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**Subject: 2010 BAS Family & Individual Mini Grant Application is Now Available**

The Bureau of Autism Services of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare is pleased to announce the availability of mini-grants to support children and adults with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and families that include an individual with ASD. A focus of this project is to reach out and serve individuals and families that are not able to access existing support systems for various reasons (for example: eligibility criteria, age, waiting lists).

*The term "family" may include an immediate family member or other relative, a person providing foster care or a legal guardian or custodian, but does not include a person or entity who acts in a paid employment capacity.* These grants are funding opportunities that will only be offered once and are time limited.

Applicants meeting eligibility requirements may apply for up to \$500 in grant funds. Priority will be given to applicants who have not received a Bureau of Autism Services Mini-Grant in previous funding years. **Total funding for these mini-grants is limited and is on a first come, first served basis; and not everyone who applies for this grant will be funded.**

**In order to be eligible, applicants must:**

1. **Be a Pennsylvania resident.**
2. **Have a family member with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) (of any age) or be an ASD.**
3. **Not be currently receiving and/or enrolled in (or have received/been enrolled within the past 12 months) any family support services, including waiver funded services, Family-Driven Support Services, services funded under Individual Support Plans, county-based funds from MH/MR or other similar services or funding. The Bureau of Autism Services reserves the right to and may verify the services and/or funds that the individual with ASD is receiving.**

**\*Note:** Families whose family member with ASD is receiving BHRS/Wraparound or Early Intervention services are eligible for this grant.

**The following supports and activities are eligible for funding as long as the activity or support occurs between March 1, 2010 and August 31, 2010:**

- Respite or child care (services may be informal and do not need to be through a respite care agency – e.g. child care can be provided by a private babysitter).\*
- Summer camp program.
- Autism or advocacy related conferences, workshops or training opportunities (registration fees and reasonable accommodation expenses only, travel and meal expenses will not be reimbursed).
- Community programs (e.g. karate lessons, swimming lessons, dance classes, art classes, etc.). **Please note that unlike in previous years, requests for memberships or admission fees to non-educational venues are not eligible for funding. The Bureau of Autism Services has made this change to reflect feedback that we received from the Pennsylvania autism community at large.**

- Modifications or adaptations for home and/or community for safety (for example: door locks, alarms, fencing or other items to prevent an individual from leaving home or yard).

### How Do I Apply?

Mail your completed application and materials to the address on page 8 of this application. **The deadline for submission is April 16, 2010. Applications must be postmarked by no later than this date.** Applications which are faxed or e-mailed will not be accepted. **We cannot be responsible for applications returned for insufficient postage, delayed or lost in transit to our office. Incomplete and illegible applications will not be considered for funding,** so please be sure that your application is signed and complete with all necessary documentation attached. **WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLICATIONS COMPLETED OR SUBMITTED BY A THIRD PARTY (case manager, BSC, etc.).**

### Important Dates:

<b>Applications are due (postmarked by):</b>	<b>April 16, 2010</b>
<b>Notification of awards sent by mail on a rolling basis beginning on or about:</b>	<b>May 14, 2010</b>
<b>Activities must occur between these dates:</b>	<b>March 1, 2010 and August 31, 2010</b>

### What If I Have Questions?

See the Bureau of Autism Services Website under “2010 Family and Individual Mini Grant” included in this packet or at [www.autisminpa.org](http://www.autisminpa.org) for a list of Frequently Asked Questions. If your question is not answered on the FAQ, you may email [DPW-AutismOffice@state.pa.us](mailto:DPW-AutismOffice@state.pa.us) or call toll-free, 1-866-539-7689.

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL TO INQUIRE AS TO THE STATUS OF YOUR GRANT APPLICATION. THESE CALLS WILL NOT BE RETURNED SO THAT WE MAY SPEND THAT VALUABLE**

## TIME PROCESSING APPLICATIONS.

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