

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

OU sponsors 'Living with Autism' Workshop

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Eight breakouts will be offered by autism experts from Oakland University's **Center for Autism Research Education and Support (OUCARES)** along with Henry Ford Health System and the Kaufman Children's Center. Breakout sessions include:

- "Diagnosing Autism: Developmental Screening and Early Diagnosis (repeats)"
- "All Grown Up with Autism: Adolescents and Adults with ASD"
- "The Genetic Connection: The Role of Genetics and Neurology in Autism and Autistic-like Behaviors"
- "Your Treatment Toolbox: Behavioral Intervention Options"
- "Sign and Say: Revolutionary Help for Non-Verbal Children with Autism"
- "Autism's Alternative Options: Alternative Therapies for ASD"
- "Children with Autism...Families with Peace. Strategies for families to thrive"
- "One Size Does Not Fit All: Multiple Approaches to Educating Children with ASD"

McCarthy, television and film personality and best-selling author, will share her story of the struggles and triumphs of raising her son, Evan, who has autism.

Participants will also be able to make connections with others, visit vendor booths of local autism experts, talk to parents of autistic children and ask the experts questions, including a question and answer session with breakout session leaders and McCarthy.

Tickets are \$125 for professional admission with CEU credits and \$95 for general admission. To purchase tickets, visit the **Metro Parent** Web site. For more information on OU's autism programs, visit the **OUCARES** Web site.

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