

Kentucky Parent Led Autism Networks of Support (KY PLANS)

Support Group Leader Challenge for the Month of March 2011:

Increase Awareness

Plan for Autism Awareness Month (April)

- Encourage members to provide at least one autism awareness talk within your local community during the month of April. Use the enclosed worksheet to plan.
- Modify the Autism Awareness Month press release to include information about your group and submit it to your local newspaper for publication in April.
- Visit your local library/libraries now to introduce yourself and share information about your support group. Take the enclosed letter and list of autism-related books and request that they order one or more of the books on the list and have them in the library by April. You might also provide flyers and any other information you have from your group, asking them to display these materials—and any autism-related books—during the month of April.
- Consider sponsoring a community event during the month of April. The event does NOT have to be big, nor labor intensive. Use the enclosed worksheet for suggestions.
- Consider the possibility of going into a classroom and talking to students about how to be a great friend to a classmate with autism. Use the enclosed talk point sheet and brochure as a place to start as you plan your discussion.