 840 Sandwich Road, *East Falmouth*. 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.

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 our selves 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.

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.: **“Nursing Mothers’ Group”** at the Center for Breastfeeding, 327 Quaker Meeting House Road, *East Sandwich*. There’s no charge and no registration necessary for this group. Come meet with a certified lactation consultant and other breastfeeding moms in a relaxed environment. Information: 888-890-2229 or 508-888-7794.

Weekly Programs and Groups continued

Tuesdays, 9:15-11 a.m. **“Baby's First Year Stroller Walks”** at the Salt Pond Visitor's Center (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 such as: nutrition, parenting, breast feeding, etc. In the event of inclement weather, we'll meet for some indoor fun at Cape Cod Children's Place (10 Ballwic Road, Eastham). This is a drop-in group, no pre-registration required. Older siblings welcome! Sponsored by the Cape Cod Children's Place. Information: Monica Keefe-Hess at 508-240-3310 or mkeefe@capecodchildrensplace.com.

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.

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.

Thursdays, 9-10:15 a.m.: **“Thursday Morning Parents' Group on Nantucket”** at the Early Childhood Center (NHS Rm. 106), 10 Surfside Road, *Nantucket*. A drop-in discussion group for parents with children birth to eight. An opportunity to meet other parents and discuss a variety of parenting topics in a casual group setting. Information: 508-228-7257 ext. 1166.

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: **“Moms & Babies Support Group”** at Cape Cod Hospital, 27 Park St., *Hyannis*, with Ann Macdonald, RN, BSN, CCE. A great place to connect with other Cape Cod moms. Information or registration: 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. These 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: 508-394-4555.

“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 Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition. 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: paul@capecoalition.com.

Select Ongoing Resources continued

“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.

“Operation Military Kids (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.

“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: Kim Eldridge at 508-947-8779 ext. 229 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.

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“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.

To find this list online or subscribe for free, go to www.capecoalition.com/calendar.

The **Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition (CCNSC)** compiles and distributes 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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