

Exceptional News

National Health Observances

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September

National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Most childhood cancers fall into several specific types, such as: bone or brain cancers, hepatoblastomas, leukemias, lymphomas, neuroblastomas, retinoblastomas, rhabdoid tumors, sarcomas, or wilms tumors.

Because childhood cancers are rare and can be more aggressive than adult cancers, only multidisciplinary

teams of pediatric oncology physicians and specialists are equipped to deal with these conditions. Collaboration with various specialists assures that your child receives treatment, supportive care, and rehabilitation therapies that will give him or her, the best chance at survival and a good quality of life.

Some of the treatments available for cancer are: chemotherapy, radiation, or surgery. The treatment type may also depend on the availability of services in a

specific location, as well as, the type of cancer the child has.

Most children diagnosed with cancer will survive, but they may require long-term care and may suffer from medical, psychosocial, and/or neurocognitive problems from the available treatments. For more information, please visit the American Childhood Cancer Organization website at: www.candlelighters.org.



October

National Down Syndrome Awareness Month



1 in 733 babies are born with Down Syndrome—a condition that occurs when an individual has three, instead of two, copies of the 21st chromosome. This extra genetic material changes the course of

development and causes the Down syndrome characteristics.

Although most of these conditions are now treatable, people with Down Syndrome are at an increased risk for health problems like: congenital heart defects, respiratory and hearing problems, Alzheimer's disease, childhood leukemia, and thyroid conditions.

People with Down syndrome experience cognitive delays, but life

expectancy for individuals with Down Syndrome has increased dramatically in recent years. With quality educational programs and positive support from family, friends, and the community, people with Down Syndrome develop their full potential and lead fulfilling lives.

Please visit the National Down Syndrome Society's website at: <http://www.ndss.org> for more information

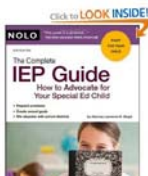
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BOOK OF THE MONTH!

The Complete IEP Guide:
How to Advocate for your
Special Ed Child 6th Edition
By: Attorney Lawrence M.
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The Complete IEP Guide is
the book that helps parents
make sure their child gets
everything they need. This
book covers:

- Eligibility Rules & Assessments
- Creating Annual Goals
- Pinpointing specific Problems
- Developing an educational blue print
- Preparing for meetings
- Resolving disputes with the school district
- What to do if schools violate the law



About Our Organization... "Serving those who Serve"

EFMP assists Marine Families in managing the dual demands of a Marine Corps career and the special need (any medical, emotional or educational need) of a family member. We offer Case Management, Outreach, Training, Respite Care and much more. The responsibility of the Case Manager is to provide hands on service to families that are enrolled in EFMP. Case Managers are able to attend IEP meetings, liaison with Tri-Care/ECHO, assist with housing issues, provide resources and support & assist families navigating the various systems.

MCCS 29 Palms EFMP

A Word from the Manager...

The 29 Palms EFMP team is pleased to begin publishing a quarterly newsletter for our families and friends. Ashley and Andrea have done a tremendous job of putting this newsletter together. It is our hope that this newsletter will be both informative and empowering. EFMP is dedicated to assisting our enrolled family members through a variety of ways to include identifying needed and helpful resources as well as providing useful information. We encourage feedback on this newsletter as we want this product to be relevant to you. Please feel free to contact us at (760) 830-7740. We look forward to hearing from you.

-Titus Burns, Program Manager, EFMP 29 Palms

Upcoming Events

September

- **Monday, Sept. 27th, 6p-8p, MCFTB Classroom (The Village Center)**
"Angels for Autism" Event

October

- **Monday, Oct. 25th, 6p-8p, MCFTB Classroom (The Village Center)**
Support Group (childcare available, please let us know by Oct. 18th)

Do you have ideas for an event you would like to see? Do you know of resources in the area? Please give us a call at (760) 830-7740 and tell us about it!

Need more information on IEPs, advocacy, coping with a new diagnosis, or more? EFMP 29 Palms has a lending library for our families to use. For more information, please call 760-830-7740.

Exceptional Resource:

Angels for Autism:
"Because every cloud has an Angel in it"

Located just down the hill in Cathedral City, *Angels for Autism* is a retail store helping to bring a better quality of life to children with autism. The store carries therapeutic products and clothing for children with autism! The store also has a sensory area where children can try out the products and therapeutic toys in a comfortable environment.

Angels for Autism now offers a military discount!

For more information please contact or visit the store at:

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