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Conference to detail services for retarded

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Families with mentally retarded or developmentally disabled members can find out about the array of support services available to them at a conference on Nov. 9.

Information on respite care, community residences and other services will be offered by agencies at the conference, to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Elizabeth A. Connelly Resource Center, Willowbrook.

The event is free to parents and family members; a $15 fee will be charged to professionals. Lunch will be provided to participants.

Similar conferences are being held in Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn next month as part of Family Support Month. The events are being co-sponsored by state and city offices dealing with the developmentally disabled, as well as the InterAgency Council of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Agencies, Inc.

Further information can be had by contacting the Staten Island Retardation and Disabilities Council, a consortium of agencies, consumers and parents, at 983-5354.

Seminar on learning disabled

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Parents of learning disabled children, as well as teachers and professionals, are invited to attend a free seminar Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at Laurie Intermediate School, New Springville.

It's co-sponsored by the Family Support Network for Learning Disabilities, and the Staten Island Community School District Division of Special Education.

Dorothy A. Clark, a licensed social worker and director of clinical services at the Elizabeth W. Pouch Center for Special People, and co-chairwoman of the Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Services Office Information Exchange, will be the keynote speaker.

She will explain the educational and support services available to families with learning disabled children.

The seminar is one of several sponsored throughout the city by the Family Support Network, which also sponsors the New York City Learning Disabilities Helpline.

More information about the seminar can be obtained by calling the helpline at (212) 677-3838.