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Workshop on Autism

The Healthy Babies Coalition of Marquette and Waushara Counties is offering a workshop on Autism. It will be held on April 18 at Grace United Methodist Church, Wautoma. The day begins at 8:00 a.m. with registration followed by the program and lunch from 8:30 to 12:30.

Christine Breunig, project coordinator for the National Medical Home Autism Initiative for the Waisman Center, University Center for Developmental Disabilities at the University of Wisconsin, Madison is one of the presenters. Breunig will provide a basic understanding of the characteristics of autism spectrum disorders, ideas for what to do when you see concerns, where to refer children and how to develop partnerships with other professionals in order to provide coordinated services for children with ASD and their families.

Amy Crimin, a licensed PLAY therapist (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters), Autism Consultant for her local school district and Disability Resource Specialist for Madison Area Technical College and her son Blaine will also present information. Blaine was diagnosed with autism when he was 3 and spent 9 years in intensive therapy programs. They will provide an interactive presentation as they take you through autism and the impact it has made on their lives. Attendees will learn how they coped and the strategies they have implemented throughout the years to help ease the symptoms of autism.

This workshop would be helpful for medical and dental professionals, health care workers, substance abuse and mental health counselors, family resource center staff, family crisis workers, foster parents, daycare providers, head start staff, Birth to 3 staff, human services workers, educators, parents, grandparents and interested community members.

Pre-registration is required. There is a small non refundable registration fee that covers morning snacks, lunch, and materials. Scholarships are available. To register, call Pat Bero at 920-787-6550 or e-mail her at patb.parkstreet@co.waushara.wi.us. RSVP's and fee are due by April 11.