# A Session for Dads!

# An Informal Discussion of Parental Health and Wellness Impact on Caring for a Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Parenting a child with autism can be tough, especially on dads. Typically, dads interact with each other by making friends when their kids are school-age, playing sports or meeting while coaching together.

But for fathers of children with autism, that is not often the case. Children with autism are not engaged in traditional sporting activities and this can lead to social isolation for dads and their children.

Dads who have a child with autism are invited to learn more about issues specific to them. Please join us for food, fun, discussion and a presentation by Dr. David Michalec.

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Tuesday, May 7, 2013 6:30—8:30pm

Gresso's Restaurant

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## Please RSVP by May 1 to reserve your seat

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#### **About the Presenter:**

David Michalec, PhD is a Child Clinical Psychologist at the Child Development Center at Nationwide Children's Hospital and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. David is also the father of two young boys and grew up with brothers!

Dr. Michalec provides evaluation, consultation, and treatment for children suspected of having an intellectual or developmental disabilities and is also the psychologist for Prader-Willi Team at Nationwide Children's. Additionally, he serves as Associate Director of Pre-Doctoral Internship Training.

Other interests include group parent training, professional issues in psychology training, and outreach to rural, underserved communities. He also thoroughly enjoys and has a propensity to root for perpetually basement dwelling NFL teams!!

