



**Community Events for Families and Educators
Of Children with Disabilities
Partners for Success Resource Center**
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For Questions and Concerns....

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Facilitated IEP Team Meetings

As stated in *Facilitated IEP Team Meetings in Maryland*, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, Maryland State Department of Education, "Having IEP team meetings facilitated by an external, independent, trained "Facilitator" is rapidly becoming a popular means for parents and school personnel to reach agreement in the educational decision making process for students needing or suspected of needing special education services. When the relationship between parents and school personnel becomes strained or better yet, before the relationship has the opportunity to fray, parents and school personnel are finding that using external facilitators can assist the IEP team process. A facilitator may help parents and school personnel avoid misunderstandings or disagreements when it is believed that discussions at the meeting may become challenging. Using a trained facilitator has been found to be an effective means to keep IEP teams focused on the development of the educational program for the student while addressing some of the conflicts and disagreements that may arise from inadequate communication. The facilitator will utilize skills that create an environment in which the IEP team members; school personnel and parents can listen to each other and work together in developing high quality education programs for students suspected of, or identified as disabled."

If you would like more information about Facilitated IEP Team Meetings, please contact: Ellen Meyer, Coordinator of Compliance and Related Services, Anne Arundel County Public Schools at 410-222-5422 or Linda Deming, Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center at 410-266 -9033.

To request a Facilitated IEP Team Meeting, please contact the Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center at 410-266-9033.

Anne Arundel County Systems of Care

1-800-485-0041

www.annearundel.md.networkofcare.org

Can't find local resources for your family? Talk to someone who can help! Anne Arundel County Systems of Care provides one-on-one support/system navigation and access to agency referral information and community resources by phone.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools

The Life Transition Series: "What are Transition Services? Developing a Transition Plan" Michele Dilegge

Katy Schieman, presenters

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Woods Memorial Church, 611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd., Fellowship Hall, Severna Park, MD.

This workshop is for parents and students who want to gain knowledge about the transition process and learn how to develop an effective transition plan. Topics will include: Federal requirements, preparing the student for transition planning, identifying appropriate post-secondary goals, identifying appropriate transition activities, critical elements to a successful transition plan, and an overview of adult services.

The Life Transition Series of workshops is designed to provide families of students with disabilities, transitioning from school to adult services, with valuable information and resources to facilitate a successful transition. Each session will focus on a specific topic providing information that is crucial for preparing for adult life. The Life Transition Series is open to all families interested in increasing their knowledge on the specific topics. For more information, or to register for the free workshops,

please email or call one of the following persons, Michele Dilegge, Division of Special Education, AACPS: mdilegge-goldfein@aacps.org, at 410-222-5481, Katy Schieman at Partners for Success AACPS: kshiemman@aacps.org, at 410-222-3805, or Jessica Dicus, The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region: jdicus@thearcccr.org at 410-268-8085.

Anne Arundel County Asperger Support Group

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: St. Martin in the Field Church, 375 Benfield Blvd., Severna Park, MD

Support Group meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (during the school year). For more information, please contact Sue Hayward at 410-544-6661. Check website for information concerning guest speakers, resources and links at www.aacaps.org

Anne Arundel County Chapter of the Autism Society

The Anne Arundel chapter is dissolving and will not resume meeting this school year. For more information please go to www.aaccasa.org.

Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks

Adaptive Recreation- A Place for All Abilities – *New Programs*

These programs are designed for community members with special needs; however, not all programs are appropriate for all individuals. If you are a new participant, please contact Wendy Scarborough at 410-222-7313, ext. 3554 for additional program information. She can also address requests for inclusion in other programs. To view the descriptions, schedule of programs and/or registration materials, please go to <http://www.aacounty.org/recparks/recreation/adaptive.cfm>

Anne Arundel County Down Syndrome Connection

Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Anne Arundel Medical Center, Health Science Pavilion, 7th Floor, 2000 Medical Parkway, Annapolis, MD

Down Syndrome Connection meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Check the website for information about meetings. For more information visit the website at www.downsyndromeconnection.com or call 888-279-2279

Anne Arundel County Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee (AA-SECAC)

Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: The Carol S. Parham Board of Education Building, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD

AA-SECAC, "A voice for positive changes in Special Education", meets the second Thursday evening of the month. The goal of SECAC is to develop partnerships and facilitate a discussion among parents, families, community leaders, organizations, educators and administrators as a means to enhance services and opportunities by the Division of Special Education. AA-SECAC also promotes the implementation of proactive supports to students with disabilities and/or special needs, while advocating for positive changes in special education within Anne Arundel County Public Schools. For additional information, please go to: www.aasecac.org, Kim Offutt, Chair, bkoffutt@verizon.net; Carolyn Fiume, Vice-Chair, cfiume@thearcccr.org, or 410-222-3805, Partners for Success Resource Center.

CHADD of Anne Arundel County

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Road, Rm. 203, Severna Park, MD

CHADD meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from September to June. Please see the website (www.aacochadd.org) for additional information including adult and parent support groups. For assistance and further information, please leave a message for volunteer staff on 410-721-2468, and they will return your call.

(Army) Exceptional Family Member Program Support Group of Fort Meade

Topic: “Organizational Strategies and Visual Supports”, presented by Kennedy Krieger Institute’s Pediatric Developmental Disorders Clinic

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Community Readiness Center, Army Community Service, 830 Chisholm Ave., Fort Meade, MD

Learn how to: Support learning and manage homework activities; help facilitate transitions and complete multi-step activities; communicate behavioral expectations; promote increased independence within daily routines and self-care, and explain novel situations. To register and /or to obtain more information, please contact Caraline Someck of the Army Community Service at 301-677-4122 or email caraline.someck@civ@mail.mil

Friends of Early Childhood Intervention

Topic and Location to Be Announced

Friends of Early Childhood Intervention is for parents and educators of children who receive special education services in A.A. Co. Infants and Toddlers Program, Child Find, Early Childhood Identification Program (ECI) and Community Based Services Program (CBS). There are no membership dues. If you are a parent, guardian, grandparent, or educator of a child with special needs and would like to join or get more information, see their page on *Facebook* or contact Ashley Williamson, ashwilliamson@hotmail.com

Kennedy Krieger Institute: The Center for Autism and Related Disorders

Getting an Autism Spectrum Diagnosis: Where do I go from here?” Cathy Groschan, LCSW-C, presenter

Monday, September 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Center for Autism and Related Disorders at Kennedy Krieger Institute, 3901 Greenspring Ave., Creamer Building, 3rd Floor Large Conference Room, Baltimore, MD

This is a free introductory training for parents. Cathy Groschan, LCSW-C, Clinical Social Worker, leads this discussion and takes your questions about obtaining a diagnosis, finding services, involving the education system and more! To register, please go to <http://kennedykriegercard.eventbrite.com/>

“Choose Your Plate”, Liz Enagonio, MS, RD, LDN, CNSC, Clinical Nutritionist, Kennedy Krieger, presenter

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Center for Autism and Related Disorders at Kennedy Krieger Institute, 3901 Greenspring Ave., Creamer Building, 3rd Floor Large Conference Room, Baltimore, MD

This free event is open to parents, family members and professionals. To register, please go to <http://kennedykriegercard.eventbrite.com/>

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Family Support Group

Thursdays, September 1 & 15, 2011 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Arundel Lodge, 2600 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater, MD

Monday, September 26, 2011 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Medial Office Building, 7556 Teague Road, Suite 440, Hanover, MD

NAMI Family support groups are for relatives, caregivers, and others involved with individuals with mental illness. They meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the Arundel Lodge, and the fourth Monday in Hanover. Support groups provide a caring atmosphere for individuals to share their common experiences. It also assists individuals in developing skills for understanding and coping. For more information please contact 443- 569-3498 or visit website

<http://www.localcommunities.org/lc/namiAAcounty>

The Parenting Center at Anne Arundel Community College

“The Explosive Child”

Saturday, September 3, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Location: Anne Arundel Community College, 101 College Parkway, Arnold, MD 21012

The Explosive Child examines the psychology profile of the noncompliant child. Learn how to direct children away from explosive episodes. Identify common parenting mistakes when dealing with explosive children. The cost of the workshop is \$50.00 which includes \$5.00 for supplies and lab fees. CEU's will be awarded. For information about registration call 410-777-2159 or email parenting@aacc.edu - FON 349, section 901, STARS Number 55015. For a complete listing of workshop descriptions and online registration, visit www.aacc.edu/parenting

“Managing Your Child’s Behavior: 1-2-3 Magic”

Wednesday, September 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Anne Arundel Community College, 101 College Parkway, Arnold, MD 21012

Discover how to manage your child’s behavior without yelling or spanking. Explore concepts from the bestselling book, “1-2-3 Magic: Effective Discipline for Children 2-12.” Practice techniques can be applied with immediate results!

The cost of the workshop is \$50.00 which includes \$5.00 for supplies and lab fees CEU's will be awarded. For Information about registration call 410-777-2159 or email parenting@aacc.edu - FON 382, section 901, STARS Number 57399. For a complete listing of workshop descriptions and online registration, visit www.aacc.edu/parenting

Parents of Children with Type 1 Diabetes Meeting

“Managing Diabetes in School”, Crystal Jackson, from the ADA, presenter

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Anne Arundel Medical Center, 2000 Medical Pkwy., Health Sciences Pavilion, 7th Floor Classroom, Jennifer Road and Medical Parkway, Annapolis, MD

Next month’s topic will be “Nutrition and Diabetes”. For further information, please contact Ruthellen Sheldon at 410-729-5595 or Ruthellen_Sheldon@comcast.net

Special Olympics Maryland, Anne Arundel County

Developmentally disabled people age 8 and older are invited to train in the following sports:

Bocce	Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Ruth Parker Eason
Cycling	Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Kinder Farm Park
10 Pin Bowling	Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Bowl America, Glen Burnie
Golf: Skills	Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Arundel Golf Park
Golf: Alternate Shot	Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Arundel Golf Park
Powerlifting	Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Edgewater Fitness Center
Soccer-Teams	Mondays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Ruth Eason School
Soccer-Skills	Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Lake Waterford Park
Soccer-Mentors & Athletes	Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Lake Waterford Park
Tennis	Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Annapolis High School

If schools are closed, there will be no practice. For more information, please call Gregg Meade at 410-923-0383, wgmeade@worldnet.att.net. For additional information go to www.soaamd.org

Special Olympics Young Athletes Program

Tentative Practice Dates and Information (Schedule is subject to change)

Wednesdays, September 7 & 21, 2011 from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Location: Ruth Parker Eason School, 648 Old Mill Road, Millersville, MD

This program is currently offered for children with special needs, ages 3 yrs. to 6 yrs. **Parent participation is mandatory.** Siblings may participate in activities. This program provides motor skills activities that encourage young children to participate in group athletic exercises. A variety of materials and equipment, music, and movement are used to introduce young special needs children to group motor games. It is also a great socialization time for the children and parents! The young athletes should wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. There are no fees for the program. Additional information and applications are available at all practices. Please contact Janis Jank at jjank@aacps.org to obtain information concerning the current program.

TACA – Talk About Curing Autism Now

“Applied Behavior Analysis – Promoting Independence”

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Severna Park Baptist Church, 506 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) techniques can help with a variety of challenges for children with ASD. A panel of three providers will discuss how ABA can be utilized to build life skills. This group meets the second Tuesday of the month. For current information about events, please access the following website:

<http://meetup.talkaboutcuringautism.org/maryland/index.html> For more information, please contact Alison Hamilton (410-451-8015), Alison.hamilton@tacanow.org or Jill Zaukus (410-439-1828), Jill.zaukus@tacanow.org



Down Syndrome Connection Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, September 25, 2011

Location: Renditions Golf Course, Davidsonville, MD

Registration is at 7:00 a.m. with Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$125 per player or \$440 per foursome. The cost includes 18-holes of golf, riding cart, golfer gift bag, breakfast, awards lunch, silent auction and a chance to win various prizes. To register visit www.downsyndromeconnection.com