

# Low Incidence Transition Newsletter

DECEMBER

## SHOP SMALL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

[Something Different by Eric](#) in Bryn Mawr is owned by 29-year-old Eric and his mom (Bernadette Wheeler) and isn't your typical gift shop. At Something Different by Eric, most of the products are made by companies that give some of their profits to charity. The store is staffed entirely by volunteers, including Haverford College students & special education advocates who have been instrumental to the store's success, and Eric's dad, Lawrence Wells, MD, who works at the store on weekends. Books about physical and mental disabilities are displayed next to the onesies, mugs and greeting cards. And the goal isn't to make a profit — it's to create a community.

Something Different By Eric will train young adults with disabilities so the skills learned can be transferable to other industries. Examples will include cashier, inventory, stocking shelves, greeters, store clean-up. We will also feature expert speakers on topics important to the disabled community. Social activities which will include dances, fitness classes, yoga and viewing parties watching our favorite sports teams will also be offered. We will provide an inclusive environment with non-disabled peers from surrounding colleges.

## VARIETY'S HOLIDAY LANE 2021

Walk along a decorated and lighted "lane" at the Variety Club Camp, 2950 Potshop Rd, Worcester, PA 19490, to be held on Wednesday Dec 1st through Saturday Dec 4th, \$10 adults and \$5 children. December 1st is DRIVE THROUGH ONLY! (5p-7p) All other nights are walking tours. (4p-8p)

Hot chocolate included with ticket. Cookies and baked goods available for purchase, along with a Holiday bazaar of homemade items by Variety kids.

You can purchase your tickets and learn more about the [Variety Club](#) here.





## TINSELTOWN, OAKS PA

Tinseltown - where guests will be transported to a holiday wonderland with life-size illuminations and festive delights at every turn. Along the way, guests will find larger-than-life light sculptures including a 60-ft light tunnel, glowing baubles, and, of course, Santa's sleigh. Tinseltown will also showcase some of Philadelphia's most beloved landmarks and personalities in lights – along the way, you'll find a massive, walk-through Liberty Bell, illuminations representing Philly sports teams, and a few more holiday-inspired jawns that guests are sure to LOVE along the way. The event is open daily after 5:00pm from November 26th to January 2nd.

Tinseltown will host special, sensory-friendly entry times geared toward guests with autism and other sensory sensitivities. These designated times will have limited capacity and the volume of our holiday music will be lowered to make the atmosphere most comfortable for our guests during these discounted entry times. You can purchase tickets under the [special ticket offers](#).

The dates for the sensory friendly entry times are Sunday December 5th at 5:00pm, Sunday December 12th at 5:00pm and Tuesday December 28th at 4:30pm.





## WILD LIGHTS JUST FOR YOU

The Elmwood Park Zoo is hosting a special session of Wild Lights for individuals and families with sensory sensitivities. Music will be lowered and capacities will be reduced further, all in an effort to provide a more relaxed experience for guests.

DECEMBER 8 | 5:00PM – 8:00PM

Tickets are \$14.95 and pre-registration is required. Personal care attendants and/or one-on-one aids may enter at no charge.

The Wild Lights are presented by Taphouse 23, Wild Lights features brilliant light displays throughout the entire zoo, along with animal encounters, music, carousel rides, and more! Please note: Santa Claus will not be at Wild Lights Just for You.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

If you have any questions, please email [ZOO@ELMWOODPARKZOO.ORG](mailto:ZOO@ELMWOODPARKZOO.ORG).

## DECEMBER EVENTS

# ADVANCED WAIVER WORKSHOPS

## WHEN

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1ST, 6PM TO MONDAY,  
DEC. 6TH, 6PM

## WHERE

THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.

## MORE INFORMATION

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) provides services for individuals with intellectual disabilities and/or autism through the Person/Family Directed Supports, Community Living and Consolidated Waivers. Join the PA Family Network Advisors in this 2-part workshop which will expand in more detail what was presented in the Waiver Basics (101) Workshops and how waivers can support your loved one:

### Advanced Waiver Workshop Part 1

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- Expand upon Service Definitions discussed in Waiver Basics (101 Part 2)
- Learn more about the various services defined under waivers and some of their limits, requirements and options

### Advanced Waiver Workshop Part 2

Monday, December 6, 2021 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- Guide participants on researching waivers, utilizing resources and understanding your rights and responsibilities
- Discussion of the various waiver document Appendices, Due Process, Fair Hearing and more

### Click to Join the [Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 829 0563 3941

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# FAMILY FORUM

## WHEN

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15TH, 6:30-7:30PM

## WHERE

THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.

## MORE INFORMATION

Join the PA Family Network Advisors, families and individuals with disabilities for our Family Forums to:

- discuss experiences and the impact of COVID-19 on our lives;
- network with other families to share questions and ask questions;
- get latest updates from the Office of Developmental Programs.

**Click to Join the Zoom Meeting**

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# PCHC - SEXUALITY AND DISABILITIES

## WHEN

THURSDAY, DEC. 16TH, 10AM

## WHERE

THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.

## MORE INFORMATION

During this training, PCHC will talk about relationships; what they are, and what they look like. They will define sex and intimacy as well as discuss the difference between sex and sexual health. They will increase your knowledge of unhealthy relationships and what to do if you find yourself in one. After this training attendees will increase their understanding of relationships along with resources to provide further information related to sexuality and intellectual disabilities/Autism.

### Presenters:

- **Karen Boyce, RN, CDDN** - Interim Director of Nursing
- **Nicholas DeMarco, Psy. D.** - Licensed Clinical Psychologist PA & NJ and Director of IDD and Mental Health Supports

To register for this event, [click here](#).



# A.J. DREXEL AUTISM INSTITUTE: FATHER'S SUPPORT GROUP

## WHEN

SATURDAY, DEC. 18TH, 11AM

## WHERE

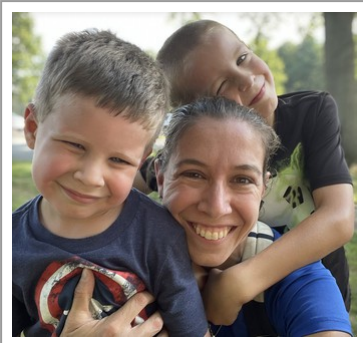
THIS IS AN ONLINE EVENT.

## MORE INFORMATION

The Autism Institute is excited to offer a support group for fathers with children on the autism spectrum in partnership with Dr. Robert Naseef, a clinical psychologist at Alternative Choices, and Michael Hannon, Associate Professor of counseling at Montclair State University.

The group will meet at 11 am EST on Zoom.

Email [AutismInstitute@drexel.edu](mailto:AutismInstitute@drexel.edu) for further information.



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