



Home At Last, Home At Last...

WAPADH consolidation brings improved services and new opportunities

WAPADH has finally made the move to its new location! With leases expiring at both of our sites, WAPADH'S Board of Directors looked at many issues before deciding to make the move. They examined the quality of environment, improvement in the resource base we use for consumer programs, coordination of program services and communication between families and staff in making their decision. They also considered costs of our building expenditures as an element in their decision making.

Our new home is located at 9300 Santa Fe Springs Rd, about halfway between our old buildings in Whittier and Santa Fe Springs. We are getting settled in and getting used to new equipment and other changes. Change is often difficult but we see many, many positives in this move. We will be providing many new opportunities for staff, consumers and families. Some of the positives in consolidating our operations and moving to this building are:

- Upgraded resources for consumers and staff who frequent our building.

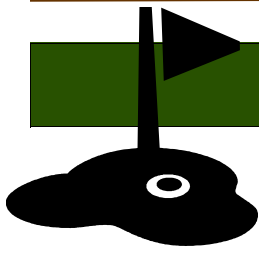


WAPADH Consumer Pablo Medina gives a tour of WAPADH'S new home to his brother Pedro and sister Maria

- Better communication between staff and coordination of services.
- More parking.
- Less Traffic.
- Improved training and program space.
- Improved accessibility.

And much more....

WAPADH will be holding an open house on July 26, 2006 from 3pm-6pm. Come join us—we very much look forward to seeing you at our new building as we make this important move forward!



8th Annual No-Name Golf Tournament Raises Funds For WAPADH

Once again, the No-Name Golf Tournament has proven to be a huge success! This event, held recently in Fullerton, CA, is the brain child of WAPADH family member Tom Miller and his friend Harry Wilson. Tom's brother John is supported by WAPADH and his dad Bill is a former member of the WAPADH Board of Directors. After getting rained out on the scheduled date in February, we had a great turn-out for the re-scheduled May date. The money raised will be used for new communication technology and for snow/water ski experiences for consumers. We are very thankful for the thoughtfulness and generosity of all those who participated in this event. Here's to you, No-Name Golfers!



WAPADH Consumer Sarah Perez-Guerrero has some fun on the slopes thanks to funds raised by the No-Name Golf Tournament

Language Arts Library Finally Has a Home....

WAPADH is pleased to announce the opening of the new Language Arts and Technology Lending Library. This onsite resource is available for clients to seek academic assistance, enhance literacy skills, complete independent research, and to improve individual communication plans. The new facility is stocked with wireless mobile laptop work stations, a digital video documentation center, a literacy center with additional listening stations, a variety of augmentative communication devices, as well as various educational software programs. The Language Arts Library is also the new home of WAPADH'S free monthly Facilitated Communication workshops.



Marcelo Lauria shows his expertise on one of the many communication devices available at the Technology Lending Library

Over the last year, with the help of generous grant funding, WAPADH has had the opportunity to purchase a variety of new communication devices and software. In cooperation with WACSEP (the Whittier Area Cooperative for Special Education Programs), the WAPADH Technology Lending Library hopes to assist children and adults with disabilities within our community utilize technology in order to improve academic and communication skills. For more information, please see the new 2006/2007 Technology Lending Library Catalog (included in this issue), or contact Brady Miller-Wakeham at 562- 946-0467 ext. 105.

The Respite Network

Here is how the Respite Network Works!

Below you will find a brief outline of responsibilities for all parties involved.

FAMILY/CONSUMER

The family/consumer responsibility is to check out the credentials of the potential support person. Once they have found a person(s) they like, work to build a trusting relationship with that person(s). It is also the family/consumer's responsibility to identify a funding source (i.e. Regional Center) and to negotiate a rate of pay for support person and to insure that payment is made promptly to the support person after the services are provided.

THE RESPITE PROVIDER

It is the Respite Provider's responsibility to provide support to the consumer in a responsible manner which reflects the type of support requested by that consumer and the family. Respite Providers are responsible for building a trusting relationship with the consumer and their family. The support person must also negotiate a rate of pay with the consumer and family that is mutually acceptable.

WAPADH

It is WAPADH'S responsibility to continue to build and add to the list of potential respite providers. It is WAPADH'S responsibility to update the list with new names approximately quarterly.

NAME	PHONE #	AVAILABILITY
Alma Aragon	562-699-9708 562-556-2548 cell	Weekends
Brenda Barraza	562-686-5452	Evenings and Saturdays
Cindy Bernal	562-948-3560 562-665-2389 cell	Weekends and Overnights
Martin Blessing	562-841-5636	Evenings and Weekends
Deborah Cordova	562-698-7807	Evenings and Weekends
Rosie Corona	310-635-4635	Days
Daniel Cross	562-908-0355	Weekday Evenings
Hermalinda Juarez	562-697-0056	Evenings and weekends
Mary Juarez	562-697-7127	Weekends
Alma Luna	562-946-0467 x131	Evenings and Saturdays
Alicia Melendez	562-696-6933	Weekends
Jessica Zavala	310-903-1333 cell	Evenings and Weekends

CONNECTIONS

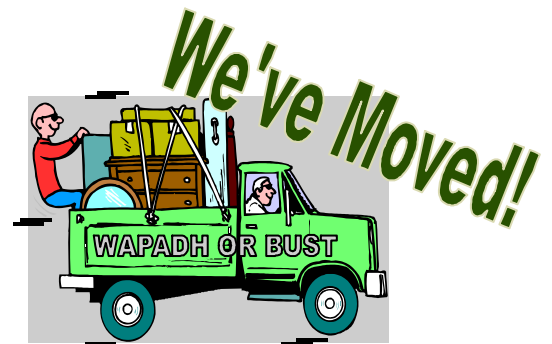
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Thank You For Your Support and Generosity!