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April Newsletter





APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH, A TIME TO CELEBRATE NEURODIVERSITY, PROMOTE INCLUSION, AND DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF AUTISM. WE BELIEVE IN FOSTERING A SUPPORTIVE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERY INDIVIDUAL IS VALUED FOR THEIR UNIQUE STRENGTHS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

AUTISM IS A SPECTRUM, MEANING EACH PERSON EXPERIENCES IT DIFFERENTLY. SOME INDIVIDUALS MAY FACE CHALLENGES WITH COMMUNICATION, SOCIAL INTERACTIONS, OR SENSORY SENSITIVITIES, WHILE OTHERS SHOWCASE REMARKABLE TALENTS IN AREAS LIKE PROBLEM-SOLVING, CREATIVITY, AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL. BY LEARNING MORE ABOUT AUTISM, WE CAN BUILD A MORE COMPASSIONATE AND ACCEPTING COMMUNITY.

THIS MONTH, WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO TAKE STEPS TOWARD AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY. WHETHER IT'S ATTENDING AN EDUCATIONAL EVENT, SUPPORTING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, OR SIMPLY BEING A FRIEND TO SOMEONE ON THE SPECTRUM, SMALL ACTIONS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A WORLD WHERE NEURODIVERSE INDIVIDUALS ARE SEEN, HEARD, AND SUPPORTED. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN RECOGNIZING AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH!





Autism Hope Center



2025

WALK 4 AUTISM

Resource Fair & Family Fun Day

- DJ • Arts & Crafts
- Bounce Houses
- Face Painting

**Sat, April 26th
10am - 1pm**

**Cascade Hills Church
727 54th St
Columbus, Ga 31904**

REGISTER @ [AutismHopeCenter.com](https://www.AutismHopeCenter.com)



AUTISM *Family Fun Day*

JOIN THE MCSO FOR A FREE EVENT!

When?

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Where?

Woodruff Park
1000 Bay Ave

Time?

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

What?

Vendors, Community Resources,
Project Lifesaver, Bouncy Houses,
Autism Car, Games, LEO Vehicles,
Food, and Fun!



QUESTIONS? muscosherriff@columbusga.org



Family SUPPORT

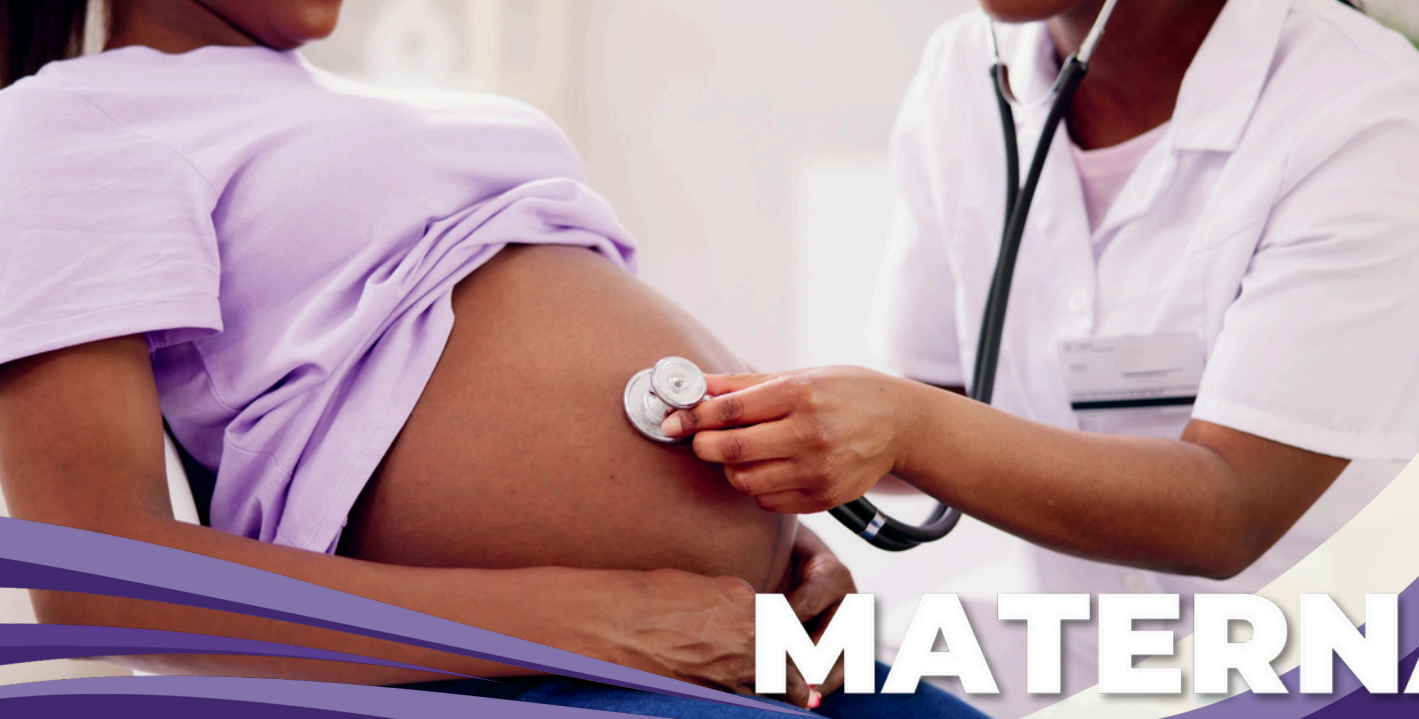
Happy Autism Acceptance Month! New Horizons' Family Support Program can "bridge the gap" and assist families with a child or adult diagnosed with any I/DD including Autism who are not currently receiving services through the Georgia NOW or Comp Medicaid Waiver. Assistance and funding may be available for a wide array of services and goods that are not covered by medical insurance, provided through the school system, and not available until funding has been approved for the Georgia NOW or Comp Medicaid Waiver.



CALL NOW!

(706) 256-3200
www.nhbh.org





MATERNAL WELLNESS EXPERIENCE

JOIN US!



APRIL 12, 2025
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM



VFW POST 665
1824 VICTORY DR,
COLUMBUS, GA 31901

Event Highlights



GIVEAWAYS!



FRESH PRODUCE!



RESOURCES!



GAME TRUCK!



Amerigroup Community Care and Georgia Families 360° Member-event only

Virtual Parenting Classes

You're invited to another
great event in your community

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Register in Advance:

GF360pregnancy@Amerigroup.com



Come hear a presentation on Parenting from Georgia Families 360°. Receive rewards like: Newborn kit, tote bag with travel-size amenities such as fresh scent lotion, powder, shampoo, wipes, and 4 in 1 carrier. Must attend all sessions to receive rewards.

- Class 1: Thursday, April 10, 2025
- Class 2: Thursday, April 17, 2025
- Class 3: Thursday, April 24, 2025
- Class 4: Thursday, May 01, 2025
- Class 5: Thursday, May 08, 2025





Evento Sólo para miembros de Amerigroup Community Care y Georgia Families 360°

Clases Virtuales para Padres

¡Está invitado a otro gran evento en su comunidad!

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Regístrese con anticipación:

GF360pregnancycare@Amerigroup.com



Venga y escuche una Presentación sobre la "Crianza de los hijos" de Georgia Families 360°. Reciba recompensas: Kits para recién nacidos, bolsos, loción, champú, talco, toallitas, y 4in1 carrier. Deben asistir todas las sesiones para recibir recompensas.

- Clase 1: jueves 10 de abril de 2025
- Clase 2: jueves 17 de abril de 2025
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DJ CASHFLOW PRESENTS

HOPE *Linen Drive* HARBOUR

SATURDAY
APR. 19TH
2025

11AM-3PM

COLLECTING ALL LINEN
INCLUDING SHEETS, TOWELS, & WASH CLOTHES

Walmart 
98.3
BEAT

WALMART PHENIX CITY



3700 US 280 PHENIX CITY AL 36867



COLUMBUS PARKS AND RECREATIONS PRESENT
SAT. APRIL 12TH 2025

11AM-2PM

A central illustration featuring a white Easter bunny sitting in a field of green grass. It is surrounded by several colorful, decorated Easter eggs in shades of yellow, blue, green, and pink. There are also various flowers, including pink daisies and orange sunflowers, and two monarch butterflies (one orange and black, one blue and black) fluttering around the scene.

EASTER EGGTRAVAGANZA

**GAMES
FUN
PRIZES
VENDORS**

SPECIAL APPEARANCE FROM:
THE EASTER BUNNY

**ALL
AGES
WELCOME**

FREE EVENT | GIVEAWAY RAFFLES
1425 13TH AVENUE COLUMBUS GA 31901



Georgia Strong Families
presents

MEN'S RESOURCE FAIR



APRIL 9TH, 2025

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

**SOUTH COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY
2034 S LUMPKIN RD**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

*Stop by and learn about
information and resources from
local community partners that are
specific to men and their needs.*


- ✓ Health Screenings
- ✓ Education & Employment
- ✓ Voter Registration
- ✓ Health Care

- ✓ Mental Health Services
- ✓ Financial Advice
- ✓ Fatherhood Services
- ✓ Legitimization & Legal Services

Find resources and community partners specific to men and their needs.

All men will receive
a free tool kit!

Contact Us:

 **706-321-6322**

 **bigdreamsga.org**

Currently enrolling men into our
Fatherhood Program!
For more information, visit
www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com





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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

SPRING IS OFFICIALLY HERE, BRINGING LONGER DAYS, WARMER WEATHER, AND FRESH OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, GROW, AND GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY. APRIL IS A TIME OF RENEWAL, AND WE'RE EXCITED TO EMBRACE THE SEASON WITH MEANINGFUL PROGRAMS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, AND EVENTS DESIGNED TO BRING US ALL TOGETHER!

AS ALWAYS, WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN MAKING COLUMBUS FAMILY CONNECTION A VIBRANT AND WELCOMING PLACE FOR ALL. LET'S MAKE THIS SEASON ONE OF GROWTH, CONNECTION, AND POSITIVE CHANGE!

JOE HIGHTOWER