

**Morris County area news: Autism Symposium to be held in Denville**

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In recognition of April as Autism Awareness Month, the GFWC Woman's Club of Denville will be hosting an Autism Symposium on Tuesday April 14, 2009 at the Denville Town Hall, St. Mary's Pl., from 7:00-9:30 pm. The symposium will address a variety of issues and concerns regarding the developmental, educational and social needs of autistic individuals from birth through adulthood.

Panelists will include professionals from: the Pediatric Neurology Department of Morristown Memorial Hospital; Special Child Health Services of Morris County; Morris County Department of Child Study/Special Education; ASPEN-Aspergers Syndrome Education Network; and Dr. Linda Meyer, the Executive Director of Autism NJ (formerly COSAC).

Following the symposium, there will be a breakout session for audience members to speak with panelists as well as representatives from other independent organizations and schools that service those on the autism spectrum. .

Support of Autism New Jersey is the 2008-1010 Special State Project for the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) of GFWC. The GFWC Woman's Club of Denville is working with the NJSFWC and Autism NJ to promote awareness and support for individuals and caregivers affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD's). ASD's affect 1 in 150 individuals nationally and 1 in 94 in New Jersey.

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