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Parent/Peer Support Individuals and Groups

Stephanie McCormick
A Common Bond Support Group
85 South Street
Ware, MA 01082

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A support system showing families that may feel alone or different because they have a child with special needs that there is hope. Even though they may not fit into the mold the world has set, they can be strong, noticed and appreciated.

Trainings, guest speakers, activities.

Jane Mildred
AANE -- Western MA Chapter
46 Eames Ave
Amherst, MA 01002

Primary Phone: **(413) 572-5479**

Secondary Phone: **(413) 587-0078**

<http://aane.org>

Support groups for parents of adults with Asperger's/High Functioning Autism (AS/HFA).

This peer-facilitated group is intended primarily for parents whose adult children are, or hope to be, living independent lives as adults in the community. Networking with other parents also provides opportunities to express pride in their adult children's talents and abilities, learn more about each other's successes, discover how to develop and locate resources such as housing and vocational assistance, and explore if and how to help their children apply for SSI and other government programs. There is no charge for this support group.

Jonathan Warner, Group Facilitator
AANE Western MA Adult Group
35 Poplar Hill Road
West Whately, MA 01039

Phone: **(413) 665-7334**

email: **whately@comcast.net**

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Group facilitator for an active social group for adults with Aspergers in Western MA.

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Parents Helping Parents

108 Water Street

Watertown, MA 02472

Primary Phone: (617) 926-5008

fax: (617) 926-5011

Secondary Phone: (800) 882-1250

www.parentshelpingparents.org

Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous support to all in a care giving role.

Call the Parental Stress line (at 1-800-632-8188) 24-hours per day, 7-days per week to speak with a trained, telephone counselor who will take the time to listen and respond.

Parent Support Groups meet weekly throughout MA. Share experiences; get support and encouragement. Call 1-800-882-1250 for information about meeting locations.

The Asperger's Connection

, MA

Phone:

web: wwwddleadership.org/aspergers

This interactive website is intended to facilitate discussion among consumers, family members, professionals and legislators / policy makers interested in and concerned with issues that individuals with Asperger's Syndrome and High Functioning Autism face on a day to day basis.

Gwen Gosselin

Uniting Families for Change

3 State Street

Westfield, MA 01085

Phone: (413) 562-4885

fax: (413) 572-9707

email: www.ufc1991@mcsnet.org

Grassroots, multicultural coalition of families in western MA who have come together to bring about change for individuals with disabilities and their families.

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Westfield Infant Toddler
91 Elm Street
Westfield, MA 01085

Phone:

Autism Parent Support Group

Meetings: Thursdays' 5:30 to 7:00 pm
