

AUTISME MONTRÉAL NEWSLETTER



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A Special Invitation to Our Members!

Dear members of Autisme Montréal, you are cordially invited to a brunch with the team and Board members. We hope to see you at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Salut Bonjour restaurant situated at 5169 Jean-Talon East, St-Léonard.

We will take a look at what was accomplished in 2015-2016 during an extraordinary general meeting.

Please contact our customer service to confirm your presence at 514-524-6114, ext. 3201.

If you are interested to become a Board member and thus be actively involved to improve the quality of life of individuals with ASD, please contact our Director General,

Julie Champagne, at 514-524-6114, ext. 3122.

Maisonnette Autumn 2016

It is already time to think about registering your child to the 2016 Autumn respite weekends at La Maisonnette. Registrations must be done by phone on **June 20, 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m.** by calling the Responsible of Direct Services.

Please note that registrations will be made according to the order of the phone calls received, so the principle of first come, first served will be applied. If you reach the voice mail, you can leave a message with your name, the name of your child, your telephone number as well as the desired dates, in order of preference.

To consult the calendar, please click on the link below. Please note that you are entitled to one weekend per season.

<http://autisme-montreal.com/en/our-services/weekend-respite/>

ACTIVITIES OFFERED TO PEOPLE WITH ASD WITHOUT INTELLECTUAL DELAY

Various activities are offered to people with ASD without ID, particularly the support group (please see below). For information about other activities, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Support group

These meetings provide a good opportunity for adults with ASD without ID to meet in a relaxed atmosphere around a small buffet. Their parents are invited to meet in another room to discuss among themselves. These meetings are held at 4449, Berri Street, Châteaubriand room on the first floor, at 7:30 p.m.

For more information:

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<http://autisme-montreal.com/en/our-services/asd-without-intellectual-delay-activities/>

FAMILY FAIR

On June 18, Autisme Montréal invites you to attend the second edition of our family fair! Games, snack and music on site. The location is still to be confirmed. Come celebrate the arrival of summer with us! You have until Monday, June 13 to register, at 514-524-6114, extension 3142.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The extension numbers of Autisme Montréal have changed. Please take note that the telephone number remains the same, namely 514-524-6114. The new extension numbers to use are the following:

Julie Champagne, Director General, at extension **3122**

Sylvain Tremblay, Accountant, at extension **3192**

Chantal Pivin, Administrative Secretary, at extension **3201**

Joanie Marcoux, Responsible of Direct Services, at extension **3182**

Cassie Nantais, Direct Services Assistant (part-time), at extension **3181**

Firmina Firmin, Responsible of Events, at extension **3142**

Electra Dalamagas, Responsible of Family Intervention, at extension **3102**

Nathalie Boulet, Family and Community Worker, at extension **3101**

Nicole Dessureault, Family Support Worker, at extension **3161**

Marie-Claude Barbier, Community Worker, at extension **3162**

Emma Paré-Chouinard, Community Worker (part-time), at extension **3141**

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PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING SHADOWING AND BABYSITTING SERVICES DURING SUMMER 2016

We are writing this letter in order to inform you of the procedures for requesting shadowing and babysitting services during the 2016 summer period.

As you are already well aware, most of our shadows work full-time in various summer camps, and therefore, our bank of available employees' decreases over the summer period.

As such, we strongly recommend that you **place your request for shadowing and babysitting services no later than July 15, 2016**, in order to enable our team to find a shadow that meets your needs before their well-deserved summer vacations.

Hence, by making a request no later than July 15, 2016, your chances of receiving a positive response to your requests will increase. Please know that Autisme Montréal seeks to answer each and every request during the summer period, but we are unfortunately unable to guarantee this service.

We wish to thank you in advance for your comprehension and cooperation. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at ext. 3162.

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IN QUEBEC

The Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity and Minister responsible for the Capitale-Nationale region, Mr. Sam Hamad, has announced that the minimum wage will increase by 20 cents, effective May 1, 2016. Hence, the minimum wage will rise from **\$10.55 to \$10.75 /hour**.

For the users of **Autism Montreal shadowing-babysitting service**, this increase has an impact on previous and future agreements between families and shadows. Indeed, Autism Montreal recommends that families using this service give their shadows a **salary equivalent or superior to minimum wage**.

As you might already know, our shadowing-babysitting service has more than **120 shadows** working in families' homes, in daycares, in schools and/or in leisure centres to support families and improve the daily experience of people with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) in their own community. The shadows give us their availabilities and the number of hours they wish to work during a given week, and with that information, Autism Montreal offers them contracts with families.

We wish to thank the families using this service for taking into account the wage increase announced by the government, which will be effective on May 1st. Should you have any questions about this or our shadowing-babysitting service, please do not hesitate to contact us at 514-524-6114, ext. 3162.

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For the complete contact information of our team, please visit:

<http://autisme-montreal.com/en/about-us/staff/>

SPECIALIZED SWIMMING LESSONS FOR PEOPLE WITH ASD

Individualized lessons and open swim: Participants will be able to enjoy the pool during the 2 hours allotted to us and will have individualized lessons 10 minutes in length with an instructor. The swimming lessons take place every other week on Friday nights and all participants may still enjoy the pool the week they do not have a course. Every participant must be accompanied in the pool by an adult at all times.

Schedule: Friday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You may choose the time at which you arrive and leave. The courses are given depending on the arrival times of the participants, so it is important to arrive before 7:15 p.m. the week during which your child has a course.

For more information on the price and registration:

<http://autisme-montreal.com/en/our-services/swimming-lessons/>

APRIL, MONTH OF AUTISM

This year, Autisme Montreal has taken the opportunity of the autism month to promote awareness amongst the general public. The signature of our messages was: GET INFORMED! By doing so, we were asking people to find out more about autism, to demystify it. Here is the video that we shared on our social networks.

View the video online:

<http://autisme-montreal.com/activites-avenir/mois-de-lautisme-avril/>

