

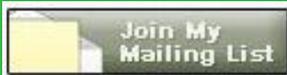
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Pedaling 4 a Purpose Bike Against Bullying

Saturday,
October 4th

Kids Konnection
Playground, Koop
Drive Trailhead

T-shirt pick up begins
at 9:30 am

Event begins at
10:00 am

Northshore Families Helping Families is excited to announce two new fundraising events during October!

Pedaling 4 a Purpose: Bike Against Bullying and Masquerade

Find out more inside!

We are looking forward to an exciting Fall!

Friday,
October 24th
Vintage Court,
Covington
8:00–11:00 pm



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You are always welcome at NFHF Board Meetings. Our next board meeting will be held Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 5:30pm at the NFHF office. If you would like to address the board, call Sue Ellen Stewart at 985-875-0511.

If you are interested in joining our board, fill out [this form](#) and return it to the NFHF office.



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You can help make a difference by directly donating to our organization. Many companies are interested in donating to non-profit organizations and will match an individual's contribution.

Please contact Sue Ellen Stewart with questions.

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Mission: To provide the individualized services, information, resources and support needed to positively enhance the independence, productivity and inclusion of persons with disabilities.

Vision: To ensure all individuals with disabilities have the opportunity to attend school, live, work, recreate in their own communities.



The Impact of Constitutional Amendment #1

On November 4th Louisiana voters will decide on a constitutional amendment that, if passed, will have a negative impact on many people with developmental disabilities, seniors, and other vulnerable populations.

Research has shown that people with developmental disabilities who live in their own homes or with their families are happier, healthier, more independent, and more included in their communities than people with developmental disabilities who live in institutional or other congregate settings. They have more opportunities to develop relationships with people without disabilities, work in meaningful jobs, perform volunteer work, and be contributing members of society.

People with developmental disabilities often need support services to enable them to live at home, such as assistance with eating, dressing, transferring in and out of a wheelchair, and managing their finances. Families often need a break from their caregiving responsibilities to attend to personal and household responsibilities. Many people/families receive support services from a program called the home and community-based waiver that enable them to remain in their homes and communities. The average cost of these services is less than the average cost of an institutional setting. Unfortunately, over 13,000 people with developmental disabilities in Louisiana are on a waiting list for home and community-based waiver services. In addition, approximately 36,000 senior citizens, and adults who acquired a disability later in life, are also waiting for home and community-based services.

Each year the Louisiana Legislature meets and must approve the state budget. When budget cuts are necessary, the legislature is limited in which areas they can make cuts because most of the state budget is protected or “dedicated,” meaning the funds can’t be spent on anything else. The portion of the budget that CAN be cut includes health care and higher education so these areas take a disproportionate share of the cuts. The health care budget includes services for people with developmental disabilities, seniors, and other vulnerable populations, such as those needing hospice or mental health services.

In November, voters will consider proposed Constitutional Amendment #1 which, if passed, would provide constitutional rate protection for nursing homes and institutions for people with developmental disabilities. In other words, funding for these institutions would move to the “protected” part of the budget, making it very difficult to cut. The small piece of the “budget pie” that is currently “unprotected” and available for cuts will shrink if this constitutional amendment passes, leaving home and community-based and other critical services, and higher education, more vulnerable to cuts.

The overwhelming majority of people with disabilities want to live at home or with their families. Many people are concerned that if Constitutional Amendment #1 passes, it will negatively impact those who need support to remain in their own homes.



ADVOCACY CENTER

SERVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

LA Constitutional Amendment #1 Puts People with Disabilities and Seniors at Risk

When Louisianans go to the polls on November 4, 2014, they will be asked to vote for or against Constitutional Amendment #1.

The amendment reads:

“Do you support an amendment to authorize the legislature to create the Louisiana Medical Assistance Trust Fund, for the payment of Medicaid reimbursement to the health care provider groups paying fees into the fund?”

Simply reading the text of this amendment tells the voter almost nothing about the consequences of a vote for or against the amendment. What are those consequences?

First and foremost, Constitutional Amendment #1 further restricts budget flexibility in Louisiana. Higher education and healthcare are currently the only two unprotected areas of LA’s budget, thereby being the only parts of the budget that can be cut during deficits. CA #1 will change that, adding certain parts of the healthcare budget to the list of protected budget items. Those areas that would be protected by CA #1 are rates for nursing homes, group homes, and pharmacies. This will tie up an additional 31% of the healthcare budget.

What will NOT be protected are most of the services that affect the 45,000 people with chronic and long-term disabilities who are on a waiting list to receive health and related services in their home rather than in institutions.

If passed, CA #1 will leave the following important services vulnerable to additional budget cuts:

- Home and community based waiver services that assist seniors and people with disabilities to remain in their own homes
- Individual and family support services for people with disabilities
 - Mental health services
 - Hospice
- Services provided by Councils on Aging
 - Primary care
- Early Intervention for infants and toddlers with disabilities
- Employment supports for people with disabilities

Only you can decide the fairness of protecting services like nursing home care, group home care, and pharmaceuticals (all of which have a strong lobby) and NOT protecting services that people really want. If you are concerned with the implications of CA #1, think carefully when you vote on November 4th.

To connect with advocates who are concerned about these issues, visit www.facebook.com/LA4HomeCare and www.twitter.com/LA4HomeCare.

NFHF Quarterly Events

SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Mellow Mushroom Give Back Day	9	10	11	12	13 Cosplay Event at 2nd and Charles
14	15	16	17	18	19 InterACT NOLA play in Covington	20 STOPS Walk
21	22 Meet and Greet: Tie Dye	23	24	25 Know Your Ballot! LaCAN/ LaTEACH	26 Friends, Food and a Flick 6:30 pm NFHF office	27
28	29 Family Engagement Workshop	30				

OCTOBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Pedaling 4 a Purpose
5	6	7	8 "Bully and Bullied" workshop	9	10	11
12 Meet and Greet: Global Wildlife	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Masquerade	25
26	27	28	29 Minding the Gap Workshop	30	31 Meet and Greet: Pumpkins and Pastries	

NOVEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8
9 Audubon Zoo Special Needs Day	10	11	12	13	14	15 Touch A Truck 3 Rivers Art Fest
16 3 Rivers Art Fest	17	18	19	20	21	22 Renaissance Fest Day
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29
	30					

DECEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 NFHF Adult Program Holiday Party	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Breakfast with Santa
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed	31 Office Closed			



Pedaling
4 a
Purpose
Bike Against Bullying

On October 4th, Northshore Families Helping Families will be hosting Pedaling 4 a Purpose at the Koop Drive Trailhead in Mandeville. Pedaling 4 a Purpose will be a family oriented biking event that will raise funds to assist NFHF in continuing our mission. The theme of Pedaling 4 a Purpose is Bike Against Bullying. The event aligns with Bullying Awareness Month. As you know, individuals with disabilities are often subject to this menacing behavior.

The leisurely ride will begin at 10:00 am at the Koop Drive Trailhead. It will go to the Mandeville Trailhead and back, totaling about 8.5 miles and will conclude at 1:00 pm. The family friendly event will feature a scavenger hunt, children activities, music and more!

No bike, no problem! Walk, jog or simply come to support the cause!
You are able to go whatever distance you are comfortable with.

Lunch and refreshments will be available.

Registration for individuals 10 and older will be available for \$20 per person.
Children under 10 may register for \$10.

***To be guaranteed an event t-shirt of your size preference,
preregister by September 19th.***

Teams are encouraged to form and compete for prizes in the following categories:

Most Money Raised
Most Members
Best Team Name
Get creative!

[Register now!](#)



Masquerade

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On October 24th, Northshore Families Helping Families will be hosting *Masquerade* at Vintage Court in Covington. *Masquerade* will be a costume fundraising gala, benefitting our organization. The event will be held from 8:00—11:00 pm. Tickets will be available for \$50 per person. Full tables for eight people may be purchased for \$500.

The event is for adults over the age of 21 only.

With Representative John Schroder as Master of Ceremonies, the event will include a buffet-style meal, open bar, as well as a silent auction. Entertainment will feature a DJ, tarot card reader, fire breathers and other side show attractions.

Tickets will soon be available for purchase through our [website](#).

Sponsorships are available until September 25th.

Visit the [sponsor section](#) on our website for more details.

Come dressed in your best Halloween attire for a night of costumes and cocktails!
See you there!



EAT, DRINK AND BE SCARY

Adult Program Spotlight

On Friday, August 6, 2014, the Adult Program at NFHF hosted another pool party! Attendance was great and we received so much wonderful feedback. NFHF would like to thank our sponsors for helping us make it such a successful evening. Be sure to stay on the lookout for more Adult Program events!



Special thanks to our sponsors:

Laura Cressy, Community Relations Director
Clarion Inn & Suites Conference Center,
Covington

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The Adult Program offers a variety of events for those ages 16 and older. Special events are listed on the calendar, posted on our website and sent via email. Please contact Sharon Delvisco, Adult Program Coordinator at sharondelvisco@fhfnorthshore.org or 985-875-0511 with questions.

Northshore Families Helping Families Book and Journal Club
Covington at St. John's Coffee House @ 535 East Boston St
Every Wednesday, 1pm

Hammond at Books A Million @ 325 Palace Dr
Every Thursday, 10am

Northshore Families Helping Families Bowling
Tiffany Lanes, Mandeville
Thursdays: 4:30pm
Saturdays: 11:00am

Northshore Families Helping Families Dinner Club
TBA

Tell us how Northshore Families Helping Families has made a difference in your life and we will include it in our media publications. Send your story to info@fhfnorthshore.org.

We want to hear from you!



welcome

Tammy Roblez joins us as the new LaTEACH Region 9 Leader. She has been a St. Tammany resident since 1999. Tammy has three wonderful children and two awesome step-daughters. She enjoys gardening, cooking, and entertaining family and friends. Tammy is excited to dive in during the new legislative session and is looking forward to working with Region 9 LaTEACH members. Tammy can be reached at 985-710-0472 or at tammy.roblez@lateach.org.



LATEACH
Louisiana Together Educating ALL Children

LaCAN is a statewide grassroots network of individuals, families and advocates who have worked together since 1988 advocating for a service system that supports individuals with disabilities to live in their own homes rather than having to be segregated from their communities in a facility to receive support. For more information, contact Region 9 LaCAN Leader, Sharon Delvisco at 985-875-0511 or lacan.region9@gmail.com

LaTEACH is a statewide grassroots advocacy network created for the purpose of effecting systems change. LaTEACH promotes appropriate, inclusive education for all students. LaTEACH works to make parents, educators, the general public, and state leadership informed and supportive of research-based and effective practices used appropriately for each student. For more information, contact Region 9 LaTEACH Leader, Tammy Roblez at 985-710-0472 or tammy.roblez@lateach.org.

[Act 833](#) of 2014 established alternative pathways for certain students with disabilities to be able to be promoted to the next grade level and graduate from high school. Visit www.laddc.org for more information about Act 833.

Join Northshore Families Helping Families for the Region 9 Florida Parishes LaCAN and LaTEACH Team Meeting. Hear updates about waiver offers in Florida Parishes, Individual and Family Support services, the latest advocacy agenda items and more!

The meeting will be held Thursday, September 25 at 5:30 pm. at Lakeview Regional Medical Center in the Magnolia Room at 95 Judge Tanner Blvd in Covington. There will be a workshop entitled "Know Your Ballot" presented by Stephanie Patrick from the Advocacy Center following the LaCAN and LaTEACH Member Meeting discussing the Advocacy Agenda for the 2015 legislative session.

Save the Date!

The Region 9 Florida Parishes LaCAN and LaTEACH Legislative Roundtable Breakfast will be held in Hammond at 8 am on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. Stay tuned for more details!

Act 833 of 2014

Alternative Pathways for Grade Promotion and Graduation

[Act 833](#) establishes alternative pathways for grade promotion and graduation for students with disabilities who have not passed standardized tests or met local requirements for promotion. This shift in policy is a monumental departure from Louisiana being among the states with the most stringent and restrictive policies for grade promotion and graduation to Louisiana joining many states in recognizing the role a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) should have in determining student outcomes.

Which Students are Eligible?

Promotion

- Did not pass standardized test (prior year)
- Did not meet requirements for promotion (prior year)

Graduation

- Did not pass standardized tests:
 - any two (2) of most recent three (3) years; or,
 - two (2) administrations of any End-of-Course test.

Which Students are NOT Eligible?

Students with disabilities who have met requirements on standardized tests or for promotion and/or graduation will not be provided an alternative pathway to be promoted to the next grade or graduate.

[Introductory PowerPoint on Act 833](#)

[Introduction to Act 833 Training Module](#)

[Additional Information on Act 833](#)

Rules will be promulgated to guide the implementation of Act 833. Stakeholders will continue advocating to ensure the rules reflect the intent and spirit of Act 833.

To join in the advocacy efforts for this and other issues related to students with disabilities, join [LaTEACH](#).



Louisiana Developmental
Disabilities Council

LaDDC NEWS

The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council is made up of people from every region of the state who are appointed by the governor to develop and implement a five year plan to address the needs of persons with disabilities. Developmental Disabilities Councils were founded as a result of the passage of the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act. Councils were created to promote capacity building and systemic change through advocacy activities. Councils are committed to the development of an individual and family-centered, comprehensive system and a coordinated array of culturally competent supports and services designed to promote self determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion into the community for individuals with developmental disabilities.

The Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council is recruiting motivated individuals with developmental disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities to apply for the 2015 class of Partners in Policymaking. The Council is especially interested in individuals who have the enthusiasm and potential to become effective advocates.

Participants attend one weekend training session in Baton Rouge each month from January through June. Individual sessions are devoted to specific topics presented by nationally-known experts. Sessions begin Friday at 12:00 PM and conclude on Saturday at 3:00 PM. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.

Participants are expected to complete assignments between sessions and one major assignment in order to graduate in June. Lodging and meals are provided. Respite care and attendant services are reimbursed for participants who qualify.

To be considered for the next Partners class, completed applications must be received via e-mail or fax or postmarked no later than September 30, 2014. Final selection of participants will be made by November 15, 2014.

The next session begins January 2015.

Contact Robbie Gray at 800-450-8108 or robbie.gray@la.gov if you have any questions.

Learn more or apply [here](#).

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Provided by the Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center (LaPTIC)



LaPTIC provides fast access to 1 hour training by computer and phone to meet the demands of your busy life! Hear guest speakers on interesting topics, plus LaPTIC Staff providing information!

Register: Visit www.fhfjefferson.org and click "Trainings and Events." LaPTIC uses Go To Webinar to provide online trainings. Once you register for a webinar, you will get an Email invitation that includes a test to check your computer's compatibility with Go To Webinar before the meeting. We highly recommend you check your computer's compatibility before logging in so you can resolve any technical issues before joining the class. You may also call Families Helping Families of Jefferson at (504) 888-9111 or (800) 766-7736 or email info@fhfjefferson.org to register.

Preparing for a Successful IEP Meeting: Whether it's the first meeting for your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or you're reviewing the IEP for the fifth time, preparation is the key to having a successful meeting! You will learn:

- tips for how to prepare for your child's IEP meeting;
- what to bring to the IEP meeting;
- how to organize and present information that represents your child's best interests

Date: Saturday, September 6, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF Jefferson

"A Parents' Survival Guide for Children Identified as Academically Gifted" - Points to address will include the following: the Educational Rights of students identified as Gifted (Bulletin 1706) the underachieving learner who is Gifted organizational skills of learners who are Gifted social/emotional needs of learners who are Gifted

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Presenter: Patricia P. Blanchard, Educational Consultant

Assertive Discipline: This webinar is designed for parents only. Presentation will address many needs of today's parents such as: How to more effectively communicate with your child How and when to provide positive support when your children behaves How to avoid being manipulated by your child's attitudes, threats and anger

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2014

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Presenters: Michael McNeil, LCSW and Michelle Rigling, Manager of Development

ALL ABOARD! LaPTIC TRAINING EXPRESS

Provided by the Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center (LaPTIC)



Talented will be "A Parents' Survival Guide for Children Identified as Talented in Music, Theatre and/or Visual Arts" - Points to address will include the following: Educational Rights of students identified as Talented New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) Arts Instruction Academic Studio Admissions

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Presenter: Patricia P. Blanchard, Educational Consultant

Special Education Communication, Negotiation & Conflict Resolution Workshop:

- Would you like to learn how to better communicate what your child needs?
- Does your child have an educational plan that is not being carried out and you want to know what steps to take?

If you answered yes, then this workshop is designed for you!

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF Jefferson

Special Education Evaluations: Why to Evaluate and What to Expect - This webinar will cover why an evaluation would or would not take place. We will discuss what parents should expect to happen, based on the law and on typical practices. We will also cover how the information is used to determine eligibility for special education. Finally, we will discuss how parents can help in the evaluation process and how to get assistance when they need it.

Date: Thursday September 25, 2014

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF Jefferson

LSU Health Occupational Therapy Capstone Survey

This survey has been developed by a group of students pursuing their Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy. The results of this survey will be used to supplement the students' capstone project regarding social supports for children with special needs.

If you are the parent or caregiver of a school-aged child with special needs and are interested in providing information related to our research, please use the following link to complete the survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Fo8rQNChjvbd87Ct6qEI-_k11sBXVJrIVHQMqHFT4Yg/viewform?usp=send_form

The survey responses will remain anonymous and will not collect any identifying information. Furthermore, the results will be presented in an educational setting and will only be used for learning purposes. Thank you for taking the time to help with our research. Please complete the survey by Friday, September 26, 2014. If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact Elizabeth Hughs at ehughs@lsuhsc.edu.

Get Involved

NFHF is currently looking to grow our volunteer base. If you are interested, [sign up here](#) or email Emily Lewis at emilylewis@fhfnorthshore.

Regional Interagency Coordinating Council (RICC)

Each region in the state has a Regional Coordinating Council (RICC). This gives parents an opportunity locally to stay current with the latest information and provide valuable feedback to EarlySteps. Parent participation is needed at our Regional Interagency Coordinating Council Meetings. The next RICC meeting is:

October 17, 2014, 9am to 11am
Workforce Commission
1711 Nashville Ave.
Hammond, LA 70401

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

The Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) for Developmental Disabilities Services for Florida Parishes Human Services Authority, established by legislative act, ensures public input in an advisory capacity in the development and implementation of policies, procedures, and the allocation of resources to the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities. This input shall be derived from communication with, but not limited to, individuals with disabilities and their families and other concerned groups or individuals. Give comments about an interest, need or concern about issues facing families or individuals with disabilities. Get information about resources that may be available for you or others. Region 9 RAC wants to hear from you! For more information on the Regional Advisory Committee, email racddsfpghsa@gmail.com.
Next RAC meeting:

Wednesday, September 24th, 2014
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Northshore Pastoral Center-Board Room
69090 E. Highway 190 Service Road
Covington

Florida Parishes Human Services Authority Provider Meeting

Florida Parishes Human Services Authority / Developmental Disabilities Services would like to invite you to attend the next provider meeting. All Region 9 providers who serve people in the New Opportunities Waiver, the Children's Choice Waiver, Supports Waiver and the Residential Options Waiver are strongly encouraged to attend. The building manager has requested that no one park in the rear of the building, as that is for employees and judges only. Park in the front and side parking lots of the building or on the street. The next meeting is:

TBA

**St. Tammany Outreach for the Prevention of Suicide
Awareness, One Step At A Time 2014**

**Join us for more than just a walk,
celebrate hope for our community.**

One step at a time.



5k Run/Walk

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014

Abita Springs Trailhead

Walk/Run as an individual or as a Team!

Registration 7:00 - 7:30 am

For registration information visit

www.stops-la.com or call 985.237.5506.

See stops-la.com for sponsorship levels



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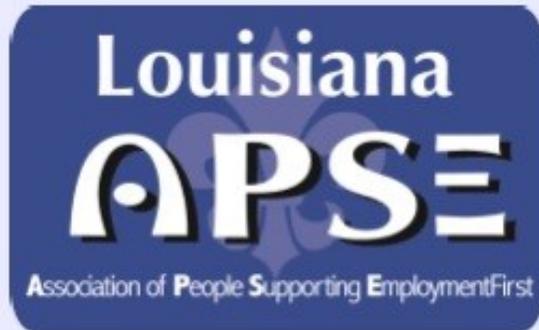
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IN HIRING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Community Support Groups



Helping Hands Down Syndrome

**Resources, Education & Advocacy for Children & Chromosome Disorder
with Disabilities Support Group**



This is a place where you can receive the acceptance and understanding from others in similar circumstances. We offer an abundance of information, resources and support in a social setting. All family members welcome – childcare available (at no cost). Come relax in an environment with other families where you can express yourself freely, share stories of success and hardships, trade information, give and gain support, learn from each other and make friendships to last a lifetime.

For more information on support group times and location, please call or text Tamara Cannon at (985) 507-3050, email at helpinghandsdssg@yahoo.com, or join our private group page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/groups/helpinghandssupport/

Slidell Morning ASD Support Meeting 9am-11am Slidell Memorial Hospital Parenting Center, 2nd floor classroom SMH Wellness Pavilion 501 Robert Blvd., Slidell; Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Slidell Evening ASD Support Group 6:30pm-8:30pm SMH Community Resource Center, 501 Robert Blvd., Slidell; Meets second Monday of every month.

St Tammany ASD Support Meeting 10a-11:30am at soar office 306 Pine St., Madisonville; Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

For more info contact info@soarwithautism.org



strengthening outcomes
with autism resources

www.soarwithautism.org
info@soarwithautism.org
985-796-7627 (soar)

NAMI St Tammany (National Alliance on Mental Illness) hosts monthly support groups to provide a place to share, discuss and resolve issues. Groups are led by a trained facilitator and offer the support needed by families and caregivers who have a loved one with a mental illness.



NAMI
St. Tammany
National Alliance on Mental Illness

For more info, contact NAMI at 985-626-6538 or www.namisttammany.org for detailed list of times and locations

Connection Group: 6:30pm- 8:00pm in Covington, Hammond & Slidell

Updates on support groups and upcoming workshops can be found on the Facebook page and on www.autismanswersofla.org/.

info@autismanswers.org (985) 549-0836
PO Box 1907
Hammond, LA 70404



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Community Support Groups

Grandparents and Others Raising Grandchildren Support Group of St. Tammany Parish

1st Monday of Every Month from 11am - 1pm
3rd Monday of Every Month from 7pm - 9pm

World Prayer Tabernacle
73202 E. Stadium Dr.
Covington LA 70433

Contact Jackie Weaver, 985-867-3409 or john316grg@gmail.com

Dyslexia Support Group

2nd Saturday of the month

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Ponchatoula Library
380 North Fifth Street
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
985-386-6554

Northshore Brain Injury Support Group

Meets 3rd Saturday of the month 9:30am-12pm
St. Tammany Parish Hospital Conference Room

1202 S. Tyler Street, Covington
Ann Mejia 985-640-0498 or anntm70@yahoo.com
for more information



Children and Adults with
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

When: 2nd Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Where: Mandeville High School
#1 Skipper Drive, Mandeville

For more information contact Pam at parmstrong6751@aol.com or
Susan at susantheriot4242@gmail.com.

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