

Tax Strategies for Parents of Kids with Special Needs

Monthly Shout Out: Jenny Kemp

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Schwab Learning estimates that 15-30 percent of families with a special needs child has one or more unclaimed tax benefits. Are you one of these families???

Medical Expense Deductions

Many parents don't realize that Learning Disabilities are considered a medical condition, as are other disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy, ADHD, etc. [Rev. ruling 78-340, 1978-2 C.C. 124]

Medical expenses are limited by 7.5% of Adjusted Gross Income, but some of the following out-of-pocket costs may cause you to exceed that limitation. Costs that can be deducted include:

- Special Schooling including tuition or tutoring by someone especially trained to meet the child's needs. The purpose and primary reason for the choice of school must be to alleviate or remediate the disability.
- Regular education when the purpose is to treat the disability and the school – such as typical preschool for socialization purposes.
- Aides required for a child to benefit from regular or special education.
- Special instruction, training, or therapy such as OT, Speech, remedial reading, etc.
- Diagnostic evaluations by qualified personnel.
- Go to the following website for more tax strategies <http://www.tacanow.org/family-resources/tax-strategies-for-parents-of-kids-with-special-needs/>



Contact Sonia at sdykhuizen@arioncaresolutions.com to nominate your favorite provider. Recipient will receive a \$50 gift card.

I would like to recommend one of our providers who has gone above and beyond in caring for our son Louis. Jenny follows the goals of Louis' ISP and does a great job in making sure that Louis is making progress on all 6 of his goals. Jenny has helped Louis with life skills, teaching him appropriate communication, and helping him learn calming strategies when he is anxious or angry. We are very fortunate to have Jenny as our provider for Louis. Louis can be a handful at times but Jenny knows how to handle him firmly with love and understanding. Jenny is competent and experienced. Jenny is always kind and respectful. We highly recommend her to be your featured provider.

Client Louis

Parent University

Highlands Church and Arion Care Solutions host **Making "Sense" of Behavior** Class for parents and caregivers of individuals with special needs.

Special guest speaker Jenna Anderson, Certified Neurologic Music Therapist

February 4, 2013

6:30-8:00 pm Highlands Church, Children's building
9050 E Pinnacle Peak
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Wonder why your child has a certain behavior? Looking for another way to change unwanted behaviors? Are your current behavior strategies not working? *Making "Sense" of Behaviors* will provide you with hands-on opportunities to learn how to address behaviors by integrating a sensory diet into the home. This workshop will include information on the sensory system, how to identify sensory needs, and how to change unwanted behaviors using a sensory approach. Come join us for an informational and interactive evening learning about the sensory system and how it impacts behaviors. Please contact Alison Walker at 623-687-1626 or awalker@arioncaresolutions.com for more information.