



**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.

AACPS, Division of Special Education

**How to Be an I.E.P. (Informed Effective Parent) Team Member: For Parents of Children Receiving
Preschool Special Education Services**, Sue Young and Debbie Wetzel, presenters

Thursday, May 6, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Oakwood Elementary, 330 Oak Manor Drive, Glen Burnie, MD

A child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) is the cornerstone of his or her special education program. IEP team members (parents and the school system) have an opportunity to combine their special areas of expertise and jointly craft an appropriate education program for the student. Please join us to learn how to be a more *informed effective parent* as part of the IEP team by increasing your knowledge of the school system's procedures, while learning skills in organizing and presenting observations about your child, and enhancing your role as an informed and active participant in the special education process. For more information and to confirm attendance, please call Debbie or Katy at the Partners for Success Resource Center at 410-222-3805 or email at partnersforsuccess@aacps.org

Anne Arundel County Asperger Support Group

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 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

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

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

The Autism Chapter meets the last Tuesday evening of the month, unless noted, beginning at 7:00 p.m. To reach the Chapter phone line and for more information, call 410-923-8800 or go to www.aaccasa.org.

Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks

Adaptive Recreation Programs are for the special needs community; however, not all programs are appropriate for all individuals. Spring programs include: **Teen Club for Youth with Developmental Delays, Young Adult Social Club, Saturday Recreation Program, Adaptive Challenger Baseball, Adaptive Youth Sailing Program, and Swim Programs for Individuals with Disabilities.** For additional program information or requests for inclusion in other programs, please contact Wendy Scarborough at 410-222-7313, ext. 3554. Program guide, schedule of programs along with registration material is available at <http://www.aacounty.org/recparks>

Anne Arundel County Down Syndrome Connection

Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 7:30 pm

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 and summer schedule. 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)

Topic: Community Support Group Networking

Thursday, May 13, 2010 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 discussion between parents, families, community leaders, organizations, educators and administrators 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 more information contact AASECAC at 410-222-3805 or partnersforsuccess@aacps.org

CHADD of Anne Arundel County

Topic: Check Website

Tuesday, May 11 and June 8, 2010 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 with a Guest Speaker at 7:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. (September - June). Please see website www.aacochadd.org for additional information including adult and parent support groups. For help 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: Allergies and Seasonal Allergies

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

Come learn about allergies: what are common types of allergies, triggers, testing, treatment options, and preventative measures.

Topic: Exceptional Family Member Program Focus Group

Wednesday, June 9, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

EFMP wants to hear from you! What works well in the EFMP? What needs improvement in the EFMP? What ideas do you have to help develop the program? Caraline and Janinee will present a quick EFMP overview of services and will facilitate the discussion.

Registration is required. Please register by calling Caraline Someck of the Army Community Service at 301-677-4122 or email caraline.someck@conus.army.mil

Friends of Early Childhood Intervention

Topic: Experiences of Growing Up with a Sibling with Disabilities, Brian Phipps, guest speaker

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Folger McKinsey Elementary School, 175 Arundel Beach Rd., Severna Park, MD

This organization is for parents and educators of children who receive special education services in AA Co. Infants and Toddlers Program, Child Find, Early Childhood Identification Program (ECI) and Community Based Services Program (CBS). There are no membership dues. Additionally, childcare is available but you **must register for it in advance**. If you are a parent, guardian, grandparent, or educator of a child with special needs and would like to join or get more information, please contact Carolyn Fiume: 410-695-2748, Carolyn.p.fiume@verizon.net or Dawn Dixon: 410-721-1748

Parents of Children with Type 1 Diabetes Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. 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

This group is for parents of children diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. They will meet the second Tuesday of each month, with the exception of June, July, and August. For further information, please contact Ruthellen Sheldon at 410-729-5595 or Ruthellen_Sheldon@comcast.net

Parents' Place of Maryland

“Behavior Difficulties and Young Children”– Teleconference Workshop, Anne Kirchner and Rachel McRorie, Behavior Interventionists, and Southern Maryland Child Care Resource Center's Project First Choice, guest speakers

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Teleconference

To register, contact Rochelle at 800/394-5694 ext 104 or email Rochelle@ppmd.org

South River Autism Support Group

Monday, May 10, 2010 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Mayo Elementary School, 1260 Mayo Ridge Road, Media Center, Edgewater, MD

This parent support group meets the second Monday of each month. For further information, please contact Tammy LeBow at 410-336-6104 or tammylebow@verizon.net

Special Olympics Maryland, Anne Arundel County

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

Bocce	Monday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Ruth Parker Eason School (Starting 3/22)
Duckpin Bowling	Saturdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Severna Park Bowling Lanes
Golf, Skills	Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Arundel Golf Park (Starting 6/24)
Golf, Alternate Shot	Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Arundel Golf Park (Starting 6/24)
Kayaking	Tuesdays at Arlington Echo from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Softball, Teams	Mondays at Ridgeway Elementary from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Softball, T-ball, Individual	Mondays at Ruth Parker Eason from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Swimming: One to One	Fridays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Arundel Swim Center
Swimming: Intermediate	Fridays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Arundel Swim Center
Swimming: Lappers	Fridays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Arundel Swim Center
Track and Field	Sundays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at South River High School Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Glen Burnie 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

Alternate Wednesdays in 2010: May 5, 19 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Ruth Parker Eason School

This program is currently offered for children with special needs, ages 3 yrs. to 6 yrs. **Parent participation is mandatory.** 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 wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. There are no fees for the program. Additional information and applications are available at our practices. Please contact Janis Jank at jjank@aacps.org to obtain information concerning the current program.



Port Discovery Children's Museum –Free Family Access Passes for Families with Children with Disabilities

Port Discovery Children's Museum in partnership with the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services is providing free Family Access Passes.

1. Call AACPS, Infants and Toddlers Program at 410-222-6911 or Sue Young at 443-510-4591.
 - a. Check out the pass. Fill out a brief 5 question "Pre-Visit Evaluation" about Port Discovery Children's Museum.
 - b. Come to Port Discover Children's Museum, 35 Market Place, Baltimore, MD www.portdiscovery.org
 - c. Return the Pass and fill out a brief "Post Evaluation" about Port Discovery Children's Museum.