

# FamiliesCAN

Summer 2018 Newsletter



## Transition Resource Fair

**Thursday, July 19, 2018**

From 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Shriners Hospital

6977 Main Street, 5th & 6th floor

(Take elevator to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor)

Refreshments! **Free** and easily accessible parking in Shriners lot is available, entering Pressler off Main Street.

### Door Prizes!

Agency representations from:

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| -Advocacy and Training           | -Entrepreneurs        |
| -Community Services              | -Certificate Programs |
| -Local Job Training Sites        | -Day Programs         |
| -Residential Alternatives        | -Support Groups       |
| -Employment Services             | -Colleges             |
| -Community Recreation Activities | -Insurance            |
| -Legal & Estate Planning         | -Health Care          |

For more information, please contact Shelley Townsend, MSW 713-743-5491 or by email at [satownse@central.uh.edu](mailto:satownse@central.uh.edu).

Families CAN is in the Department of the College of Education at the University of Houston.

### Children's Museum of Houston

To the families that are served by Families CAN, please call your family partner to request free passes; Olga Guerra 713-743-5592, Ava Fletcher 713-743-0608, Sherena Smith 713-743-5992 or Shelley Townsend 713-743-5491. You can use these passes to visit the Children's Museum of Houston anytime. Each pass admits up to four people FREE!

The Arc of Greater Houston presents the **7th Annual Conference for the Hispanic Community in Spanish.**

Saturday June, 9, 2018

8:30am-3:00pm

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center

1475 W Gray St, Houston, TX 77019

**Families CAN**  
**wishes everyone a HAPPY**  
**and SAFE SUMMER season!**

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# EVENTS

**Go Sailing with Sailing Angels:** Sailing Angels teaches sailing to special needs children as a form of recreational therapy. Sailing Angels aims to create a fun, educational and therapeutic opportunity for children with developmental disabilities. For more information, please contact Captain Dave McCabe at (281) 507-1867, or email Dave at [DaveMcCabe@SailingAngels.org](mailto:DaveMcCabe@SailingAngels.org) website: [www.sailingangels.org](http://www.sailingangels.org)

**The ARC of Greater Houston - Camp Champions** - July 22, 2018 – July 27, 2018. Camp Champions is a residential camp for individuals ages 10-30, with intellectual disabilities. They have horse-back riding, canoeing, fishing, paintball, archery, swimming, ropes course, arts/crafts. For an application or more information please call 713-957-1600. [www.aogh.org](http://www.aogh.org)

**Camp Ability** is a summer day camp for children/teens with Down syndrome and their sibling's ages 3-17 years at our Resource Center. We will have crafts, music, games, reading, writing, movement, a snack, and most of all fun! For more information call 713-682-7237 Ext. 201 or email [info@dsah.org](mailto:info@dsah.org) or register at <http://dsah.org/programs/camp-ability/>.

**The Elks Camp** – June 17 – June 22, June 24—June 29, July 1—July 6, July 15—July 20, July 22 – July 27 and July 29 - August 3. A free camp for ages 7 -15 years of age with a variety of diagnosis. Applicants should have some degree of independence in self-help skills. For more information call 830-875-2425, fax: 830-875-5455, email: [txelks@gvec.net](mailto:txelks@gvec.net), or website [www.texaselkscamp.org](http://www.texaselkscamp.org)

**TUTS - The River Performing and Visual Arts Fine Arts Summer Camp-Various Weeks of Activities** June 18-22, June 25-29, July 9-July 13, July 16-July 20, July 23—July 27 & July 30—August 3rd. Summer camps for individuals with disabilities between 4-19 years old that include activities such as participating in a play with an End-of-Camp performance each Friday at 12:30pm. Camp is Monday-Friday 9:30am-2:30pm. To register go to [www.tuts.com](http://www.tuts.com) or call (713) 520-1220.

**Texas Lions Camp**—June 10—June 15, June 17—June 23, June 24 - June 30, July 1-July 7, children with Physical disabilities, July 8—July 14, Physical disabilities & Camp Neuron, July 15—July 21, Down Syndrome & Texas Burn, July 22—July 28, Camp discovery for children with cancer, July 29- Aug 4, & Aug 5—Aug 11, Type 1 Diabetes. From ages 7 up to age 16. The application is available online . For more information please contact Texas Lions Camp, P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247, Office Number: (830) 896-8500, Fax: (830) 896-3666 or website: [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

**Social Skills Boot Camp 2018 - Only for individuals with Autism ages 8-14 yrs**, June 25—June 29 & July 31– August 5 from 1pm-4pm. Camp where they help promote social skills and physical well-being through group activities and sensory integrated movements. Contact : [miran@autismshareamerica.org](mailto:miran@autismshareamerica.org) or call 832-779-0742. <http://autismshareamerica.org/summer-camp.html>

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## **The University of Houston Presents: Cougar Communication Groups**

Summer Speech & Language Therapy Program at the University Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic: A United Way Agency. Groups meet twice weekly for two and a half hours each session. For children ages 18 months to 4 years of age Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM and for children 5 years of age to 10 years of age Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM beginning June 11– July 20. For more information call 713-743-0915. <http://www.uh.edu/class/cond/slhc/speech-svcs/>

**Bridging Lives**—June 8—June 12, June 16—June 19, June 22 - June 26, July 6—July 10, July 13—July 17, July 20—July 24, July 27—July 31, August 3—August 7 & August 10—Aug 14th. A summer social skills and recreation camp to assist elementary and secondary students with autism and other developmental disorders to engage in meaningful appropriate activities and recreation. For more information contact Matthew Bridges at 713-298-7679 or visit the site at <http://www.bridging-lives.com/summer-camps.php>. Email Bridges6055mg@yahoo.com.

**HALTER Summer Camps**; HALTER's mission is to use animals, especially miniature horses, to provide support and enhance the lives of others. This non-profit corporation was founded in August 2001 to train miniature horses as Pet Therapy animals for use by special needs children. Summer program begins on June 11-June 15, June 18—June 22, July 9-July 13. For more information call 281-508-6501. <http://www.halterinc.org/camps>

**Camp Life– Fall 2018- LIFE**— stands for **Leadership, Independence and Friends through Experiences**, and it's what embodies the spirit of Camp LIFE, a unique and inclusive camping adventure for children with disabilities and their siblings. For more information, contact, Aimee Day, Program Coordinator, 979-862-2913, [aday@tamu.edu](mailto:aday@tamu.edu).

**Leadership Education in Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities:** The LEND program is a 10-month program from August 2018—June 2019. It Provides leadership training to Medical residents, Graduate students whose academic focus is within one of the Core Disciplines, Professionals who work within one of the Core Disciplines, Parents and siblings of individuals with ASD/DDs. For more information about the 2018-2019 LEND LTT Program, call the Program Coordinator, Prisca Franklin, or call 713-500-3637, email [Prisca.Franklin@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Prisca.Franklin@uth.tmc.edu) . Applications **close on May 31, 2018**

**Families CAN Transition Workshop**—Thursday, September 20, 2018

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Shriners Hospital, 6977 Main Street-6th Floor Cafeteria, parking is free in Shriners garage

Speaker to be Announced

For more information, contact Ava Fletcher, Transition Coordinator, 713-743-0608

## Emergency Preparedness—Are You Ready?

**Make a Plan. Build a Kit. Stay Informed. Know Your Neighbors**

### **Extreme Weather Ready Expo:** A FREE family preparedness event .

Taking place **June 2, 2018** from 10am-3pm at the George R. Brown Convention Center Hall A.

Pre-registration begins at 9am. Pre-register online at: [www.weatherreadyexpo.com](http://www.weatherreadyexpo.com)

### **Prepare for Hurricane Season: June 1st - November 30th**

FEMA: [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)

Texas Division of Emergency Management: [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem)

Red Cross: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Ready Houston: [www.readyhoustontx.gov](http://www.readyhoustontx.gov)

Houston Office of Emergency Management– 713-884-4500 or call 311, <http://www.houstonoem.org/>

Emergency: 911

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[www.uh.edu/education/pep/families-can/](http://www.uh.edu/education/pep/families-can/)

**Abilities Expo** is “the go-to source for the Community of people with disabilities, their families, seniors, veterans and healthcare professionals.”

It is a FREE event that takes place August 3rd-5th, 2018 at NRG Center- Hall E.

For more information and to pre-register for priority access, visit [www.abilities.com/houston/](http://www.abilities.com/houston/)

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