



# TREETOP TALK



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**April 2022**

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### **April is Autism Acceptance Month**

April was previously known as Autism Awareness Month. In 2021, it was changed to Autism Acceptance Month. This change in designation is an important modification. The Autism Society of America suggested the revision in order to ignite a change in the lives of those with autism. Most people are aware of autism or know someone with autism. However, acceptance means that you include that person in your everyday activities, provide support, and help them connect to other people and their community. Acceptance means individuals work together to build a more welcoming and inclusive community to support individuals with autism.

The Autism Society of America is calling attention to some nationwide initiatives:

- **First Responder Training:**
  - Approximately 20% of young adults with autism will have some kind of interaction with police officers or other first responders. Anna Shaw Children's Institute has partnered with the Yellow Dot Program to provide an easy and quick way for first responders to identify that an individual has special medical and/or developmental needs. If you are interested in this free program, please contact Jessica Truelove, Practice Manager of Anna Shaw Children's Institute. For more information on the Yellow Dot Program, please visit: [www.dph.georgia.gov](http://www.dph.georgia.gov)
- **Employment Advocacy:**
  - More than 70% of adults with autism are unemployed or under-employed. This group is urging employers to expand to more inclusive hiring practices. With proper support, individuals with autism can bring a strong skill set to the job site. Anna Shaw Children's Institute is proud to partner with the North

Georgia Autism Foundation and support the Georgia Bridge Academy. The Dalton branch has a classroom at Cross Plains Community Partner Campus, which is a postsecondary school that trains adult students for a career in the IT field. For more information on this free program, please visit: [www.ngafinc.org](http://www.ngafinc.org)

- Another resource available through the North Georgia Autism Foundation is “Hire Autism,” which is a program dedicated to providing employment opportunities and workplace resources for individuals with autism. The link also enables employers to learn more about autism. It offers tips and tools to help with accommodations specific to the job seeker. For more information, please visit: [www.researchautism.org](http://www.researchautism.org)

Clinical services at Anna Shaw Children’s Institute are geared toward children from birth through age 11. However, we advocate for all individuals with any type of developmental disability. We focus on early identification and intervention, promoting supports and services to promote inclusion in all aspects of the child’s and family’s life. We are proud to work with community partners who share our vision of an inclusive environment that support our mission statement to “provide champion care for children and families for happy, healthy lives.”

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Classes to **Help, Advise, & Motivate Parents**

# CHAMP

## Webinar Series



Webinar Series

Tuesday, May 3

**12pm**

Topic:

**Summer Learning Fun**

Presenters:

Nancy Carnevale, MD  
Developmental Pediatrician

Lindsey Coker, M.Ed.  
Educational Resource Coordinator

Visit the event section on

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for live streaming information.



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# Parent Support Group



**The Parent Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.**

All parents, grandparents, guardians, and other family members of children with special needs are invited to take part in this parent-led Parent Support Group. (Your child does not have to be a patient of Anna Shaw Children's Institute).

Anna Shaw Children's Institute follows social distancing and CDC safety guidelines.

- CHILDREN ARE WELCOME
- CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED
- FREE PIZZA, DRINKS, AND A FUN ACTIVITY

Southern Magnolia room on the lower level  
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1201 Burleyson Road  
Dalton, Georgia

To ensure we have plenty of pizza for families,  
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# GRUPO DE APOYO PARA PADRES LATINOS

Todos los padres, abuelos, guardianes, y otros miembros de la familia de niños con necesidades especiales están invitados a tomar parte en un grupo de apoyo para padres, dirigido por los padres.

Anna Shaw Children's Institute se apega a las guías de seguridad y recomendaciones de distanciamiento social de la CDC.



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**SEGUNDO VIERNES  
DE CADA MES**

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**8:30 - 10:00 am**



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EACH MONTH**

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