



UNYAA News and Events

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!

The BCBA licensure bill was delivered to the Governor on December 30th. He now has 10 days to either sign or veto.

WE NEED HIM TO SIGN IT!!

Please consider calling his office in support. I know some of you already have- Thank you! You can continue to call every day. Feel free to contact Kristin with any questions regarding this bill. Please forward this on to others too via email and social networks. Time is running out! This will tremendously help our children and families who need help with behavioral interventions and services in their homes! Insurance companies will have to pay if Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) are Licensed!

It took less than 3 minutes to call!

The bill to license Behavior Analysts has been sent to Governor Cuomo. He has 10 days to sign the bill to license Behavior Analysts. It is critical that we act fast. Please contact the governor's office by phone, indicating our support of the bill.....

**Call: Governor Cuomo (the more calls the better)
You can call him at: (518) 474-8390**

In a polite voice, say "Hello, I am calling to ask Governor Cuomo to sign A.6963 and S.4862 to help Behavior Analysts to serve New York families raising kids with autism. Behavior Analysts need a license to practice for the families to get the treatment they deserve. The new regulations written by the DFS are not enough. Thank you."

[NYSABA Website](#)

- **Adaptive Basketball Program**

This program will run on Sundays beginning January 12th through March 2nd from 10:30-11:45am at the YMCA. The attached forms must be filled out and mailed, emailed, or dropped at UNYAA office at 379 Bay Rd in Queensbury by Wednesday, January 8th.

Please email Kristin your child's shirt size ASAP!!!!

Kristin@upstatenyautism.org

[Registration Sheet](#)

[YMCA Registration](#)

- **Gymnastics**

Another session of adaptive gymnastics at Aerial's Gymnastics with Miss Cyndee will begin Sunday, January 12th. There will be two class times: 11am-noon and 12noon-1pm. Participants can join at any time during the 8 week session. This has been a very successful program and we are excited for the continuation with another session.

Please call Kristin at 791-2703 or email at

Kristin@upstatenyautism.org.

- **Fun Spot**

This fun event will be January 19th from 9-11am for members of UNYAA. Your kids will be able to enjoy the roller rink and the indoor playground. Registration is REQUIRED. Please call Tina at 321-8512 or tina@upstatenyautism.org.

- **Handle II.....** January 30th and 31st. 9am-4pm

This course builds on Level I (prerequisite) and applies this knowledge through applications of Handle to Autism Spectrum Disorders. Participants will follow the process through which Judith Bluestone went to develop her theories on Autism and begin to see behavior as communication with new "Handle Eyes." Individual sensory systems will be looked at as a way to understand sensitivities and attention issues. Elizabeth Frishkoff from HANDLE of New England will be our instructor again, along with Dr. Shifra Leiser, OTD of HANLDE-Northeast for this two day workshop. Please see the attached brochure for more info or contact Kristin at 791-2703 or

[Kristin@upstatenyautism.org](mailto:kristin@upstatenyautism.org). Space is limited to 20 attendees and early registration discount applies until January 15th. CALL NOW IF INTERESTED!

[HANDLE Brochure](#)

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Sincerely,

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