

## Additional Information and Updates from our Community Partners

Southwest Human Development and the Arizona Institute for Early Childhood Development are pleased to announce new, expanded hours for the **Birth to Five Helpline (1-877-705-KIDS)**:  
**Monday - Friday 8am - 8pm**  
**Saturday 10am - 2pm**

As you may recall, the Birth to Five Helpline is a free resource for parents and caregivers of infants and young children, as well as the professionals who serve them. This warm line will cover a full range of concerns families may have about their children from pregnancy until age five.

Flyers are available in both English and Spanish. Please feel free to forward this information to co-workers and colleagues who work with young children and families. The flyer may also be printed and posted within your organization.

As many of you know, Southwest Human Development has specialized in services for infants, toddlers and preschoolers for nearly 25 years. For questions about the helpline, contact Patsy Rethore, Senior Program Manager, at 602-200-0434.

### Finger spelling class to be held in May.

**Dates:** May 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

**Times:** 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM



**Location:** Prescott Valley Police Department  
**Training Cost:** \$35.00 cash only, payable on first day of class  
 Interested individuals must e-mail me directly at [lmolinaro@pvaz.net](mailto:lmolinaro@pvaz.net) I will place you on a list and keep you updated on the status of the class. We need a minimum of 12 students (CONFIRMED) in order to hold class.

### Phoenix Children's Hospital Teaches Arizona Adults How to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

Phoenix Children's Hospital is teaching Arizona adults how to prevent child sexual abuse through a new training program called "Stewards of Children." Developed by the Darkness to Light organization, this 3-hour program teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse in seven steps. Training is provided statewide to schools, businesses, day care centers, and community organizations serving children and youth. The Stewards of Children program is available free of charge to community groups. For additional information about the Stewards of Children program or to schedule a training session, contact Marcia Stanton 602-546-3342 [mstanto@phoenixchildrens.com](mailto:mstanto@phoenixchildrens.com).

**\*AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS\* STRUCTURED TEACHING MODEL (TEACCH) TRAINING SEMINAR** Co-sponsored by **Special Education Administrators Association, Scottsdale Unified School District, and the Arizona Department of Education August 7-11, 2006**. The training dates have been moved to August. Please apply early, as there will be only 25 slots for participants, statewide, for this one week training. The training is open to school staff, to include special education teachers of students with autism, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists and other professional staff who serve students with autism. [joanne.phillips@azed.gov](mailto:joanne.phillips@azed.gov)



**Law Enforcement Memorial Candlelight Vigil on May 13, 2006**, at the Town of Prescott Valley Civic Center Amphitheater. The service will begin around 7:30 p.m. Pastor Dale Fricke will preside over the service honoring fallen officers from around the nation. If your agency has lost an officer or if you know of any families in your area who have lost a loved one in the line of duty, could you please contact one of the officers listed below. The Candlelight Vigil will be following a Crime Prevention display, with VIN etching, child fingerprinting and other Crime Prevention information, that will be held from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the front parking lot area of the Prescott Valley Police Department. The contact for this event is Officer Jennifer A. Miller of the Prescott Valley Police Department at #772-5150.

### Great News!!! HB2743 has passed both Houses and has been referred to the Governor for her signature!

State Department of Developmental Disabilities definitions are amended to replace "mental retardation" with "cognitive disability" (defined) and to delete the definition of guardianship services. .