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Play Central

Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9am - 11am, now through May 31
at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, \$5 per family visit

A place for parents, grandparents and caregivers to play with their children while socializing with other families in an indoor play setting. Play Central follows the Grosse Pointe Public School District calendar so holidays and snow days will be observed.

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Suicide Prevention: Who? What? How? Where?

March 26, 7:30 - 9:30pm at Pierce Middle School Auditorium,
15430 Kercheval Ave, Grosse Pointe Park, **FREE**, no need to register

Parents and students are encouraged to attend an expert panel discussion on suicide prevention. We will explore **WHO** is at risk, **WHAT** signs and symptoms to look for, **HOW** to address suicide ideation, and **WHERE** to get help. There will be an open question and answer session following the panel.

Presented in partnership with the Kevin's Song Education Task Force.
For more information, please call 313-236-7109

Featuring Gigi Columbini, LMSW, Amelia Lehto, Elise Boyd and Nancy Buyle. Moderated by Beth Walsh-Sahutske, MA, LPC, Counseling Department Chair, Grosse Pointe South High School.

Don't Let the Cuteness Factor Trick You: Speech and Reading Skills in Children

April 18, 2018, 7pm at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd, Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE**

The Impact of Speech-Sound Disorders on Reading

Speech-sound development is one of the foundations to reading acquisition. As a result, children with speech-sound disorders are at a much higher risk for having/developing problems with reading skills.

We will discuss what parents can do to help their child develop speech sounds and foster a love of reading even before learning to read. We will also provide tips on how to help the older child with reading, typical vs. atypical speech patterns, and how to decide when to seek help from a professional.

Helping Students Develop Appropriate Reading and Spelling Strategies Early On

Children and students need to be able to independently read words they come across, and find meaning in those words when strung into a sentence. It is challenging for children to find meaning when they are simply trying to figure out HOW to read the words on the page. Learn about phonological awareness and why its mastery prior to reading and spelling is encouraged.

We will discuss how children transition from hearing and vocalizing sounds to blending and segmenting sounds in words to read and spell. We will also provide tips to help your child or student make progress in their reading development.

Featuring Sara Martin of Speech with Sara and Angelina Spiteri-Bender of Brainspring Learning Centers.

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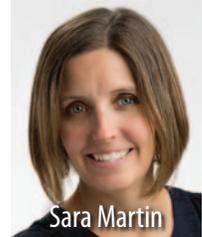
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An Overview: Autism Spectrum Disorders

April 25, 2018, 7pm at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE**
Although 1 in 68 children are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder there are still myths and misconceptions about what Autism really is.

This workshop will examine those myths and misconceptions, define Autism and talk about the impacts on the individual, family and community. It is designed for parents, grandparents, family members, caregivers, professionals and community members interested in learning more about Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Featuring April Ceno, LMSW, Program Manager of Autism Services at Training and Treatment Innovations, Inc.

Meet & Greet for Professionals

May 10, 9:30am - Noon, at The War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE**
Connect and exchange information with other professionals working with youth, adults and families (educators, therapists, physicians, attorneys, dentists, clergy, etc.)

Presented by The Family Center in partnership with The War Memorial and Pointe Publishing Company. Welcome Sponsor: Sanford House Addiction Treatment Centers.

Special offer for attendees: 50% off for new advertisers in Pointe Publishing Company publications: Grosse Pointe News, Pointe Magazine or Detroit River Living magazine.

Aging in Place

May 16, 7pm at Wilson Center: Senior Resources for Independent Living, 648 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, **FREE**

Join us to discuss ways to enhance the quality of life for older adults experiencing functional and physical changes related to aging and ways to remain independent in your home. Learn about the new Wilson Center Senior Resources for Independent Living.

Featuring Marianne Garascia, social worker, and Cynthia Shields, nurse practitioner.

New! Podcasts

Visit familycenterweb.org for audio podcasts that offer a brief introduction to many of our *Ask the Experts Talks*.

Currently available are:

The ABC's of Dementia and Caregiving

Raising Empathic Children in a Disconnected Age

Technology in the Classroom: Is it the best fit for your child?

Family Center Introduction

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