

Autism Resources Miramichi Inc.

Newsletter 1

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Open For Business

As of Friday, February 1, 2008 our drop-in resource centre is open for business at 561 King George Highway in Miramichi West. ARM was organized by a group of local parents and professionals who felt there was a need to have a location where we could all gather to share ideas, experiences and resources. Many thanks go out to all of those who made this centre a reality including our board members, a grant from New Brunswick's Department of Health and Wellness, and from donations from our community.

Our Directors

Lila Barry – President
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Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month
1:00 – 3:00 pm

*Or by appointment as necessary.

What we Plan to Offer:

- A lending library of:
 - ASD related books, DVDs and videos and assistive technology computer software
 - Educational books, DVDs and videos and educational computer software
 - Educational toys, games and puzzles
 - Reinforcement toys
 - Flash cards
 - Laminator
- Help with therapy materials preparation
- Access to a computer and the internet
- Handouts on ASD related topics of interest
- Printing, laminating and binding services
- Parent support meetings the 1st Tuesday of every month from 7 pm to 9 pm
- Sibling and Individuals with ASD support meetings beginning soon
- Parent information packages
- Medical professional information packages
- Monthly ARM newsletters
- On-site professional consultation
- Monthly family activities
- Up-to-date ARM website
- Bi-monthly educational workshops
- Yearly ASD conferences

And More to Come!

Contact us for details!

Meet our Acting Director



Debby MacGregor has been working in the Autism Spectrum Disorder field as an Autism Support Worker for many years now.

She is a graduate of UNB's College of Extended Learning and has worked with pre-school and school aged children. She has also worked with both children and adults with developmental delays for 25 years.

Debby has an extensive knowledge of ASDs and you will find she is a caring person who is easy to talk to. She can also direct you to the appropriate resources for all your specific needs.

ARM welcomes Autism Consultants New Brunswick Inc. to our Centre

We are pleased to welcome Tanya Hebert and her agency for pre-school children with ASD's to our new centre.

Autism Consultants New Brunswick has been in operation for over a year helping children in the Miramichi area using ABA therapy.

50/50 Draw

We are currently doing a 50/50 draw to be drawn on Feb. 14/08. Tickets can be purchased at the centre, from a board member, or if you are interested in selling some tickets, please call the centre.

Upcoming ARM Events

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| February 1 | Opening date 1:30 pm |
| February 5 | Parent Support Meeting 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm |
| To be Announced | ASD presentation for Daycare workers |

Lending Library

We have purchased over one hundred ASD related books, DVDs, and videos for people to borrow. Please drop by and take a look at our selection. They can each be borrowed free-of-charge for a period of three weeks at a time. We also have dozens of toys, reinforcers, games and puzzles just waiting to be used.

Parent Information

We are compiling a mailing list of individuals who wish to be contacted either by phone or email about any upcoming events,

Registration

Membership to ARM is free. To register, just call the centre at 622-8137 or e-mail the information to arm@nb.aibn.com.

Tax Information

T2201 - Disability Tax Credit Certificate

To find out more information on the Disability Tax Credit, see form T2201 on the Canada Revenue Agency website, or drop into the centre as we have some here, as well as the information on this

Child Disability Benefit (CDB) The Child Disability Benefit (CDB) is a tax-free benefit for families who care for a child under age 18 with a severe and prolonged impairment in mental or physical functions.

Recommendations for our Centre?

We'd love to hear any of your ideas to help us make this centre a success. Just give us a call or drop in and see us!

Donations

Do you have any Autism related books, educational toys, videos, DVD's, or furniture, etc. that you are not using? We are now accepting donations to use at the resource centre.