

**THE LADDERS PROGRAM IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE 1<sup>st</sup>:**

**Roger A. Bauman M.D. Parent Lecture Series  
on Autism Spectrum Disorders 2008**

**January - June 2008 Speaker/Topic Schedule:**

**January 23** Dr. Margaret Bauman: *"Overview of Medical and Research advances in the causes and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders"* (\*please note this is a change in original posted schedule from January 16)

**February 27** Dr. Sheldon Wagner: *"Behavior Management in Service of Developmental Growth: Seven-ish useful strategies"*

**March 19** Panel: Tracy Osbhar, Director, Specialty Services, Department of Public Health & Early Childhood experts: *"Early Intervention Services & the Transition to the Public School, What Parents Need to Know"*

**April 16** Julia Landau, Esq, Mass Advocates For Children & Shelly Greene, Federation for Children with Special Needs: *"Special Education Laws, Basic Rights & Advocacy Strategies for Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders"*

**May 21** Panel: Gail Havelick, Department of Public Health and staff from Department of Mental Retardation: *"Access to Public Benefits and Services For Children with ASD, Understanding and Navigating the System"*

**June 18** Dot Lucci, ME.d. CAGS & Dr. Scott Mcleod: *"Transitions & Related Issues For Children with ASD in Adolescence & Young adulthood"*

When: *Wednesday Evenings 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.*

Where: *Charles River ARC, 59 E. Militia Heights Rd, Needham, MA Paul D. Merritt Center. For directions, please visit [www.crarc.org](http://www.crarc.org) or call: 781-444-4347*

For registration or for any questions AND weather cancellations: please call Julie O'Brien, Resource Specialist at LADDERS: 781-449-6074 ext 1256, Fee per session: 5 \$ per person; \*For updates on the schedule visit: [www.ladders.org](http://www.ladders.org) Please note: the series will not be held in July or August, but will resume September - December 2008.

\*Childcare will be provided each night for 10 spots on a first come/first serve basis

\*there will be light snacks/coffee provided

\*Special thanks to Charles River ARC for their support in providing the space

*The Organizing committee: Roula Choueiri, MD; Julie O'Brien, Resource Specialist; Susan Sutherland, parent, Friends of Ladders*

*Directions to Charles River ARC:*

Charles River Arc is located about 12 miles west of downtown Boston and about 5 miles south of the Mass Turnpike.

Take Interstate Route 95 (State Route 128) to Exit 19B (Highland Avenue-Needham -- a westerly direction). Follow Highland Ave. until you reach the third set of traffic lights (about 1 mile). Starbucks will be on your left.

Take a right onto West Street. Follow West St. until it ends at a "T" intersection with Central Ave. (About 1/2 Mile)

Take a left on to Central Ave. and follow for about 1/4 mile.

Turn right on to Forest Street. (Volante Farm Stand on the corner).

Bear left after the farm stand and take your first left onto E. Militia Heights Rd.

Follow this private road to the very top of the steep hill and enter our property on your left. Charles River Arc's Paul D. Merritt Center is on the right.