



Southeast Regional Support Groups

Support groups come in many sizes and forms, and their primary goal is the same. That goal is to provide comfort and/or assistance through the gathering of two or more individuals with a common concern. Support groups vary in their approach to fulfilling this goal. Some support groups strive to assist through education by hosting speakers on various issues. Others strive to provide comfort through the sharing of mutual experiences. It is important to find a support group that meets your specific needs. Keep in mind that just like a good pair of jeans, it may take several tries before you find a good fit. Once you find the right fit, a support group can become a comfortable and indispensable resource.

The support groups listed below are just a sampling of the groups available in the area. If you would like more information about a support group listed here, please call the specific support group contact. Groups do change, so we suggest that you call and confirm the meeting time and place before attending a meeting.

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**If you know of a support group in Southeastern Massachusetts that you would like to see added to this Regional Support Group list, please call Miriam Biurci Scrivener, Family TIES Southeast Regional Coordinator, at 781-774-6749 or 1-800-905-TIES (8437).
THANK YOU!**

ADD / ADHD – ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

AD-IN of Plymouth: Meets 5 times per year at the Plymouth Community Intermediate School. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Judith Mitchell, 508-746-3959 (Evenings)

CHADD of Rhode Island (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder): CHADD works to improve the lives of individuals with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder through education, advocacy and support. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7-9:15 PM at Bradley Hospital, 1011 Veterans Memorial Parkway, East Providence. Check the website for specific dates and topics.

CONTACT: PO Box 8251, Cranston, RI; 401-943-9399

E-MAIL: rhode-island@chadd.net

WEBSITE: www.chadd.net or www.help4adhd.org

Metrowest CHADD: Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month, from 7-9PM at Wayland Town Hall, School Committee Meeting Room, 41 Cochituate Road.

CONTACT: Wendy Peverill-Conti, 508-655-2590

E-MAIL: metrowestchadd@verizon.net

ADOPTION SUPPORT

Adoptive Families Together-Canton: Meets the last Monday of the month at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 1508 Washington Street, Canton. Please call to confirm dates and times.

CONTACT: 617-587-1563

WEBSITE: www.adoptivefamilies.org

ALL DISABILITIES

Dad's Support Group: For Dads of children with any type of disability. Meets the 2nd Tuesday each month from 6:30-8:00 PM at South Shore Supports Services, Inc. 317 Libbey Industrial Parkway, B-300, East Weymouth.

CONTACT: Renee McCorkle, 781-331-7878

E-MAIL: pmccorkle@southshoresupportservices.org

Family Support Center: All Ages and family members welcome. 155 Webster Street, Unit D, Hanover- Please call for more information.

CONTACT: Mary Ann Mills-Lassiter, 781-878-4074, ext.11

EMAIL: mmills-lassiter@bamsi.org

Parent Support Group, Taunton ARC: This is a relaxed, parent-driven group open to anyone looking to be with other parents (Moms and Dads) who “walk the walk.” Parents of children with all disabilities and/or genetic disorders are welcome. Meets alternatively at the Taunton Area Resource Center of the Northern Bristol County ARC and the Attleboro Center, 141 Park Street. Meets on the 1st Monday of the month from 6:00-7:30 PM. Please call for meeting information.

CONTACT: Catherine Vasconcelos, 508-226-1445, Ext. 3104

Parents Helping Parents: Open to all parents and caregivers who have children attending the Brockton Public School System; currently meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (October–June) at the Arnone School Library, Belmont Street, Brockton. The group gives parents the opportunity to talk together in a confidential setting and share ideas for helping their children with disabilities.

CONTACT: Pat O’Connor, 508-584-8614

Parents Supporting Parents (PSP): Open to all parents of children with special needs. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Fiske Public Library on Randall Road in Wrentham. Call for specific times and events.

CONTACT: Amy Redfearn, 508-384-1569

E-MAIL: pspgroup247@yahoo.com

Resource Education for Parents of Children with Special Needs: For parents of children with disabilities, medical needs and health related issues. Meets on the 1st Wednesday each month at the Schwartz Center for Children, Dartmouth. Group also offers trainings and family events.

Child care is provided but must register prior to attending by calling.

CONTACT: Lauren Meatty, 508-996-3391

EMAIL: LMeatty@schwartzcenter.org

ALLERGIES/ASTHMA

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America: Provides a number of services including telephone information and resources, support groups, speakers, training for child care providers and health professionals, teen scholarships, health fairs and publishes the Asthma and Allergy Bulletin newsletter. The New England Chapter is located at 109 Highland Ave, Needham; 781-444-7778 or

1-877-2-ASTHMA. Educational Support Groups meet September through May from 7 to 9 PM unless otherwise noted. Check website for educational support groups updates.

CONTACT: Sharon Shumack, 781-444-7778 or 1-877-2-ASTHMA (for educational support groups)

E-MAIL: aafane@aafane.org

WEBSITE: www.asthmaandallergies.org

Cape Cod Asthma and Allergy Group: Meets at Allergy and Asthma Center for Cape Cod, 244 Willow Street, Yarmouth Port. Meets at 4:00 PM on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Call 508-362-0099 for details.

Rhode Island Allergy and Asthma Educational Support Group: Meets 7-8:30PM at Asthma and Allergy Physicians of Rhode Island, 1056 Hope Street, Providence.

Shoreside Asthma and Allergy Educational Support Group: Meets at 7:00PM at North Pembroke Elementary School, 72 Pilgrim Road.

Southeastern Mass. Food Allergy Parent Support Group: Generally meets the 3rd Thursday of the month (during the school year) at 7:00 PM at Pediatric Specialists, 132 Central St., Suite 116, Foxboro (Exit 7B off Rt. 95 -Route 140 North; enter through North entrance in rear).

ANGELMAN SYNDROME

Angelman Syndrome Foundation Upper Northeast Region: Online support offered through a listserv maintained by the National Organization. Support is also available through FaceBook.

WEBSITE: www.upneangels.com

APRAXIA

Boston Area Parent Group: For parents of children with Apraxia: Online Support group for Boston/New England area families of children with oral & verbal apraxia. There are also in person support groups for the Boston and Western MA areas.

WEBSITE: http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/NE_Apraxia

ARTHROGRYPOSIS MULTIPLEX CONGENITA MULTIPLEX

Online Support Group: Online Support group with links to numerous resources.

WEBSITE: www.amcsupport.org

ASPERGER SYNDROME

Asperger's Association of New England: AANE fosters awareness, respect, acceptance, and support for individuals with AS and related conditions and their families. Following is a list of the many groups coordinated for various audiences.

Regional Office: 51 Water Street, Watertown

CONTACT: 617-393-3824

E-MAIL: info@aane.org

WEBSITE: www.aane.org

- **Parents of School-Aged Children:** Meets from 7:00-9:00 PM. Please see dates at www.aane.org.
CONTACT: Brenda Dater, 617-393-3824, Ext. 22
EMAIL: Brenda.Dater@aane.org
- **Parents of Teens/Young Adults:** Join an online discussion group.
CONTACT: Stephanie Loo, 617-393-3824, Ext. 17
EMAIL: Stephanie.Loo@aane.org
- **Adults with AS Social Group - Boston & Suburbs:** Call for schedule of monthly events.
CONTACT: Dania Jekel, 617-393-3824, Ext. 13
EMAIL: info@aane.org
- **Spouse Group - Women married to men with AS:** Call for information. Facilitated by Grace Myhill, MSW.
CONTACT: Grace Myhill, 617-504-3116
EMAIL: gmyhill@gmail.com
- **Parents of Adults:** Meets on the 3rd Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 PM (changes on holidays).
CONTACT: Dania Jekel, 617-393-3824, Ext. 13
EMAIL: info@aane.org
- **Asperger's Parents of Adults Support Group, East Providence, RI:** Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Pine Room, Bradley Hospital. Call for details.
CONTACT: Barbara Whalen, 401-333-1705

Cohasset Group: Parents of school-aged children with Asperger Syndrome are welcome to attend. Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Shaw's Supermarket Conference Room, Rte. 3A and Beechwood Street, Cohasset.
CONTACT: Ann Reel, 781-383-2131
E-MAIL: ahreel@comcast.net

FAAAS (Families of Adults Afflicted with Asperger's Syndrome): Families and friends share information and validate their concerns and frustrations as concrete issues. Meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at First Lutheran Church, Rt. 6A, West Barnstable. Call for info.
CONTACT: Karen, 508-775-1412
E-MAIL: faaas@faaas.org

Parents of Children with Asperger's and High Functioning Autism support Group: Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month (except July and September) from 7:30-9:00 PM at Family Autism Center (SNARC), 789 Clapboardtree Street, Westwood. Call for details.
CONTACT: Joanne McLaughlin, 598-543-3936
E-MAIL: JoMcl@powersrvcs.com

Parents of School-Aged Children with Asperger's Support Group, Cranston, RI: Meets on the last Monday of the month from 7:30-9:00 PM at 51 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston. Call for more information.
CONTACT: Barbara Whalen, 401-333-1705; Autism Project (RI), 401-785-2666

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS / PDD

Autism and Our Kids (A-OK): Parent-run group offering information and support for parents and interested parties living with ASD in their families in the Kingston/Plymouth area. Generally meets at the convenience of the group. Email for more information. Mostly online support.

CONTACT: Janice Stephen

E-MAIL: aokgroup@yahoo.com

Autism/ PDD Early Childhood Support Group Fairhaven: Support for parents of young children on the autism spectrum. Meetings are held quarterly on Mondays at the Nemasket Group, 56 Bridge Street, Fairhaven. Call for more information and to be added to the mailing list.

CONTACT: Sherry Amaral-Lopez, 508-999-4436, Ext. 118

Autism Information Group of Somerset/Swansea/Dighton: For parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at Old Town Hall, 1458 County Street, Somerset. Please call for more information.

CONTACT: Lynne Sullivan, 508-679-5581 or Johanna Nelson, 508-824-1973

E-MAIL: jdnelson993@comcast.net

Autism Parent Support Group, Greater Plymouth: Support for parents of children with autism. Coordinated by the ARC of Greater Plymouth and the Department of Developmental Services.. Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the ARC of Greater Plymouth on Cordage Park. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Michael Swanson, Children's Service Coordinator, 508-732-5736

E-MAIL: Michael.Swanson@state.ma.us

Autism Parent Support Group, Greater Attleboro: Support for parents of children with autism in the following communities: Plainville, Attleboro, North Attleboro, Norfolk, Mansfield, Wrentham, Foxboro, Franklin. Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (September-June). Parents of children under age 10 meet from 9:30-11:00AM; parents of children over age 10 meet from 6:30-8:00 PM. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Barbara Woodland or Pat Dennis by E-mail, 508-520-1998, Ext.13

E-MAIL: woodland.barbara@verizon.net or Pdennis@bicounty.org

BANDS (Braintree Autism Network for Our Daughters and Sons): Support group of parents and guardians of children who live in Braintree or live elsewhere and have a child with ASD who attends school in Braintree. The purpose of this group is to provide an opportunity for parents to network and help each other. Please call for more information.

CONTACT: Natasha Chomas, 781-356-4740

Brockton Area Support Group: Open discussion meeting for parents of children with autism. Parents of children with disabilities other than autism are also welcome to attend. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at 92 Summer Street, Brockton. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Linda Crosby-English, 508-584-4349

Cape Cod PDD Parent Support Group: Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month in member homes. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Judy Fratus, 508-362-8368 or Kathy Ohman, 508-385-4141

Community Autism Resources, Inc.: CAR provides outreach and support to families living with ASD in the Southeast. They also offer workshops, a lending library, and educational consultation. Call for more information.

Office Location: 2315 GAR Highway, Swansea

CONTACT: Jan Randall, 508-379-0371, Ext. 16 or 1-800-588-9239, Ext. 16

WEBSITE: www.community-autism-resources.org

Helping HANDS (Helping Heal Autism & Neurodevelopmental DisorderS): Support for families of children on the Autism spectrum, with a special focus on biomedical interventions and treatments. Meets once a month at the Wrentham Council on Aging, 400 Taunton Street, Wrentham, at 7:00 PM. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Cheryl Gaudino, 508-695-3956; Denise Dhillion, 508-883-1627;

Maria Loulourgas, 508-695-2955

E-MAIL: healingourkids@yahoo.com

New Bedford Support Group: Support for parents of children on the autism spectrum in the greater New Bedford area. Meetings are held every other Wednesday at 6PM in the Gym at South East Center, 52 Brigham Street, New Bedford.

CONTACT: Pam Maloney, 508-996-0408

Pervasive Developmental Disorders Group, Brockton: Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at South Bay Early Intervention in Brockton. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Carolyn Detmore, 508-559-0473, Ext. 739

Plan B, the Biomedical Connection- South Shore Area: Support/resource group for parents who are interested in exploring biomedical options for the care and treatment of their children with autism. Meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM for discussions, videos, resources and connects those experienced in biomedics and those who are navigating a new territory and need support. Call for meeting location and time.

CONTACT: Natalie Peterson, 781-337-9658

EMAIL: natbill7@yahoo.com

Raynham Area Parent's Support Group: For Parents of children with ASD or whose children are challenged by similar issues. Meets on the 3rd week of the month; call for details.

CONTACT: Cori Harris or Roxi Byron, 508-824-2819

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Compassionate Friends: Self-help support groups for parents who have suffered the death of a child of any age and from any cause. Southeast Region Chapters are located in Bourne, Harwich, and Providence, RI. Call for local chapter meeting information.

National Office: PO Box 3696, Oak Brook, IL 60522-3696

CONTACT: 877-969-0010 (toll-free); Fax 630-990-0246

E-MAIL: nationaloffice@compassionatefriends.org

WEBSITE: www.compassionatefriends.org

Grief Healing through Mind, Body and Spirit: This program will offer a combination of Yoga, Drumming, Reiki, Reflexology, Healing Touch, Expressive Art (painting), and NIA Dance. A new workshop will be held every other Monday from 7:00-8:00 PM at Hope Floats Healing and Wellness Center, Kingston. Participants may attend as many or as few sessions as desired. Fall session begins October 3rd. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Kathleen McAleer, 508-746-0215

E-MAIL: kmcaleer@jordanhospital.org

Monthly Healing Circle: This group is open to anyone seeking healing. A combination of Meditation, Healing Touch, Reiki, Chair Massage, Reflexology, Aromatherapy, Pet Therapy, Music Therapy as well as NIA Dance will be offered. The Healing Circle is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Hope Floats Healing and Wellness Center, Kingston. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Denise Brack, 781-936-8068

E-MAIL: denise@hopefloatswellness.com

Partner/Spouse Loss: This group meets throughout the year with scheduled periodic breaks. Meetings will be held every Wednesday for 5 sessions from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM at Cordage Park, Plymouth. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Kathleen McAleer, 508-746-0215

E-MAIL: kmcaleer@jordanhospital.org

Parent Loss: This group is open to anyone coping with the death of a parent. Meetings will be held every Wednesday for 5 sessions from 5:30-7:00PM at Cordage Park, Plymouth. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Kathleen McAleer, 508-746-0215

E-MAIL: kmcaleer@jordanhospital.org

Suicide Loss: This group meets on an ongoing basis. The group leaders have specialized training and experience assisting those facing the unique challenges of coping with a death by suicide. Meetings will be held every other Thursday from 6:30-8:00PM at Cordage Park, Plymouth. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Kathleen McAleer, 508-746-0215

E-MAIL: kmcaleer@jordanhospital.org

BRAIN INJURY

Boston Acquired Brain Injury Support Group (BABIS): Meets on the 1st Saturday of the month from 10:00AM-Noon at Spaulding Rehab Hospital, Conference Rooms 8A&AB, 125 Nashua Street, Boston. Group provides positive forum for peer socialization, hope, and education for people with acquired brain injury and their family and friends.

CONTACT: Sally Johnson, 617-573-2539

EMAIL: babisgroup@hotmail.com

WEBSITE: www.babis.info/

Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts: Offers supports and services, programs to prevent brain injuries and to educate the public, and maintains a list of support groups. For specific Southeast Region group's meetings and contacts, check the website or call the Southeast office.

Office Address: 3119 Cranberry Highway, Suite 5 F, East Wareham

CONTACT: Sandra Topalian, 508-743-0333; toll free: 888-607-7678

E-MAIL: biamase@biama.org

WEBSITE: www.biama.org

Brain Injury Helpline: 800-242-0030

Pediatric Support Group for Parents and Caregivers of Children with Brain Injuries: Meets periodically at the Norfolk Public Library, 139 Main Street, Norfolk. Call for meeting dates, times.

CONTACT: Gayle Fedele, 617-365-3980

CROHN'S DISEASE AND COLITIS

Fall River Support Group: Meets on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00PM at the Charlton Memorial Hospital, Physicians Conference Room, 363 Highland Avenue, Fall River.

CONTACT: 508-679-6611

Martha's Vineyard Support Group: Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM. Call for details and location of meetings.

CONTACT: Kathy Chaves, 508-693-5164; Jen Combra, 508-696-0045

E-MAIL: Chavesvnyd@aol.com

Providence Support Group: Support group for parents of Children with IBD. Usually meets the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Hasbro Children's Hospital, Collis Board Room, 593 Eddy Street, Providence. Call the leaders for details and to RSVP.

CONTACT: Kathy Scorpio, RN and Barbara Bancroft, RN, 401-444-8306;

Russell Vigliotti, 401-831-7656

E-MAIL: mjrv184@worldnet.att.net

Providence Pediatric Support Group: Meets simultaneously with Parent Support Group. Usually meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Hasbro Children's Hospital, Collis Board Room, 593 Eddy Street, Providence. Call for details and to RSVP.
CONTACTS: Stephanie Atlas, LICSW, 401-444-3247 and Karen Swartz, CCLS, 401-444-5613

Parent & Family IBD Support Group: Call for information about meetings held at Children's Hospital Boston, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston.
CONTACT: Kate Donovan, 617-355-6416
EMAIL: kate.donovan@childrens.harvard.edu

DAD'S NIGHT OUT

Dad's Support Group: For Dads with children of any disability. An informal support group where Dad's have dinner and discuss issues. Meets one Monday a month from 6:00-7:30 PM alternatively at the Taunton Area Resource Center of the Northern Bristol County ARC and the Attleboro Center, 141 Park Street.
CONTACT: Catherine Vasconcelos, 508-226-1445, Ext. 3104

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Family Involvement Activities: Primarily intended for parents of children with developmental delays or disabilities already involved with the Schwartz Center but other parents are also welcome. There may be guest speakers or other activities. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Schwartz Center for Children, One Posa Place, Dartmouth. Childcare is provided, but registration is required. It also offers trainings and family events. Child care is provided but must register prior to attending by calling.
CONTACT: Lauren Meatty, 508-996-3391
EMAIL: LMeatty@schwartzcenter.org

Family Support and Advocacy Resource Center: Offers parent support groups and parent networking to families of children with developmental disabilities in the Greater New Bedford area. Call for information.
CONTACT: Addie Perry or Carol Fortin, 508-996-8551

Parent Support Group, Taunton and Attleboro: This is a relaxed, parent-driven group open to anyone looking to be with other parents (Mom and Dads) who "walk the walk." This group meets on the 1st Monday of the month, rotating between the towns of Attleboro and Taunton. Call the ARC of Northern Bristol County for more information.
CONTACT: Catherine Vasconcelos, 508-226-1445, Ext. 3104

DIABETES

Teen Social Group: Social group for teens with diabetes, ages 12-17. Meets every other Saturday at the South Coast Wellness Center, 250 Faunce Corner Rd., Dartmouth. Call for details.

CONTACT: Bill DaPonte, 508-672-5671

Youth, Exercise, Sports and Support (YESS): Sports and games followed by diabetes education, for children with diabetes ages 5-12. Held 9:00-11:00 AM every other Saturday at the South Coast Wellness Center, 250 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Bill DaPonte, 508-672-5671

DOWN SYNDROME

D.A.D.S. (Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome): Meets one evening (generally the 3rd or 4th Wednesday) per month in the South Shore or Metrowest region. The group's purposes are to create a network that meets the needs of its members while sharing information, camaraderie, and fun. Call for more information about the group's activities or meeting details.

CONTACT: Jeff Roback, 339-788-1460

EMAIL: paulsdadda@yahoo.com

Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress (MDSC): MDSC works to enhance the lives of individuals with Down syndrome through the education and support of people with Down syndrome, their families, friends, teachers, and the community as a whole. Call for more information.

Statewide Office: 20 Burlington Mall Road, Suite 261, Burlington

CONTACT: 1-800-664-MDSC, 781-221-0024

E-MAIL: mdsc@mdsc.org

WEBSITE: www.mdsc.org

- **Attleboro Area Play/Support Group:** Parents meet on the last Sunday of the month for a night out and then on the 2nd Saturday of the month for a play date. Please call for more information
CONTACT: Shannon Paul, 508-695-4930
E-MAIL: kscpn5@gmail.com
- **Brockton Area EI Support at BAMSI:** Please call for more information. The group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5:00-6:30 PM.
CONTACT: Susan Stratoti, 508-326-9872
E-MAIL: Susanmstratoti@bpsma.org
- **Brockton Area EI Support at South Bay EI:** Please call for more information.
CONTACT: Rachel Thomas, 781-249-0629
E-MAIL: rthomas2121@hotmail.com

- **Cape Cod Area:** All ages are welcome.
CONTACT: Michelle Corcoran, 508-771-9444
E-MAIL: michellebl@comcast.net or info@capecoddownsyndrome.com
WEBSITE: www.capecoddownsyndrome.com
- **New Bedford:** Parent support group. Parents of children with all disabilities welcomed. Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10:00 AM-Noon at the Advocacy Resource Center.
CONTACT: Addie Perry, 508-996-8551
- **Plymouth Area:** For parent support group information, call The Arc of Greater Plymouth
CONTACT: 508-732-9292
E-MAIL: info@thearcofgp.com
- **South Shore Parents, Cohasset:** Ages 20 and up are welcome.
CONTACT: Taffy Nothnagle, 781-383-0895
E-MAIL: nothnagle@comcast.net
- **South Shore Parents, Weymouth:** Please call.
CONTACT: Jeanne Zarrella, 781-848-8935
E-MAIL: jzarrella@beld.net

T.H.R.E.A.D.S (Together Helping Raise, Educate, and Advocate for Down Syndrome): Online support group
CONTACT: Lauren Cogswell, 508-947-8497
E-MAIL: wingnut1974@verizon.net
WEBSITE: <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/T-H-R-E-A-D-S>

21 Friends: Providing support to families and friends who share their life with someone born with Down Syndrome. Meetings, playgroups, and family activities. For location, please call.
CONTACT: Kim Legendre, 508-989-2706 (Westport Area)
E-MAIL: kimlegendre@msn.com
CONTACT: Melissa Morrison, 508-574-4898 (Middleboro Area)
E-MAIL: moddi@verizon.net
WEBSITE: www.twentyonefriends.nexo.com

EPILEPSY

Epilepsy Foundation Support Group: There are several groups that provide opportunities to meet and share with other parents who deal with epilepsy on a daily basis. Inquiries need to be directed to the Epilepsy Foundation office. Please call for more information.
CONTACT: Susan Wellby at the Epilepsy Foundation of MA/RI, 617-506-6041
WEBSITE: www.epilepsyfoundation.org/massri

Support Group for Parents of Children with Epilepsy: Meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at Ventress Memorial Library, Marshfield. Call for more information.
CONTACT: Janet McDermott, 781-834-0358

FOSTER CARE PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

Parent Support Group: Meets monthly at 141 Park Street in Attleboro. Contact the ARC of Northern Bristol County for more information.
CONTACT: Kelly Donovan, 508-226-1445, Ext. 3103

GENETIC & METABOLIC DISORDERS

Beckwith-Wiedemann Children's Foundation: Provides information, peer support and a parent forum, as well as national conference information.
CONTACT: Katherine Kruger, 508-994-4839
E-MAIL: kathyk@beckwith-wiedemannsyndrome.org
WEBSITE: www.beckwith-wiedemann.org

Chromosome 22 Disorders: Provides information, message board, chat room, and listserv, as well as information about the biannual national conference.
National Chromosome 22 Central Office: Murney Rinholm, 7108 Partinwood Drive, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
CONTACT: Murney Rinholm, 919-567-8167;
Massachusetts Reps: Sandra Patch, 978-536-9137; Lisa Clewes, 413-782-7724
E-MAIL: bgr@nc.rr.com
WEBSITE: www.nt.net/a815/index.html

Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG): Provides information, parent-to-parent connections and a listserv, as well as national conference information.
CONTACT: 1-800-250-5273
E-MAIL: cdgaware@aol.com
WEBSITE: www.cdgs.com

Massachusetts Support Group for Osteogenesis Imperfecta: Meets 6 times per year; locations vary across the state. Call for more information.
CONTACT: Cheryl & Rich Manduca, 781-982-0101

Sanfilippo Mothers Group: Monthly meetings, in Needham. Call for details about meeting format and location. All families are welcome.
CONTACT: Mary-Frances, mfgcgc@yahoo.com

Small for Gestational Age/Russell Silver Syndrome: MAGIC FOUNDATION offers online support for families of kids affected with Russell Silver Syndrome. Go to Yahoo, click on GROUPS and search for "rss-support," and follow the instructions to join.

TO SUBSCRIBE: RSS-Support-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

WEBSITE: www.magicfoundation.org

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

G.R.E.A.T: The daytime group meets the 1st Tuesday of the month from 10:00-11:30 AM at the Baptist Church on 39 Winthrop Street, Taunton. The evening group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 PM at The Harbors, 763 County Street, Taunton.

CONTACT : Milly Burrows, 508-880-0202, Ext. 355; Michelle Jussaume, 774-627-1325

E-MAIL: mburrows@ahsinc.org

HEARING LOSS

Plymouth Area Hearing Loss Parents Group, Hear Together: Meets the last Monday of every month at Panera Bread, Exit 5 at the Shops at 5, Plymouth. Join the email list. They offer an Annual Christmas Party, walk, boat cruise in Plymouth, playground dates, pizza and speakers.

CONTACT : Cathy, 508-747-1765

E-MAIL: Ellen: heartogether@comcast.net

HOMESCHOOLING FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Attleboro Area Homeschoolers: The Next Generation, an offshoot of the main Attleboro homeschooling group, is specifically oriented towards children under 10; children are welcome. Visit their website for more information.

WEBSITE: <http://www.attleborohomeschoolers.info/>

Attleboro Area Homeschooling Group: Monthly parent meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month (September through May) at 7:00 PM at the Attleboro Public Library. Park days, fieldtrips, classes, book groups, Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts.

CONTACT : Margaret, 508-222-5439

WEBSITE: <http://home.comcast.net/~attleboroareahomeschoolers/AAH1.html>.

DISCUSSION LIST: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AttleboroAreaHomeschoolers/>

Berkley Area Homeschoolers: An informally organized inclusive group serving Berkley and surrounding areas (Taunton, Berkley, Middleboro, Somerset, etc). Classes, field trips, play dates, and informal get-togethers are organized through our Yahoo group.

CONTACT: Tina Shorey (508) 821-9669

EMAIL: tina.shorey@verizon.net

YAHOO GROUP: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BerkleyAreaHSers/>

Bridgewater Area Freelance Learners: Freelance Learners is a homeschool support group serving Bridgewater and the surrounding towns. This is a forum for any homeschool family to post ideas, events, trips, classes, obtain and sell curricula, collaborate on projects, etc. and to ask questions and share thoughts.

CONTACT: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FREELANCELEARNERS/>

Cape Cod Homeschoolers: Cape Cod Homeschoolers is open to all homeschoolers, and is not affiliated with any religious or political organizations. Supports homeschoolers in the Cape Cod, Wareham, and Plymouth areas. Offers a variety of field trips, classes, and clubs. There is no membership fee; it operates as a cooperative, with members participating as little or as much as they choose. Affiliated with the Massachusetts Home Learning Association. Website regularly updated.

CONTACT: <http://www.capecodhomeschool.com>

Cape Cod and South Shore Coastal Free Learners: A homeschooling support network along the coast of Massachusetts for all types of home-learners to share ideas for activities, field trips, playgroups. A group of like-minds, intending a positive experience for all!

WEBSITE: <http://geocities.com/coastalfreelearners/capecod.html>

Challenging Gifted Kids: Online support group for parents of gifted children who are being homeschooled.

CONTACT: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/challenginggiftedkids>

Fall River Leaders of Tomorrow: Meets on the 3rd Friday of the month (September to May) at 7:00 PM. Topic varies per meeting. Contact for more information.

CONTACT: Laura Bradley, bkaek@comcast.net

Homeschooling Blind Children: Online support group for families who are homeschooling/ parenting a blind child.

CONTACT: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/blindhomeschoolers>

INHARMONY Homeschool Network: South Shore based but open to all homeschoolers in MA: "A network for homeschoolers who are inspired by nature and who want to strive to live in Harmony...with each other and with the Earth"

CONTACT: Marcia, marsi77@aol.com

WEBSITE: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/INHARMONYHomeschoolNetwork>

National Home Education Network: Provides online resources and support for parents who are homeschooling their children with special needs.

WEBSITE: <http://www.nhen.org/support/groups/2searchall.asp>

New Bedford Area South Coast Homeschoolers: Not politically or religiously affiliated and operates on a pay-as-you-go basis for field trips and other activities that require fees.
EMAIL: schomeschoolers@yahoo.com

South-Central MA L.E.A.F. Home Learners Network: LEAF or "Learning Enrichment Active Partnership" is an inclusive, participant-directed network that welcomes all homeschool families in south-central Massachusetts, northern Rhode Island, and northeastern Connecticut. The main purpose of LEAF is to give families the opportunity to share resources and talents, field trips and events, learning enrichment opportunities, and overall fellowship with others, in a variety of group settings. A Yahoo group and online calendar of events easily connect network families. For more information, visit the website.
WEBSITE: <http://learninks.org/leaf>

South Shore Area Our Lady Queen of Saints Homeschoolers: A religious homeschool group; family oriented, relying on the contribution of all the members of the group and offering support to homeschool parents and their families. They are committed to fostering the virtues in children and in parents through a variety of scheduled activities, including field trips, classes, and playtime.
WEBSITE: www.ourladyqueenofsaints.org/

South Shore Home Learners: Founded in 2003 by a small group of families who believe in home-based learning and attachment parenting. Their mission is to provide families with opportunities to be part of a harmonious homeschooling community where all who gather feel welcomed and supported. For more information, visit the Yahoo group
WEBSITE: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SSHLmembers/> on the Web
EMAIL: SSHLmembers@yahoogroups.com.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Uncommon Parents Support Group : A support group made up of parents who have children with learning differences and challenges. Open to parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, Auditory Processing Disorder, ADD, ADHD, Fragile X). Meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month after the Special Education Parent Advisory Council meeting, at the Nantucket Middle School, 10 Surfside Road, Nantucket.
CONTACT: Tina Steadman, 508-228-8013

LIMB DEFICIENCY

Helping Hands Foundation: A support group made up of parents who have children with upper limb differences and who are concerned with the challenges facing the child and the entire family; offers 2 outings a year for members (winter and summer). Interested people must apply for membership (below) to receive newsletters, emails and outing information.
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 332, Medfield, MA 02052
E-MAIL: info@helpinghandsgroup.org
TO JOIN: membership@helpinghandsgroup.org
WEBSITE: www.helpinghandsgroup.org

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders Support Group: Provides support to parents and opportunities to meet and share for young adults and adults affected by EGID. Meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Children's Hospital Waltham, 9 Hope Avenue, Waltham; speakers with the group offer educational talks on a variety of topics. Call for meeting details and RSVP.

CONTACT: Dianna Queheillalt

EMAIL: dianna@EGIDBoston.org

WEBSITE: www.EGIDBoston.org

Family Coalition for Medically Involved Children: An active partnership of families and friends of children with severe cognitive, physical, and/or complex health care needs. Meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Fall River/Somerset area with activities for parents and children. Call for more information.

CONTACT: Robin Masterson, 508-379-0135 or Maria Sousa, 508-672-1094

EMAIL: RLMasterson@juno.com

Kids with Tubes: Online support group and information for parents and caregivers of tube-fed children.

WEBSITE: www.kidswithtubes.org

TrachCare, Inc.: Statewide support for parents of children of all ages who have a tracheostomy. Telephone support and occasional group meetings are available.

CONTACT: Julie Leahy, 617- 527-1990

E-MAIL: info@trachcare.org

WEBSITE: www.trachcare.org

MENTAL HEALTH

MSPCC/Connecting Parents- Weekly Support Group: Support for parents, caregivers and guardians of children of all ages who are experiencing serious emotional, behavioral and or learning challenges. Meets Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Canton Public Library, 786 Washington Street, Canton.

CONTACT: Betty Wagner 617-983-5803

MSPCC/Connecting Parents- Weekly Support Group: Support for parents, caregivers and guardians of children of all ages who are experiencing serious emotional, behavioral and or learning challenges. Meets Friday mornings 10 AM-12 PM at the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth.

CONTACT: Betty Wagner 617-983-5803

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI): NAMI offers supports to individuals and their families who are living with severe mental illness. Call for information and local affiliates.

NAMI Massachusetts: 400 West Cummings Park, Suite 6650, Woburn

CONTACT: 781-938-4048 or 1-800-370-9085

E-MAIL: namimass@aol.com

WEBSITE: www.namimass.org

- **NAMI Attleboro:** Serves the towns of Attleboro, North Attleboro, Norton, Mansfield, and Seekonk.
Office Address: 13 Boston Street, Attleboro, 508-838-0779
Family Support for Caregivers: Meets the third Monday of the Month from 6:30-8 PM at the First Baptist Church in Attleboro.
CONTACT: Dave Arnold, 508-838-0779
 - **NAMI Plymouth:** Serves the towns of Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton and Scituate.
Office Address: P.O. Box 1398, Marshfield; **HELPLINE:** 781-829-7215
Family Support for Caregivers: Meets every Thursday from 7:00-8:30 PM at the Sgarzi Conference Room, Jordan Hospital, Sandwich Street, Plymouth.
CONTACT: Nancy Leonard, bantrydux@aol.com; Jean and Art Albanese, 508-746-8094
 - **NAMI Cape Cod and the Islands:**
Office Address: 5 Mark Lane, Hyannis, 508-778-4277
EMAIL: namicapecod@verizon.net
Family Support Group for Caregivers, Mashpee: Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Christ the King Parish off of Rte.151, Mashpee.
CONTACT: Bobbi at 508-957-2338
- Family Support Group for Caregivers, Martha's Vineyard:** Meets on the 1st Sunday of the month from 6:00-7:30 PM at Daybreak Clubhouse, 457B State Road, Tisbury.
CONTACT: 508-693-5872
- Family Support Group for Caregivers, Chatham:** Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM at the First Congregational Church on Main Street at the Rotary in Chatham.
CONTACT: Chris Ebel, 508-945-9812
- Family Support Group for Caregivers:** Meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Wellfleet Senior Center, 715 Old Kings Highway in Wellfleet.
CONTACT: LeRoy Spaniol, 508349-2475
- Family Support Group for Caregivers:** Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Federated Church, 320 Main Street, Hyannis.
CONTACT: Bobbi, 508-957-2338

- **NAMI Fall River:** Serves the towns of Buckley, Dartmouth, Fall River, Freetown, New Bedford, Rehoboth, Somerset, Swansea and Westport.
Office Contact: P.O. Box 9096, Fall River, 508-678-2584
E-MAIL: namifallriver@comcast.net

Family Support for Caregivers: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:00-8:30 PM at the First Baptist Church, 228 North Main Street, Fall River.
CONTACT: Brenda Venice, 508-678-2584

Please refer to NAMI Fall River for the towns of Berkley, Bridgewater, Dighton, Easton, Lakeville, Middleboro, Norton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Taunton, West Bridgewater.

Nantucket Support Group/ Safe Harbor: Support group for those who have lost someone to suicide. Provides an opportunity to deal with grief, emotional support and helps survivors gain strength and courage from one another. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Sponsored by the Nantucket Suicide Prevention Coalition and The Samaritans of Cape Cod and Islands. Call for more details.
CONTACT: 508-325-0048

Parents Helping Parents: Parents who are feeling overwhelmed, isolated, or stressed and would like free, confidential, and anonymous support from other parents with similar concerns may contact PHP. Support groups are held in Attleboro, Braintree, Brockton, Fall River, Hyannis, Lakeville, New Bedford, North Attleboro, Plymouth, Rockland, & Weymouth. Call for more information about meeting locations, days and times.
CONTACT: PHP hotline, 1-800-882-1250
WEBSITE: www.parentshelpingparents.org

Parent Information Network (PIN): PIN supports parents who have children with mental health, emotional and/or behavioral needs. PIN offers a Resource Center, phone support, and free and confidential support groups at locations across the Southeast. Call for more information.
PIN Office: 47 East Grove Street, Middleboro
CONTACT: 508-947-8779
E-MAIL: pin@bamsi.org

S.T.E.P Up 4 Kids (Support, Treat, Educate, Prevent), Hyannis Chapter: Support for parents of children with Bipolar Disorder, ADHD, Anxiety, Depression and others. Meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Stop & Shop Conference Room, 65 Independence Park Drive, Hyannis.
CONTACT: Maria for specific details, 508-432-5880; or STEP UP for Kids, Inc., 781-545-9909
E-MAIL: bobatly@yahoo.com
WEBSITE: www.stepup4kids.com

S.T.E.P. Up 4 Kids, Norwell Chapter: for parents of children and adolescents with behavioral or emotional disorders (Including Bipolar Disorders, ADHD, Anxiety, Depression and others) Everyone is Welcome! Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Stop and Shop Conference Room, Route 53 in Norwell.

CONTACT: 781-545-9909

E-MAIL: Please RSVP by email to Cathy Sullivan, cmsull@aol.com

Support Group for Parents of Children with OCD and Related Anxiety

Disorders: Support and education about OCD and related disorders. Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10:00-11:30AM at the Boyden Library (upstairs conference room, 2 Bird Street, Foxboro).

CONTACT: Lisa Bordeleau, 508-643-1404

EMAIL: lmb558@aol.com

Support Groups through PAL (Parent Advocacy League)

- **Brewster:** Meets 4th Tuesday of each month; 6:00 -8:00pm at the Brewster Library, 1822 Main Street, Brewster
CONTACT: Jean Cole at 508-947-8779 ext. 29
EMAIL: capepin@bamsi.org
- **Brockton:** Parent Support- Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9:30 - 11:30am; and 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30pm at 444 Belmont Street, Brockton.
CONTACT: Traci Lynch, 508-947-8779, Ext. 17
EMAIL: brocktonpin@bamsi.org
- **CAPE AREA:** Parents of Transition Age Youth- Meets 1st Wednesday of each month; 6:00 - 8:00pm at Stop & Shop Conference Room, 65 Independence Drive, Hyannis
CONTACT: Tresa Salters at 508-947-8779 ext. 22
EMAIL: ptaypin@bamsi.org
- **CENTERVILLE:** Parent Support, Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month; 6:00 - 7:30pm at the Centerville Library, 585 Main Street, Centerville
CONTACT: Jean Cole at 508-947-8779 ext. 29
EMAIL: capepin@bamsi.org
- **FALL RIVER:** Parent Support, United Neighbors of Fall River at 209 Bedford Street, Fall River – Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month; 6:45 - 8:30pm
CONTACT: Kathleen Bourgeois at 508-947-8779 ext. 15
EMAIL: fallriverpin@bamsi.org
- **FALMOUTH:** Parent Support at Falmouth Library, 300 Main Street, Falmouth on 1st Tuesday of each month; 6:15 - 8:15pm
CONTACT: Jean Cole at 508-947-8779 ext. 29
EMAIL: capepin@bamsi.org

- **GREATER NEW BEDFORD:** Parent Support on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month; 6:00 - 8:00pm at Children's Connection on 899 Pleasant Street, New Bedford 1st Wednesday of each month; 10:00am - 12noon- DMH on 888 Purchase Street, New Bedford
CONTACT: Angela Days at 508-947-8779 ext. 14
EMAIL: newbedfordpin@bamsi.org
- **MIDDLEBORO:** Parents and Caregivers of Transition Age Youth, 3rd Thursday of each month; 6:30 - 8:30pm- Parent Information Network, 47 East Grove Street, Middleboro
CONTACT: Tresa Salters, 508-947-8779, Ext. 22
EMAIL: ptaypin@bamsi.org
- **NORTON:** Special Needs Parent Support Group- Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month; 9:30 - 11:00am, 230 East Main Street, Suite #4, Norton.
CONTACT: Beth Karon Goldberg, 508-285-5504
EMAIL: beth@bethkgoldberg.com
- **PLYMOUTH:** Parent Support, Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 6:00-8:00 PM at Bay State Community Services, 385 Court Street, Plymouth.
CONTACT: Heather Hogan, 508-947-8779, Ext. 16
EMAIL: plymouthpin@bamsi.org
- **TAUNTON:** Parent Support at CCBC, 1 Washington Street, Taunton Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 6:45 - 8:30 PM.
CONTACT: Kathleen Bourgeois, 508-947-8779, Ext. 15
EMAIL: fallriverpin@bamsi.org
- **WEYMOUTH:** Fridays; 10:00am - 12noon at Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth
CONTACT: Betty Wagner, 617-983-5803
EMAIL: bwagner@mspcc.org

Write it Down- Weekly Writing Group: Support for parents, caregivers and guardians of children of all ages who are experiencing serious emotional, behavioral and or learning challenges. Meets Tuesday mornings 10 AM-11:30 AM at the Donovan Health Building, Massachusetts Hospital School, 5 Randolph Street, Canton.
CONTACT: Betty Wagner, 617-983-5803

MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE

United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation: UMDF promotes research and education for the diagnosis, treatment and cure of mitochondrial disorders and to provide support to affected individuals and families.

New England Chapter Office: 39 Bay Farm Drive, Plymouth.

E-MAIL: NEngChapter@umdf.org

WEBSITE: www.umdf.org

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

Parent Support Group: Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7:30-9:00 PM at the MDA Office.

Chapter Office: 10 Commerce Way, Suite 4, Raynham

CONTACT: 508-821-1533

EMAIL: Raynham@mdausa.org

NON-VERBAL LEARNING DISABILITIES

S.H.A.R.E. Differences: A support group for parents of children with neurobiological disorders such as NLD, Asperger Syndrome, PDD and OCD. The group meets twice monthly to network ideas and share experiences with other parents whose lives have been changed by a learning difference. There is also a lending library for group members.

CONTACT: Kelly McCarthy, OTRL/BCP, 413-447-2217 (days);

Debbie Byrd, 413-684-2240 (eves)

EMAIL: Deb8807184@aol.com

WEBSITE: www.nldontheweb.org

TAWK (Talk As a Way of Knowing) Support Group for Parents of Children

with NLD: Monthly meetings at Morse Institute Library, 14 East Central Street, Natick, often with speakers. Call for schedule. The group also hosts two NLD discussion lists. For more information check website.

CONTACT: Barbara Wilder-Smith, 508-650-8885

EMAIL: cbws@ne.mediaone.net

WEBSITE: www.nldsupport.org or also www.nldontheweb.org

SIBLING SUPPORT

SIBSHOPS: At Sibshops, brothers and sisters ages 8-12 will have the opportunity to meet other children who know what it is like to have a sibling with special needs. Pre-registration is required.

Greater Attleboro: Sibshops are held monthly, every third Friday, from 4 to 6 PM, in Attleboro (141 Park Street). Children ages 8 through 11 who have a brother or a sister with a disability meet for a fun filled "special" time. Call ARC of Northern Bristol County for info,

CONTACT: Catherine Vasconcelos at ARC of Northern Bristol County, 508-226-1445, Ext. 3104

Greater Brockton: Sibshops are periodically held at the Old Colony YMCA, 465 Main Street in Brockton. Call for the Brockton Area ARC for more information.

CONTACT: Kathy Kerwin at BAARC, 508-583-8030

Nantucket Island (Nantucket Autism Resource Center): The groups will continue to meet at the Teen Center on Saturday mornings: 6–10 year-olds on at 10:00AM; 11-14 year-olds at 11:00AM. The intent of the sibling support group is to give siblings some independence and a safe place to discuss with their peers the joys and tribulations of having a sibling with challenges. Through cooking, music, art and experiential challenges, the students will learn coping skills, social skills, team building, healthy interactions with their sibling and more. The group is open to siblings of children with any special need, not limited to autism. Please call or email for more information.
CONTACT: Kim, 646-341-3043 or khoryn@autismspeaks.org

Greater Plymouth Area: Sibshops are periodically held at the Arc of Greater Plymouth. Call for more information.
CONTACT: Martha Brockway at ARC of Greater Plymouth, 508-732-9292, Ext. 11

PORTUGUESE- SPEAKING FAMILIES

Todas as Necessidades Especiais (Support Group for Portuguese-Speaking Individuals / Grupo de Apoio às Pessoas que Falam Português): Reuniões mensais. Telfonar para saber os dias. Federação para Crianças com Necessidades Especiais. (Monthly meetings. Call for schedule.)
CONTACT: Rhea Tavares, Federação para Crianças com Necessidades Especiais, 617-236-7210, Ext. 329

SPANISH-SPEAKING FAMILIES

Family Connections Hispanic Family Group: Support for Hispanic family members of individuals with developmental disabilities. Meetings are generally held at the Nemasket Group, 56 Bridge Street, Fairhaven. Call for days and times.
CONTACT: Jorge Pagan or Gloria Villalobo at Family Connections, 508-999-4436

SPINA BIFIDA

Spina Bifida Association of Massachusetts: The Spina Bifida Association hosts a listserv for families who have loved ones with Spina Bifida.
CONTACT: 888-479-1900
LISTSERV: <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/MSBAParents/>

TOURETTE SYNDROME

Tourette Syndrome Association: TSA offers resources and referrals to help individuals living with Tourette Syndrome and their families. Massachusetts Chapter located at 16 Fieldstone Way, Plymouth. Massachusetts chapter offers online and over the phone support. If parents wish to meet, the contact person can arrange a traditional support meeting.

Plymouth Area: Jeffrey Swift
E-MAIL: wiftcape@aol.com

Taunton Area: Chrissy Joyal, 508-884-8063 or 617-277-7589
E-MAIL: chrissyjoyal@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.tsa-mass.org

TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS

Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance of New England: It offers resources and referrals to help people and adults living with Tuberous Sclerosis and their families. It includes members from across New England. For events and meetings, please contact Karin Sullivan, Chair.

CONTACT: Karin Sullivan
E-MAIL: mrsgumby56@comcast.net
WEBSITE: www.ntsaa.org

TURNER SYNDROME

Turner Syndrome Society of America: Peer- or professional-led groups, offering resources, emotional support, and social interaction to people with Turner Syndrome.

CONTACT: Deborah Pomerantz, 401-732-2136 for Massachusetts and Rhode Island
E-MAIL: deb_pomerantz@hotmail.com
WEBSITE: www.turnersyndrome.org