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Ocean County Library to host Autism Awareness and Resource Fair

TOMS RIVER – The Ocean County Library’s Cultural Awareness Team, in partnership with POAC Autism Services, invites families and caregivers to meet autism-related organizations, practices, and experts for an Autism Resources Fair.

The program will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 1 at the Toms River Branch, 101 Washington St. Keynote speakers for the day will include Gary Weitzen, executive director of POAC Autism Services.

The Fair will feature children’s activities - including a performance by Mr. Scott the Music Man, balloon artist Debby Pense, **library mascot Sparks** and sensory story times. Meet therapy dogs, costumed children’s characters, and Star Wars characters portrayed by members of Vader’s 501st Legion costume group. Light refreshments will be available. The event is free to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.

Meet representatives from the following organizations:

- 21 Plus, Inc.
- Allaire Community Farm
- Brain Builders
- Caring Family Community Services
- Children’s Specialized Hospital
- Children’s Wellness & Developmental Center
- Disability Allies
- Easterseals New Jersey
- Family Resource Network
- Hinkle, Fingles, Prior & Fischer (Attorneys at Law)
- The Milestones Center, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
- Mosaic Music Therapy
- New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities
- New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Ocean County Office for Individuals with Disabilities
- Ocean County Commission on Child Safety and Awareness
- Ocean County Sheriff’s Department
- PerformCare
- POAC Autism Services

- The Puzzle Place Center for Autism
- Sensory Playground Pediatric Therapy Center
- Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)
- Sunny Days Early Childhood Development Services, Inc.
- Sussan, Greenwald & Wesler (Special Needs Law Firm)



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