

# Caregiver Connection

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Welcome to the Caregiver Connection Ezine, your source for the most current information about caregiving events, conferences, and issues that are important to you.



Please consult our website for more information: [www.njcaregivers.org](http://www.njcaregivers.org).

## Quick Links

- Caregivers of New Jersey
- The Family Support Center of New Jersey
- The Family Resource Network

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## November is National Family Caregivers Month!

**Agencies**, have you started to plan your caregiving events? Want to plan an event, but need some creative ideas or suggestions? Call us today!

**Municipalities**, have you signed a proclamation announcing November as National Family Caregiver Month?

**Caregivers**, have you scheduled the next few weeks with workshops, conferences, trainings, and fun events for yourself and your family?

Call Caregivers of NJ at (732) 262-8020 or visit us online at [www.njcaregivers.org](http://www.njcaregivers.org) to post on and view our Caregiver Calendar to help you get the most out of November!

## National Caregivers Conference is Coming Up!



## NATIONAL CAREGIVERS CONFERENCE

Changing the Face of Caregiving

Caregivers and professionals are coming from Florida, Philadelphia, Washington, New York and New Jersey promising a great exchange on new caregiving ideas. Will you be there?

Thursday, October 29th 2009

Breakfast/Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.

Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel - Iselin, NJ

Over 15 Workshops, Inspirational Speakers, Scholarships, Exhibits, Respite, Book Signing, Internet Cafe and much more!

[Click here to print out a "FREE" Exhibit Hall Pass!](#)

For additional information please call (732) 528-8080 and a friendly staff member will be more than happy to assist you.

Visit us on the web at: [www.nationalcaregiversconference.org](http://www.nationalcaregiversconference.org)

\*CEU's are available\*

## New Jersey Lifespan Respite Summit

Join CNJ as we prepare New Jersey for future funding opportunities related to the Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006 with Guest Speaker, Jill Kagan, MPA, Chair, National Respite Coalition, and find out what it will mean to New Jersey residents.

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

9:00am to 4:00pm

Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel - Iselin, NJ

There is no fee to attend, however seating is limited and registration is required.

The Summit is taking place the day before the National Caregivers Conference, and registration for the Summit does not include registration for the Conference. To register for the National Caregivers Conference, please see article above.

[Please click here to access the registration form.](#)

To register for the Summit, fax the registration form to (732) 262-4373 or email it as an attachment to [dgoldberg@njcaregivers.org](mailto:dgoldberg@njcaregivers.org).

## Help the Lifespan Respite Care Act Receive Funding!

The New Jersey Lifespan Respite Coalition is seeking funding for the Lifespan Respite Care Act (PL 109-442) in the authorized level of \$71.1 million. Despite its widely supported enactment in 2006, the program received only \$2.5 million in FY09, a small fraction of the \$289 million originally requested.

We are asking that you, citizens of the United States, family caregivers, supporters, friends and advocates, sign on to this petition in hopes that the families of those with disabilities and chronic illnesses may receive the deserved respite care services they desperately need.

Please follow [this link](#) to sign the Lifespan Respite Care Petition.

Thank you in advance for your continued support!



## Caring for the Caregiver - A Free Conference

October 24, 2009

9am-12:30pm

Robert Wood Johnson Hamilton Center for Health and Wellness  
3100 Quakerbridge Road, Mercerville, NJ

To register call RWJ Health Connecton: 609-584-5900

For Information call Barbara Stender, GTBHC Caregiver Specialist: 609-396-6788 x241

Refreshments Provided by Home Instead Senior Care, East Windsor

## 5,000 Residents Receiving New Family Leave Insurance

\$5.1 million in partial wage replacement benefits received by workers under new law:

5,000 New Jerseyans have been granted paid family leave insurance to care for seriously ill family members and new or adopted babies since the program became effective on July 1.

New Jersey Family Leave Insurance program, the second in the nation to be implemented, began providing workers up to six weeks of benefits starting July 1, 2009. To date, 5,407 Family Leave Insurance claims have been determined to be eligible. Of these claims, 4,368 or 81% are for bonding with a newborn or newly-adopted child; 1,040 or 19% are claims for care of a seriously ill family member. Governor Corzine signed the historic legislation last May. "The Family Leave Insurance program is up and running." New Jersey Labor Commissioner David J. Socolow said. "Balancing the demands and pressures of family life and the workplace is a daily struggle for New Jersey's working families, especially for low-wage workers who often have little, if any, employer-paid leave. We have delivered this compassionate new benefit for the people of New Jersey in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Caregivers and New Jersey and The Family Resource Network are members of the Time to Care Coalition, the group responsible for getting the Family Leave Insurance legislation to pass.

## One Night, One Light, Alzheimer's Association Candlelight Vigils

Monday, November 2, 2009

## Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Day in New Jersey

On one night, New Jersey stands united for Alzheimer's disease, one light at a time  
...leading our state in the fight to end Alzheimer's disease.

Kaplen JCC on the Palisades  
411 East Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, NJ  
3-4:30pm

Please RSVP (as space may be limited); contact Elaine Winter, Alzheimer's Association, at 201-261-6009, or Debra Turitz, Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, at 201-408-1450.

## Examining the Cognitive and Emotional Functioning of Children Born with Hydrocephalus

Neurosurgeon Dr. David Frim and neuropsychologist Dr. Maureen Lacy are researchers at the University of Chicago Medical Center. They conducted several studies examining the cognitive and emotional functioning of children born with hydrocephalus. Below are their findings:



Regardless of age, intervention, or condition, we have found that most patients with a history of hydrocephalus experience some, at least mild, cognitive inefficiencies. Based on these findings, we hope to increase the number of patients enrolled in these studies in order to better understand the underlying mechanism. At present we are beginning to integrate neuroimaging, especially diffuse tensor imaging, to identify white matter tracks and structural regions associated with these noted cognitive inefficiencies. With this accomplished we can develop and track targeted interventions, especially for children whose developmental course may be improved with early interventions.

If you are a patient or a parent interested in participating in our study, please call 773-834-3930. If you are interested in providing funding for the intervention study or have other study ideas, please call Dr. Frim or Dr. Lacy at 773-702-2123.

## World Alzheimer Report 2009 Released



On September 21, Alzheimer's Disease International released the World Alzheimer Report 2009 which reveals that an estimated 35.6 million people worldwide are living with dementia, higher than the number scientists had predicted a few years ago. This number is estimated to nearly double every 20 years. The report presents the most comprehensive global prevalence study of dementia to date and looks at levels of mortality, disability, strain on caregivers and dependency. It also offers examples of good national dementia plans and includes eight recommendations that will provide a global framework for action on dementia. For more information visit [Alzheimer's Disease International](#).

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## AoA Awards FCA and ARCH National Respite Coalition Funding to Provide Technical Assistance

On September 24, 2009, the Administration on Aging (AoA) announced that Family Caregiver Alliance, in partnership with ARCH National Respite Coalition, received federal funding to provide technical assistance in caregiver support and lifespan respite program development to the Aging and Lifespan Respite Networks. At the same time, AoA announced that 12 states received awards totaling nearly \$2.3 million to implement the Lifespan Respite Care Program. Those states are Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. For more information, visit the [Administration on Aging](#).



## New Federal Government Website for Info on H1N1 (Swine Flu)



Concerned about the potential flu pandemic? Visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov), the new, one-stop access to US government H1N1, avian and pandemic flu information. Here you will find facts about symptoms, how the flu is contracted, how to best avoid becoming infected and what to do if you do become sick. Also, find the new CDC guidelines to help businesses and institutions of higher education to respond correctly in the event of a Swine Flu case.

Thank you for reading Caregiver Connection! If you have any information you would like included in our e-zine, or know of anyone that would like to be added to our listserv, please email me at [dgoldberg@njcaregivers.org](mailto:dgoldberg@njcaregivers.org) or click the "Join Our Mailing List" button on the top right side of the newsletter.

Additionally, CNJ is dedicated to spreading awareness and knowledge of caregiving, so we invite you to utilize the "Forward Email" button at the bottom of this email.

Sincerely,

Dana Goldberg, Administrator  
Caregivers of New Jersey

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