

**Family Resource  
Center for  
Disabilities &  
Special Needs**

# The Coalition

**Parent Training  
& Resource  
Center (PTRC)**

**January 2015**

## **The Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act**

After Eight Years, Congress' most bipartisan bill was passed. Following overwhelming passage in the House of Representatives (404-17), the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act (H.R. 647/S. 313) passed the US Senate as part of the Tax Extenders Package.

No other bill before the 113th Congress equals or surpasses the ABLE Act's bipartisan and bicameral support. As one of the Senate champions of the bill, Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) said "Passage of the ABLE Act is a major victory for those with disabilities and their families. This bill reminds us all that those with disabilities have a lot of ability. Soon those with disabilities and their families will be able to better save for their long-term care."

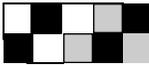
"Some have called the ABLE Act the most significant piece of legislation affecting the disabled since passage of the American Disabilities Act nearly 25 years ago. I got involved in this effort nearly 8 years ago with Senator Casey. Families of severely disabled children came to us expressing the critical need for an easy way to save for their child's future expenses, especially since many Americans with Down syndrome and autism are now outliving their parents," said Senator Burr, another supporter. "Most middle-class families don't have the money to spend on lawyers and financial planners to set up sophisticated trusts to make sure that their disabled child will be OK long after they are gone. What's worse, current federal law actually discourages parents from putting any assets in the name of their disabled child in fear of disqualifying them from federal programs down the road. It's utterly unacceptable that our cur-

rent laws doom a child born with a disability to a lifetime of poverty and dependence. This is especially unfortunate when a parent or other family member has the resources and the desire to save and plan for that child's future expenses but are advised by lawyers and planners not to. The ABLE Act will take the first critical step in ending this injustice."

The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) has been one of the leading advocacy organizations behind the ABLE Act for over eight years and four Congresses. Last week, ABLE House Champions renamed the landmark legislation to honor NDSS' late Vice Chairman and chief ABLE Act architect Stephen Beck Jr., who passed away suddenly just days after the House passage. "The ABLE Act's initial concept grew out of an idea around Steve Beck's kitchen table, and now will be forever marked with his legacy," said NDSS Chairman Rob Taishoff.

"The ABLE Act proves that people with disabilities and their families can make a difference. We fought long and hard to make the ABLE Act a reality for all people with Down syndrome and their families in this country," said Sara Weir, NDSS interim President. "This landmark legislation puts a stake in the ground that people with disabilities, for the first time ever, can work and save money for the future."

Under current law, people with disabilities cannot have more than \$2,000 worth of assets before critical government support programs they need are cut off. In the face of enormous medical, transportation, and education costs, that amount does not extend very far and certainly hinders independent living. In addition to NDSS, more than 100 other national organizations have endorsed the bill, which will ease the financial strain on families who have loved ones with disabilities. More information can be found at: <http://www.ndss.org/Advocacy/Legislative-Agenda/Creating-an-Economic-Future-for-Individuals-with-Down-Syndrome/>



## Adult Preventative Dental Service

For those over 21 who have Medicaid, preventative dental services are covered effective December 1! Covered services include diagnostics, extractions, fillings and an annual cleaning, up to a maximum benefit of \$750 per state fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).

Medicaid enrolled dentists may seek reimbursement from the Fee-for-Service Healthy Connections program for preventative dental benefit services. These services are available to members age 21 and over that have full Healthy Connections benefits.

Members with special needs diagnoses or members receiving treatment by an oral surgeon may also receive medically necessary sedation services, which are excluded from the annual maximum benefit amount, but require pre-payment review from DentaQuest.

This new adult benefit is in addition to the services currently covered for the treatment of exceptional medical services (Section 4.07 of the Dental Office Reference Manual) and for the provision of emergency medical CPT procedures by oral surgeons (Section 4.06 of the Dental Office Reference Manual). Exceptional medical services are not included in the annual maximum benefit limitation. Members that are enrolled in the Intellectually Disabled /Related Disabilities waiver (ID/RD), formerly known as Mentally Retarded/ Related Disabilities waiver (MR/RD), are not limited to those services included in the adult preventative dental benefit. These members may continue to receive the full range of dental services as outlined in Exhibit C of the Dental Office Reference Manual.

South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services (SCDHHS) requires a copayment from adult members toward the cost of their preventative (non-emergent care). Participating providers should collect a dental copayment on each date of service for adult members. The copayment amount is currently \$3.40. Medicaid members may not be denied services if they are unable to pay the copayment at the time the services are rendered; however, this does not relieve members of the responsibility for the copayment. It is the provider's responsibility to collect the copayment from the beneficiary in order to receive full reimbursement for a service. The amount of the copayment will be deducted from the provider's Medicaid payment.

Effective with the implementation of the adult preventative dental benefit, SCDHHS will be adding

D0274 for all covered populations (adults, children and ID/RD members) to allow providers to bill for four radiographic bitewing images. The reimbursement rate for this service is \$27.51. Details on this code may be found in the December 1, 2014 version of the Dental Office Reference Manual.

Please refer any questions or concerns regarding this bulletin to the DentaQuest Provider Call Center at 888-307-6553. Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid Program.

### Anti-Bullying Guidance to Protect Students with Disabilities

On Oct. 21, 2014, Catherine E. Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, US Department of Education, issued a "Dear Colleague" letter announcing new guidance regarding the bullying of students with disabilities. The letter reads, in part:

"While there is broad consensus that bullying is wrong and cannot be tolerated in our schools, the sad reality is that bullying persists in our schools today, and especially so for students with disabilities. In recent years, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in the U.S. Department of Education (Department) has received an ever-increasing number of complaints concerning the bullying of students with disabilities and the effects of that bullying on their education, including on the special education and related services to which they are entitled. This troubling trend highlights the importance of OCR's continuing efforts to protect the rights of students with disabilities through the vigorous enforcement of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II). It also underscores the need for schools to fully understand their legal obligations to address and prevent disability discrimination in our schools."

"Today's guidance follows a long history of guidance issued by the Department in this critical area of disability discrimination. In 2000, OCR and the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) issued joint guidance informing

## Anti-Bullying Guidance.....Continued

schools that disability-based harassment may deny a student equal educational opportunities under Section 504 and Title II. The 2000 guidance also noted the responsibilities of schools under Section 504 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to ensure that students receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE), and alerted schools that harassment of a student based on disability may adversely impact the school's provision of FAPE to the student. In 2010, OCR issued a Dear Colleague Letter on Harassment and Bullying that provided further guidance concerning when a school's inappropriate response to bullying or harassment of a student based on disability constitutes a disability-based harassment violation under Section 504 and Title II. In 2013, OSERS issued a Dear Colleague Letter on Bullying of Students with Disabilities that, in turn, provided additional guidance to schools that the bullying of a student with a disability on any basis can result in a denial of FAPE under IDEA that must be remedied."

"Building on OSERS's 2013 guidance, today's guidance explains that the bullying of a student with a disability on any basis can similarly result in a denial of FAPE under Section 504 that must be remedied; it also reiterates schools' obligations to address conduct that may constitute a disability-based harassment violation and explains that a school must also remedy the denial of FAPE resulting from disability-based harassment. Following an overview of the federal protections for students with disabilities in schools, the guidance elaborates on the elements of a disability-based harassment violation and a FAPE violation, discusses how OCR generally analyzes complaints involving bullying of students with disabilities on each of these bases, and then concludes with a series of hypothetical examples that illustrate varying circumstances when conduct may constitute both a disability-based harassment violation and FAPE violation, a FAPE violation, or neither. Although by no means exhaustive, in the context of this discussion, the guidance also offers some insight into what OCR might require of a school to remedy instances of bullying upon a finding of disability discrimination. OCR urges schools to consider these hypothetical resolution agreement provisions in proactively working to ensure a safe school environment, free from discrimination, for all students."

The 13 page "Dear Colleague" letter continues with more specifics regarding protections under Section 504 and Title II and provides the specific guidelines referenced in this article, as well as the research citations. Unfortunately limited space prohibits the publication of the full letter/guidance but it may be found at this website:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-bullying-201410.pdf>



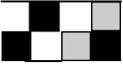
## A Proposed Bill Whose Time Has Come

On Dec 3, 2014, State Legislator Senator John L. Scott, Jr. (D-District 19-Richland County) pre-filed Senate Bill 147. On the same day, the bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. As written it is:

"A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-39-105 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL AWARD A SPECIAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA INSTEAD OF A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OR OTHER CERTIFICATE TO A HANDICAPPED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LAWFULLY ASSIGNED TO A SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND WHO COMPLETES AN INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND TO ADOPT RELATED ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS TO EXISTING STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS, TO PROVIDE THESE ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS MUST BE ADMINISTERED TO SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE A SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM MUST SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT FOR THE STUDENT, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION DIPLOMAS AND THE STATUS OF RECIPIENTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION DIPLOMAS AS BEING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY."

To view the bill and to track its progress through the general assembly visit:

[www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121\\_2015-2016/bills/147.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/bills/147.htm)



## Get the Support You Need Check These Out:



**Trident Head Injury Support Group:** meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 PM at the HASCI Drop In Center, Westwood Plaza (intersection of Hwys 7 & 61), Suite 6, next to Hancock Fabrics. For more info: Marsh Mikell at 843-881-1214 or Colin DeResta at 843-852-5550. Follow on Facebook.

**Down Syndrome Association of the Low Country:** sponsors four Information Programs and four Social Events each year - in addition to Mothers Night Out. Check their website at: [www.dsalowcountry.org](http://www.dsalowcountry.org) for a complete calendar of events or email Glenda Crain at: [crainclan@comcast.net](mailto:crainclan@comcast.net). Follow on Facebook

**Parent & Guardian Association of the Coastal Center:** This group supports those with a family member residing at the Coastal Center. General meetings are held four times a year. For more information contact Linda Bodiford at 821-5809 or Suzanne at 276-1001.

**Rett's Syndrome Support:** Families in need of a contact person to access support services for girls with Rett's Syndrome may call Nancy Banov at 556-4632 after 3 PM.

**Trident Spinal Cord Injury Peer Support Group:** This group is open to any person with a spinal cord injury or other mobility difficulties. The meetings provide a forum for the members to discuss issues and concerns and receive immediate feedback. Some members use the meetings to brainstorm possible solutions to ongoing problems. In addition, the group provides members with opportunities to develop a social network. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday evening of every month (6:00-8:00 PM). *Meetings are no longer held at the Golden Corral.* For more information and to confirm the location for the next meeting, contact Barb Delia at 843-572-8600.

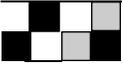
**Grief Support Group for Children** - Bereavement group for children ages 8-12 (1 group) and 13-15 (2nd group) sponsored by Heartland Hospice, 1064 Gardner Rd, Suite 204, West Ashley, Charleston. For more information contact Kimberly at Heartland Hospice, 766-7646.

**Sickle Cell Sisters** (for teenage girls with sickle cell disease) is a therapeutic support group for teenage girls between the ages of 13 and 18. The group meets every other month at MUSC Children's Hospital and focuses on psychosocial aspects of living with sickle cell disease. For more information call Emily Wiebke at 843-792-1968.

**The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)** of the Charleston area offers support group meetings for individuals who suffer from a brain disorder and for family members and caregivers of those who have severe and persistent mental illness. **Notice New Location!** The meetings are 6-7:15 p.m. the second Monday of every month at Seacoast Church, 2049 Savannah Highway in West Ashley. Client member support group will meet in the senior lounge. Family member groups will meet in the JCC program directors conference room. On the Third Monday of each month the group meets at Bethany United Methodist Church, 118 West Third South Street Summerville. For more information, call 843-871-1009 or contact [joann1328@comcast.net](mailto:joann1328@comcast.net) or [name.org/sites/namicharlestonarea](http://name.org/sites/namicharlestonarea)

**Summerville Autism Support** - This group meets frequently, but irregularly, for a night out. Please call Jodi Hortman (870-3485) for information on the next get together.

**We Are Here:** A group for families and caregivers of individuals with all types of disability or special needs. The "sharing & caring" group meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Baum Temple AME Zion Church, 943 W 1st N St, Summerville, SC (843) 873-2475. Participants are encouraged to bring refreshments (but NOT required.) For more information or if you wish to share specific information, plan an activity, or teach a craft or skill please contact Shawnetta at 843-695-8262 or 843-801-7421.



**Epilepsy Support Group** for families of children with epilepsy meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Cathedral of Praise, Bldg. A, Room 103, 3790 Ashley Phosphate Rd., N. Charleston. Look for SAFE sign outside building. The Group meets from 11am-1pm (First hour is education/business meeting, second hour is support group) For more information contact Karen St. Marie at 843-991-7144 or at Karen@scepilepsy.org.

**Low Country Autism Support Group** sponsored by the Early Autism Project meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the Early Autism Project Clinic, 1123 Queensborough Dr., Mt. Pleasant, from 6:30-7:30. Speakers will be invited to each meeting and refreshments are served. Childcare is provided but you must register in advance for the free service. You do not have to be a client of the Early Autism Project to participate. For more information and to register for child care, call Anna Bullard at 912-293-5217.

**Looking for Someone to Talk with about Autism?** There are two on-line ways to reach out to others in the “autism community” in South Carolina. An on-line support group has been organized for teachers, professionals, service providers & family members. To subscribe, send a blank email to: autismsouthcarolina-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

The SCAS has an organized discussion group for parents & families who want to share their joys, stories, challenges, and solutions. To subscribe, send a blank email to: scautismforum-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

**Support Group for Spanish Speaking Families:** 4th Friday of each month from 6-8 PM at the MUSC Northwoods Clinic, 2070 Northbrook Blvd., Suite A-16, N. Charleston. For more info call Martha at 843-876-2505.

**Un grupo de soporte para familias de habla Hispana se reune el cuarto Viernes de cada mes de las 6 a las 8 en la Clinica MUSC Northwoods 2070 Northbrook Blvd, Suite A-16, North Charleston. Para mayor informacion llame a Martha al (843) 876-2505**

**FECHAS REUNIONES 2015**

6:00 PM

**2070 Northbrook Blvd Suite A 16 N. Charleston SC**

January - Enero 23 -Viernes.....February - Febrero 27 - Viernes.....March - Marzo 27 - Viernes  
April - Abril 24 - Viernes.....May - Mayo 22 - Viernes.....June - Junio 26 - Viernes  
July - Julio/ FREE /LIBRE.....August - Agosto 28 - Viernes.....September - Septiembre 25 - Viernes  
October - Octubre 23 - Viernes.....November - Noviembre 20 - Viernes – before Thanksgiving/antes del día del Pavo.....December - Diciembre 18 – Viernes – Christmas Dinner /Cena de Navidad

LAS REUNIONES SON LOS CUARTOS VIERNES DE CADA MES. FAVOR ESTAR EN LA CLINICA ENTRE 6:00 PM Y 6:30 PM.

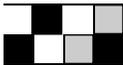
**We try our best to keep this list current. If your group is listed here and no longer meets or if you have a group that should be listed but isn't, please call us: 843-266-1318**

**Check Out:** The South Carolina Bar Association’s on-line booklet to help with transition planning for young adults with disabilities. To find it go to [www.sctbar.org](http://www.sctbar.org) and look for *Transitions, Legal Issues for Parents and Caregivers of Special Needs Children Transitioning to Adulthood*



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Project Officer, Julia Martin Eile.





## Charleston Respite Event for Families Caring for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

February 6, 2015 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The free event will take place at the Children’s Museum of the Lowcountry, 25 Ann Street, Charleston. Availability is limited to 75 children with ASD and their siblings. The children will enjoy many rooms for imaginative play including a castle and pirate ship, art room, market, and more! Snacks will be provided. RSVP by Friday, January 30. You can register at online or contact Sarah at 803.750.6988 or sarah@scautism.org

## SC Assistive Technology Expo 2015

Thursday, March 26, 2015 - 9 am - 4 pm

Brookland Banquet and Conference Center  
1066 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, S.C.

Come see what's new in assistive technology and attend presentations about assistive technology and its use. It's all free! **For more info: (800) 915-4522**

<http://www.sc.edu/scatp/expo/expo15.html>

## The FRC/PTRC Conference

Later this year, the FRC/PTRC will be hosting “**Building Successful Behaviors**” our 16th Conference on Disabilities & Special Needs. Conference specifics will be published in our next newsletter out this spring. Don’t forget to watch for more info or Call us at 843-266-1318.

## Living with ADHD 2 Parent - Professional Discussions

Sponsored by PRO-Parents

On Feb. 5 from 6 - 8 PM

Featuring **Dr. Joel Sussman**

On Feb 6 from 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Featuring **Chris A. Zeigler Dendy, M. S.**

Both sessions are FREE and will be held at:

**Trenholm Road United Methodist Church**

3401 Trenholm Road , Columbia, SC

Registrations can be made on line at Proparents.org (go to events calendar). Or Call 800-759-4776

## Project REX



Project Rex is a treatment initiative dedicated to providing services to children on the autism spectrum and their families. Project Rex is affiliated with MUSC & the Team consists of doctors and therapists with a passion for helping children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and their loved ones. Project Rex services include:

*Use of Cognitive-Behavioral and Activity-Based Therapies to address:*

- Meltdowns and Aggression
- Transitions
- Relating to Others
- Appropriate Play
- Understanding Limitations
- Understanding One’s Own Emotions and the Emotions of Others

*Use of Social Stories to help children learn about appropriate communication, boundaries and coping skills to utilize effectively.*

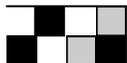
Project Rex also conducts a Parallel Parent Group that includes:

- *Parent Education about Child’s Diagnosis*
- *Parent Support and Coaching about Techniques to Help with Child’s Problem Behaviors*
- *Guest Speakers from the Community & School*

## Limbs Without Limits Special Needs Sports Clinic

Limbs Without Limits is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to support, motivate and empower individuals living with a mobility impairment to live a healthier more active lifestyle.

In 2010, Jeff and Emily Nolan were faced with a life-changing event when Jeff, who was injured in a work related accident, chose to have his lower leg amputated. Both before and after the amputation Jeff and Emily received moral support from family, friends and their community and despite the devastation of



## Project REX

*District to Help Access Resources & Information*

Project Rex will be adding several new groups in January 2015. In addition to the age group ages 5-10, the staff will offer a group for adult (age 18 and up). Yoga (ages 5 and up) is being offered as well. Another new group, Project Peers (ages 11-18) is for ASD students and ADHD students.

Project Peers ASD will meet Tuesdays from 4:00-5:30 PM beginning 1/20/2015-4/28/2015

Project Peers ADHD will meet Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 beginning 1/22/2015-4/30/2015

Pre-Teen/Teen Rex (age 11-15) will meet Thursdays from 8:30am-10:00am 1/22/2015-4/30/2015

School age groups (ages 5-10) will meet Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00PM 1/22/2015-3/10/2015

All of the groups will share the common goals of increasing calming and coping skills, making and keeping friends, developing emotional intelligence and social skills. Children participating will meet for approximately 45 minutes with certified therapists and parents will participate in their own group. Project Rex is covered 100% by Medicaid and most private insurance is accepted. To register or for more information call 843-729-9162 or go to [www.projectrex.org](http://www.projectrex.org).

## Limbs Without Limits

losing a limb; Jeff quickly regained his active lifestyle. The Nolans credit Jeff's speedy recovery to the kindness and dedication of others which is why they formed Limbs Without Limits. Limbs Without Limits offers the same guidance and support that was given to Jeff and Emily during their time of need. By forming this nonprofit, they aim to help other families who are faced with a similar situation.

During the past few months, Limbs Without Limits has been offering special needs sports clinics. The last two were gymnastics & yoga clinics. New events are in the planning stage but dates were not available at publication date. For upcoming events contact Emily Nolan at (843) 725-9301 or Email: [info@limbswithoutlimits.org](mailto:info@limbswithoutlimits.org) Or visit the website: <http://www.limbswithoutlimits.org>

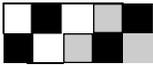
## Job Opportunity from the Federation of Families

The Federation of Families of SC is seeking to employ a full-time Parenting Peer Support Provider. The agency is seeking parents/caregivers who have had the primary caregiving responsibility raising a child with emotional, behavioral, or mental health needs. This position will be based in the regional Continuum of Care office in N. Charleston.

Parenting Peer Support Providers will work with families in their homes and in the community which will include outreach activities such as face to face meetings, telephone, mail, email, social media, and support groups with family members/primary caregivers of children and youth identified with, or at risk of emotional or behavioral challenges as well as professionals that serve them. Parenting Peer Support Providers will participate in Individualized Education Planning (IEP) meetings, Plan of Care meetings, child welfare and court hearings, and other meetings pertaining to the identified child's behavioral health care needs. Parenting Peer Support Providers will develop support networks in the family members' community including support and educational groups and natural support networks amongst peer families. *Position requirements:*

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Lived experience as parent or primary caregiver of a child, youth or young adult with a mental, emotional, or behavioral challenge.
- Valid driver's license
- Reliable transportation
- Ability to pass required background checks including Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Ability to work a flexible schedule to including evening and weekend meetings with parents.
- Knowledge of, or ability to develop familiarity with, pertinent community resources, wraparound principles, children's mental health, and navigating child serving systems such as mental health, special education, child welfare, and juvenile justice.
- Strong communication & writing skills
- Proficiency with Microsoft office and social media
- Ability to work effectively within a team or independently.

If interested, submit your resume & cover letter to: Belinda at [belinda.pearson@fedfamsc.org](mailto:belinda.pearson@fedfamsc.org) or call: (866) 779-0402



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## Check Out These Upcoming Events

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mapping Your Future Transition Conference

Saturday, February 28 -- Furman University  
3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, SC

Conference Topics will include:

- Disability Rights in Education and Employment
- Life Skills for Independence
- Options for Life After High School
- Student Led IEP Meetings
- Student Empowerment
- Transition Panel of Former Students

This Conference is FREE & includes lunch & a Resource Fair. On Feb. 27th a Transition Conference for professionals will be held at the same location with a cost of \$25. On-line registration for both is: [www.able-sc.org](http://www.able-sc.org) Or Call Robbie Kopp at 800-681-6805 or [rkopp@able-sc.org](mailto:rkopp@able-sc.org)

### South Carolina Autism Society Annual Conference

Friday, April 17 -- Dr. Jed Baker, Keynote Speaker  
The River Center, Saluda Shoals Park, 5605 Bush  
River Rd Columbia, SC

For more info call 1-800-438-4790

### 2015 Hopes & Dreams Conference

Family Connections of South Carolina

March 6th and 7th  
Cardinal Newman High School, Columbia

Contact Les Barker, Conference Coordinator, at  
803-252-0914 for more info or Email:  
[lbarker@familyconnectionsc.org](mailto:lbarker@familyconnectionsc.org)