



GRANDPARENTS RAISING AND NURTURING DEPENDENTS
WITH DISABILITIES



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**No Support Group Meeting in June or July—
the next support group is August 16th at 10am**

Laura will be out of town June 29th-July 1st and also July 11th-15th. During that time, if you have a question or need help please contact Raine Juesche at ISDD at 404-600-3332.



School Supplies collection by Mayer Electric

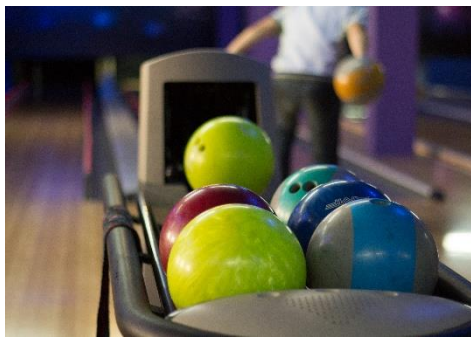
Once again, Mayer Electric company has generously offered to collect and donate school supplies for the children of Project GRANDD members. Many of you already signed up at May's support group, but if you did not sign up yet and are in need of school supplies please call or email Laura with the following information by **June 15th**:

Number of Children
Children's School
Child's grade

If you have not signed up by June 15th, we will be unable to provide supplies for your children.

ANNUAL PROJECT GRANDD FAMILY SUMMER OUTING

JOIN US AT STARS AND STRIKES FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER FOR PIZZA, BOWLING, GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN OF PROJECT GRANDD.



Beat the summer heat with some indoor fun!

Each family member receives:

***2 hours of bowling with shoes**

☐ **1 hour unlimited arcade game card**

☐ **2 slices of pizza per person & soft Drinks**

Due to limited space, outing is limited to household members (plus one additional adult if needed for transportation)

July 19, 2016

11:00AM-2:00PM

1741 Mountain Industrial Blvd, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Meet us at Stars and Strikes or reserve your spot on the shuttle from Helene Mills Senior Center (505 John Wesley Dobbs Avenue) which leaves at 10:15 am.

RSVP Required by July 5th: Reply to Laura at 404-310-8129 or lauraw@isdd-home.org.

Summer Visits with Parents

Is your child visiting their parent this summer? Here are some tips to help with the stress from <http://www.helpguide.org/articles/grandparenting/grandparents-as-parents.htm#maintain>.

It is not always possible for children to remain in contact with their parents, and at times, it may not be in a child's best interest. But in general, it is good for your grandchildren to maintain relationships with their parents, especially if they may live with them again. If meeting in person isn't possible, you can encourage contact in other ways, including phone calls, cards and letters, and email.

Making visits with parents as smooth as possible

- **Don't put your grandchild in the middle.** Try to set aside any feelings of anger or disappointment you have toward your grandchild's parent. Avoid venting issues or saying critical things about the parent in front of your grandchild. And don't make your grandchild feel guilty about spending time with their parent. This can be confusing and distressing for the child.
- **Communicate and cooperate with your grandchild's parent.** Do what you can to smooth the relationship and make the parent feel a part of the child's life. Share information about the child's school, hobbies, and friends. Make sure the parent has the child's schedule and contact information.
- **Make visits part of your grandchild's routine.** Contact with parents will be less stressful for children if they know what to expect. If possible, plan visits well in advance and put them on a regular schedule. Talk with the parent ahead of time, so everyone's expectations for the visit are clear. It's best if both parents and grandparents enforce the same rules.
- **Be sensitive to your grandchild's feelings.** It's important to talk with your grandchild about he or she feels about parental contact. Even when kids are looking forward to a visit or call, it can bring up many feelings, including uncertainty and nervousness. Kids may worry that their parent doesn't love them anymore, or that they won't have anything to talk about. Be there to reassure them.
- **Help your grandchild deal with disappointment.** Sometimes, visits don't go well or the parent doesn't show up. Vent to a friend if you need to, but avoid the temptation to say angry or hurtful things about the parent in front of your grandchild, as this won't make him or her feel better. Instead, talk with your grandchild about what happened and how they feel about it.



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Children's Museum of Atlanta (Centennial Olympic Park Drive)-Buy one ticket, get one free on select family days the next Fulton County Family Day is June 11th. For other dates, see:

www.bit.ly/DSfultondays

Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity is gearing up for the 2016 Summer Youth Program in Jonesboro, Georgia. We will have many exciting activities in store for our students! The summer youth program consists of two sessions, June 6th -24th and July 11th-29th and is available for students in grades 5th-12th. If you are interested in additional information, please contact Kiara Jones at Kiara.Jones@SCHabitat.org

For the 4th year in a row Unchartered Creativity is holding art camps for ages 6 to 13. Each week is filled with 5 days of exciting games and crafts ranging from drawing/painting skills to fun with clay and sculpture. There are options to fit all budgets ranging from \$50.00 to \$200.00 weekly. There are major discounts for multiple children and multiple weeks so sign your child up with a friend! uncharteredcreativity.com 1348 McDonough Place, McDonough, Ga 30253

Dress Company Seeks Grandfamilies and Will Provide Free Dresses

A major bridal gown manufacturer that sells gowns and dresses all over the world is working on a new campaign about their gowns and is seeking grandfamilies where grandparents have raised a granddaughter who is about to be married to participate in the campaign. Selected families would receive a free wedding dress, bridal dresses for the bridal party and an evening gown for the grandmother. Families would need to be willing to be photographed and included in promotional materials. The company is expanding this offer to include grandfamilies where grandchildren are planning to go to Prom or having their Quinceanera. Free dresses would be provided for these occasions as well. If interested, please email Jaia at jilent@qu.org.

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