

special **KIDS**  
special **PARENTS**  
a 2011 training event



Learn how to care for the medical and developmental needs of children...

**WHEN** Monday, November 7, 2011  
**TIME** 5:00 - 8:30 PM  
**WHERE** D.A. Blodgett-St. John's  
805 Leonard St. N.E.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Children with special medical needs don't always get the care and protection they deserve. They need adults with compassion, desire, and skill to manage their conditions, enhance the quality of their lives and, provide loving homes.

to **REGISTER**

Contact Lisa Puente at 616.774.4310 or email her at [lpuente@dabsj.org](mailto:lpuente@dabsj.org).

**Please register by Monday, October 24!**

## Who is the training for?

- Current foster and adoptive parents
- Adults interested in fostering or adopting a medically fragile child

## What will be covered in this training?

- Skills needed to care for a child with medical and developmental needs
- Medical and developmental conditions of children
- Signs and symptoms of medical and developmental conditions
- Using medical equipment
- Community resources available to parents
- Information on foster or adoptive parenting of children with medical or developmental needs.

## What will be the content of the evening?

- Foster Parent Resource Expo
- Welcome and Training Overview
- Presentations by community agencies
- Time for Questions
- Light dinner served

CHILDCARE  
WILL BE  
AVAILABLE

## PRESENTERS and EXHIBITORS

- **Becky Althaus**  
VSA Arts of Michigan
- **Tamara Martin, PC-C, MMPC**  
Spectrum Endocrinology  
Care of Diabetes in Children
- **Kim Wright, RN, LPN**  
Community Care Givers
- **Kathryn K Zagel PA-C; MMA**  
Emergency Care Specialist for Helen  
DeVos Children's Hospital Emergency Room  
Adjunct Professor: Western Michigan University  
PA Program  
Understanding and Communicating with Verbal  
and Non-Verbal Children
- **Kelly Malinowski**  
Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan
- **Chris Buczek, RN, BSN**  
Kent County Health Department  
Children's Special Health Care Services  
Local Resources for Kids with Special Needs
- **Laura Makela, LLMSW**  
D.A. Blodgett - St. John's Family Support Services
- **Matt Johnson**  
Maxim Healthcare Service
- **Karol Belk**  
Traci Hersman  
Airway Oxygen

## SCHEDULE of EVENTS

5:00 - 5:30PM  
5:30 - 7:30PM  
7:30 - 8:30PM

Registration, light dinner served  
Presentations by Community Agencies  
Resource Expo