

# Announcements and Events

## LARIMER COUNTY TRANSITION SERIES

*Come to one or all!  
For special needs students and  
their families, ages 14 and older.  
Professionals welcomed as well!*

**FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

### Magic Show Fundraiser



Tuesday, February 19th at Boltz Jr.  
High, 7:00 –8:00 pm  
Call 282-3790 for tickets!  
(\$5.00/ea)

**FEBRUARY 21, 2008**

- Foothills Gateway
- Eligibility
- Services

**MARCH 6, 2008**

### Transition Opportunities and Resources for Employment

- Department of Vocational Rehab
- SWAP (School to Work Alliance Program)
- Supported Employment

**APRIL 3, 2008**

### Social Security Benefits Information Night

- SSI benefits and guardianship options

## Autism Society of Boulder County Free Lecture Series

**Wednesday, February 20**

<http://autismboulder.org/>

**Speaker** – Audrey Blakeley-Smith  
(Assistant Professor Dept. of Psy-  
chiatry-JFK Partners)

**Topic:** Anxiety in ASD children

**Time:** 7:00 pm—8:30 pm

**Location:** Imagine!

1665 Coal Creek Drive  
Lafayette, CO



## Art Classes Spring 2008!

Classes for **teens and adults** with disabili-  
ties will be offered through the CSU Art  
Education program. There will be two se-  
ries of five classes.

**Session 1: Two Dimensional Art:** Mon-  
days, 4:00–6:00, February 11, 18, 25,  
March 3, 10.

Projects may include drawing, collage,  
printmaking, papermaking.

**Session 2: Three Dimensional Art:**  
Wednesdays, 4:00–6:00, March 26, April  
2, 9, 16, 23.

Projects may include clay, papier mache,  
masks, wind chimes.

Where: Room F113, Visual Arts Building,  
Colorado State University Campus

Cost: Materials fee of \$25 per 5 class ses-  
sion (cash or checks made out to CSU)

For more information or to sign up, con-  
tact: Alison Cope: 491-0235 or  
[alison.cope@colostate.edu](mailto:alison.cope@colostate.edu)

## "Autism: the Musical"

Boulder Int'l. Film Festival  
**February 17, 2008, 12 Noon**  
Event Price: \$10/\$8

**Autism: The Musical-** Feature Docu-  
mentary (World Premiered to rave re-  
views at Tribeca, winner of a dozen  
major film festivals and on the short  
list for the Academy Awards Best  
Documentary 2008). Steeped in a sense  
of optimism, this remarkable film fol-  
lows five autistic children, over the  
course of a year, as they write, rehearse  
and

Produce their own full-length musical,  
tossing aside all stereotypes in the  
process. The film presents "autism" as  
an umbrella term that encompasses an  
surprising range of symptoms, (the di-  
rector's son, for example, can only  
communicate through a computer-  
voice- synthesizer). Moving, dramatic  
and unburdened by reliance on talking  
heads, the films follows the joys and  
tribulations of the kids and their fami-  
lies during the production of this amaz-  
ing stage production. It's so engrossing  
that when we discover that Hank, the  
kid with Asperger's Syndrome and a  
encyclopedic knowledge of reptiles, is  
the son of Stephen Stills and his wife,  
it makes no difference whatsoever. The  
modern-day epidemic of autism is as  
vivid and fierce as any  
hot-button topic in our country today.  
One in 10,000 kids were afflicted with  
the condition just over a decade ago;  
now it's 1 in 150... and there is a grow-  
ing likelihood that you'll have a child  
or grandchild with autism someday.  
You'll then discover that there is no  
cure - it's just who  
they are.

**Time/Date: February 17, 2008, 12 Noon**

**Location:** Boulder High School Theater  
1604 Arapahoe Ave. Boulder, CO 80302

**Phone:** Kathy Beeck 303-449-2289

**Email:** [Kathy@biff.com](mailto:Kathy@biff.com)

# Announcements and Events Continued

## Center for Community Partnerships

**Denver Area FREE DAYS:** Each year, the Denver Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), which includes the Denver Zoo, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, the Denver Art Museum, the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, the Denver Botanic Gardens and the Colorado Railroad Museum, offers a series of FREE Days for each of these facilities. Go to the following website for a list of this year's FREE Days: <http://www.scfd.org/?page=home&sub=4>.

### *Save the Date!*

#### SPD 6th National Symposium

**April 18 & 19, 2008  
Denver, Colorado**

DIR®/Floortime: A Relationship-Based Approach to Treatment

**Lucy Jane Miller, PhD, OTR,** Author of Sensational Kids

Presenting latest SPD Research are:

**Barbara Brett-Green PhD; Patti Davies PhD, OTR; William Gavin PhD; Sarah Schoen PhD, OTR.**

Program Information and Registration at [www.SPDFoundation.net](http://www.SPDFoundation.net)

*SPD Foundation is an AOTA Approved Provider of Continuing Education*

## Special Autism Program

Through the generosity of a Community Foundation Grant

The Children's Speech and Reading Center is able to offer at-home assessments and training to help parents learn more strategies to increase their child's functional communication and play skills at home.

**Who is eligible?** Children with a diagnosis on the autistic spectrum who are 6 years of age or younger.

**What is involved?** One home-based functional assessment of communication and play skills.

- At least two home-based training sessions to teach parents how to implement strategies and recommendations based on the functional assessment.
- An opportunity to participate in some parent support meetings with other families involved in the project.
- Families will also receive materials such as pictures, and other communication tools and have the opportunity to borrow other materials that may be helpful at home.

**What is the cost?** This program is **free** to families.

For more information please call Nicole Reisfeld at 419-0486