

2010 11q Research and Resource Group Family Conference

We are excited to announce plans for a 2010 11q Research and Resource Group Family Conference. The conference will be held July 7-11, 2010 at the Courtyard San Diego Airport/Liberty Station. We have negotiated a discounted room rate for those attending the conference of \$139 a night. That rate is available during the conference as well as 3 days before and after the conference. We have 30 rooms blocked off that are available at this rate so make your reservations soon to get the discounted rate. You must mention that you are coming with the 11q Research and Resource Group Conference to get the discounted rate. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 1-619-221-1900 or going to this website <http://cwp.marriott.com/sanal/researchresourcefamily/>. The website is only available for those booking for the 7th thru the 11th only so if you plan to come earlier or stay later, you will need to call the hotel directly to ensure that they give you the discounted rate.

We chose this hotel to try and save the families money. It is located near the airport and has a free airport shuttle. The hotel also offers free parking. There are also several lower cost restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. If you would like to get more information on the hotel you can visit their website at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sanal-courtyard-san-diego-airport-liberty-station/>.

The conference will begin Wednesday, July 7th with an early bird session in the afternoon and registration beginning after that. We will then officially kick off the conference with a dinner Wednesday evening (included in registration fee). We will enjoy speakers ranging from medical professionals to parents to therapists and experts in various areas related to special needs children in general. We will also have parent led break-out sessions throughout the conference. We are planning a great family activity for Saturday afternoon/evening to end the conference on a great note. There will also be opportunities for your 11q children to participate in current research if you so choose. It will be a great opportunity to learn from professionals as well as other parents dealing with similar issues with their children.

Childcare will be offered Thursday, the 8th, Friday the 9th, and Saturday the 10th during the conference sessions. There will be a small fee per child to use the childcare. Further information for that will be sent out as soon as we have confirmed the childcare providers and rates. We will be using providers that have experience working with special needs and medically fragile children.

We still have a need for some help in fundraising for the conference. If you would be willing to help by collecting donations or holding a fundraiser, please let me know by emailing me at 11qusa@gmail.com. We also understand that coming to the conference is a big financial commitment and may be difficult for many families hoping to attend. Several families have done fundraisers or received funding from various organizations to come to previous conferences so if you would like some information on ideas for personal fundraisers or places to locate funding, please let me know. We are trying to keep costs low to help ease the burden on families who wish to attend the conference, but many families have had success securing funding to pay for all or most of their conference expenses in the past. If you are unable to afford the registration fees for the conference, we have financial aid forms that you can fill out to apply to have those fees waived. We definitely don't want the registration fees to be the reason that someone is unable to attend the conference.

If you have any questions, please let me know by emailing me at 11qusa@gmail.com. I hope to see you all in San Diego!