



EARLY INTERVENTION/PRESCHOOL CO-OP BEING FORMED

SPONSOR– The Melody Arons Center

TARGET GROUP– Patents of disabled/ at risk children, 2-5

MEETING DATES– August 9, 16, 23

TIME– 7-9 P.M.

PLACE– 210 Carlton Terrace, Teaneck

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call 201-692-7908.

MAC ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF PARENT CO-OP

MAC, the Melody Arons Center, announces the formation of a parent co-operative for the day-care component of its programs. Parents participating in the co-operative would be able to barter the time given to MAC in exchange for services provided to their child. If, however, the parent is able to pay for all or part of the day-care program, barter cannot be used to replace payment. This restructuring is intended to address the severe shortage of affordable quality day care and early intervention programs for preschool children with disabilities. Parents are expected to work at assigned tasks at the Center, but will not work in a direct instructional capacity. Teaching will continue to be provided only by certified special education teachers. All parents are welcome to apply without regard to educational background. The only initial requirement is a current physical examination to demonstrate good health and lack of communicable disease. An application form will be distributed at the August meetings and will soon be available at www.melodyarons.org. Introductory meetings are scheduled for August 9, 16, and 23 from 7-9 P.M. at 210 Carlton Terrace in Teaneck. Registration is required by calling 201-692-7908. No drop-ins will be permitted.

MAC's day care program is musically-based for children 2-5, primarily using song and dance to facilitate language production, self-regulation, social interaction, and improved movement and co-ordination. It integrates sensory integration experiences through song and dance, playing musical instruments, and a variety of other child led, play-based and performance experiences. The day-care component of MAC's services is five days a week from 8:30 A.M.-12 noon, is limited to 5 children per session, and is described in the MAC Handbook which is available online at the website. It is envisioned that those participating in the co-operative can later function as the base for a variety of afternoon and after-school play groups. The director of MAC is Marilyn Arons, a nationally known special educator and parent trainer with 50 years of experience in working with a wide variety of children having disabilities. For more information, contact the Center or email them through the website.