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Hello,

Please watch ABC's 20/20 this Friday night, August 5th, for the episode called Children of Hoarders: Living in Filth. I had the privilege and the opportunity to assist Professional Organizer Geralin Thomas and Therapist Dr. Michael Tompkins along with a fantastic crew of nine fellow NAPO-LA organizers on this hoarding project for Bonnie and her two daughters.

I can't guarantee that you will see me anywhere in the show-but I can at least say that I WAS there. I am the one with the blonde hair and white shirt. If you look at the second link posted here, you can see a picture of me in slide #11 between the gentleman (Therapist, Michael Tompkins) in the grey shirt and the lady (Professional Organizer, Geralin Thomas) in the navy shirt.

[ABC News Pressroom](#)

[ABC-20/20-Hoarders-Slideshow](#)

This same project will appear on an upcoming A&E's Hoarders episode-details to come at a later date.

FYI-Please watch the show at your own will.

This newsletter is also focusing on children for my pieces within Scrapbook Designer and Vision to be Organized, please continue to read about: Artwork Overload and Getting Kids Organized for School.

Thank you,

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## Artwork Overload

Wondering what to do with the wonderful compilation of kids' art? Caregivers should learn that they don't have to save every single project made by a child. Here are a few great ideas to keep the memories but save some space.

- Post artwork temporarily to give the family a chance to admire it. To create a fancy refrigerator display, purchase a few 8x10 and 5x7 cardboard mattes. Glue plastic sleeves behind them to hold kids' pictures, and attach magnets so they stick to the fridge. You can easily remove and rotate art as new creations arrive. Or dedicate a couple standard wall frames to hold kids' artwork, and change out old art as new masterpieces arrive.

- As items are rotated out, store them in a drawer or even an unused pizza box. At year's end, help kids select their top ten favorites to save. Then, take photos or videotape of three-dimensional art and toss the rest.

- Start an Art of the Month Club. Have kids select one piece of artwork each month to give to family and friends. (Grandparents love this idea!)

- As new artwork enters your home, ask yourself: "Is this different than other works we've already saved?" "Does it give me a glimpse into my child's uniqueness?" "Does it make me laugh or cry?" Keep only those that really make an impact. Let the rest go so you can appreciate the best.

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## Vision to be Organized

### Getting Kids Organized For School

"Getting organized" is more than eliminating clutter and creating neat storage systems. One of the most important areas of organizing is task management. It's never too early (or too late) to teach kids how to get and stay organized with schoolwork. The skills they learn now will carry over into high school, college, and ultimately, their careers and home management as adults.

- Establish a great homework routine. With your child, determine the best time for daily school work and stick with it. For some kids, it will be right after school. Others may need some downtime to play, and then it's time to hit the books. The most



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Christie has recently joined the Association of Personal Photo Organizers.



Official launch in September

## Resources



important thing is to stick to the schedule so your child knows what's expected.

- Set up the space. Have a designated study area, such as the kitchen table. But for unique assignments, allow for some flexibility such as moving to a rocking chair for reading chapter books. Create a school supply box and keep it well stocked with supplies (paper, pens, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, ruler, sticky notes, calculator, etc.) so kids don't have an excuse to get up.

- Make sure you know what's going on at school. Instruct children to unload their backpacks as soon as they come home. Have them hang up their bags in a designated area (try a coat rack, pegs on the wall, or a wicker laundry basket near the front door). This allows for easy access the next day. They should bring homework to the designated study area. Check in each day so you're aware of their workload and take special care when they seem overwhelmed.

- Encourage the use of lists and planners. The older kids get, the more homework and activities they'll have. Teach them to manage their tasks with the use of simple lists or a planner/calendar of some sort. Office supply stores sell ones with cute kid-friendly designs, or use computer lists (or even PDAs) for techie kids. When they learn of upcoming assignments, tests, or events, they should write them down in their planners.

- Encourage color coding. Color affects our mood and memory. Let kids pick the colors of their folders and notebooks to correspond to different classes. If green reminds them of science, then they'll know instantly to grab the green notebook when looking for their science notes.

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