

## # 85 Radio Show, Respite, Money, Meetings and More

Dearest Advocates:

This Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 9:00am-10:00am, I will be talking on Radio AM 790 The Zone regarding the "Top Ten Things - Families should know that have a Child with Special Needs".

Typically at this time slot on Saturday mornings Kile and Ted "the Money Guys" does a show on money matters but tomorrow they decided to have an **entire** show on what families need to know when you have a child with a disability!

What a wonderful opportunity to continue to help educate society on the things we have to know about and manage as families. Mark Biernath (an attorney that specializes on special needs trusts and guardianship) will also be on the show and another family that has a 15 yr old son with Autism will talk about April being Autism Awareness Month. I truly hope you tune in and listen and maybe learn a thing or two.

If you would like to hear it from your computer live, here is the link:

<http://www.790thezone.com/multimedia/listenlive.aspx>

They will also have a call in segment for those families that have questions.

In addition, below is information regarding respite care for children with disabilities. The flyer for this event will be posted on my website under "events" soon.

I did find out yesterday that individuals that receive SSI will be receiving an additional \$250 in May from the federal stimulus package. More information:

<http://www.ssa.gov/pressoffice/pr/recovery-payments-pr.htm>

In addition, the Region 3 MHDDAD Planning Board meeting is scheduled for April 16. If you are in the Region 3 area (mostly metro Atlanta) and are on a waiting list for the NOW/COMP disability waiver, this is YOUR time to speak up and let them know you need the waiver with funding. This is a great opportunity to express your concerns to Region 3.

Hope you find this information helpful.

***"UNITED – WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!"***

Sincerely,

***Heidi***

**(Proud Mother to Jacob - 9 yrs old with Down syndrome and Jared - 7 yrs old)**

***"Help the Children Now, So They Can Help Themselves Later!"***

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**Respite Care for children with special needs at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church:**

**Green Light Refuel & Relax Registration**

*Respite care for children with special needs and their siblings (grades K-5).*

**Description:**

Mothers' Day Spa Night

Friday, May 8, 2009 (Please note that we have changed the date from Saturday, May 9 to Friday, May 8)

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Cost \$5 per child (\$20 family maximum)

Check-in at Preschool Aquarium desk.

[Download the Refuel Brochure \(PDF\)](#)

More information please contact:

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<http://www.johnsonferry.org/Ministries/Children/SpecialNeedsGreenLight/tabid/635/Default.aspx>

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**Region 3 MHDDAD Planning Board Meeting:**

**Thursday, April 16, 2009**

**11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Clayton Center Auditorium**

**853 Battle Creek Road  
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236**

## **AGENDA**

### **Call to Order**

**Introductions** – Board Members and Guests (5 minutes)

**Public Comments\*** - Three minutes each (no more than 30 minutes for all)

**Approve Minutes** from 2-19-09 Meeting (2 minutes)

**Regional Coordinator's Report/Announcements** (15 minutes)

**Presentation** – Focus on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Issues (Speaker to be announced)

### **Committee Reports**

- Overview of all committees and their structure
- Schedule of committee meetings for 2009

### **Old Business**

- Status of the Annual Plan
- Status of DHR Restructuring

### **New Business**

- Future Meeting Focus Schedule

### **Announcements** (5 minutes)

- Next Regional Planning Board Meeting – Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Region 3 Office

### **Adjourn**

\*Participants who wish to address the board must indicate their intent on the sign-in sheet prior to the meeting.