



**Community Events for Families and Educators
Of Children with Disabilities**
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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 Partners for Success Resource Center

"How to Be an I.E.P. (Informed Effective Parent) Team Member", Christine Mason-Giardini, Katy Schieman, and Debbie Wetzel, presenters

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Glen Burnie Park Elementary, 500 Marlboro Road, 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 systems' 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. Confirm attendance by contacting Partners for Success Resource Center at 410-222-3805, Email: partnersforsuccess@aacps.org **We need a minimum of 5 participants in order to conduct the workshop, so please let us know you are planning to attend.**

Como ser un miembro de (Padre Efectivo Informado) P.E.I.

Habr  Int rprete de Espa ol

Mi rcoles, 11 de diciembre del 2009, 7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m.

En la Escuela Glen Burnie Park, 500 Marlboro Road, Glen Burnie, MD

El Programa Educacional Independiente (PEI o en ingl s IEP) es la fundaci n de la educaci n especial del ni o. Los miembros del equipo PEI (padres y el sistema escolar) tienen la oportunidad de combinar sus  reas de pericia y juntos dise ar un programa de educaci n apropiado para el alumno. Por favor asistan esa noche para aprender a ser padres m s efectivos e informados como parte del equipo PEI, para aumentar su noci n del procedimiento del sistema escolar, mientras aprenden a organizar y presentar sus observaciones sobre sus hijos y mejorar su papel como padres informados y

participantes activos en el proceso de educación especial. Si tienen alguna pregunta, por favor llamen a Ives Martinez, 410-969-9010 ext. 225

“Setting the Bar: Establishing Appropriate Activities of Daily Living Expectations (ADLs) for Visually Impaired Children”, Maryland School for the Blind Outreach Department, presenters
Wednesday, December 2, 2009 from 6:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Ruth Eason School, 648 Old Mill Road, Millersville, MD 21208

This presentation by the Maryland School for the Blind will focus on ADLs for children with visual impairments. Everyday organizational and living skills will be addressed and discussed. You can submit your specific questions and concerns, prior to the presentation to eboggs@aacps.org Please RSVP to Eldre Boggs at 410-222-2900/01 or eboggs@aacps.org

Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks

Therapeutic Recreation Programs are for the special needs community; however, not all programs are appropriate for all individuals. Programs include **After School Recreation for School Age Youth** with separate sessions for ages 5-13 and ages 13-18; **Teen Club for Youth with Developmental Delays**, **Young Adult Social Club**, **Saturday Recreation Program**, and **Swim Programs for Individuals with Disabilities**. New programs include Coed Adaptive Basketball and Soccer. 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

Holiday Celebration

Sunday, December 6, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Meade High School, 1100 Clark Road, Ft. Meade, MD

Come join the fun with music, dancing, crafts, lunch, Santa's Shop, and Santa himself.

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)

Thursday, December 10, 2009

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 proactive supports to challenging behaviors available 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 410-224-3122 or AASECAC@fastmail.fm

CHADD of Anne Arundel County

“Lightening Your Load...The Art of Living with Less” with Lou Ann Hill, Professional Organizer

Tuesday, December 8, 2009 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: Disability Benefits, Kate Rollason, Executive Director of The Arc of the Central Chesapeake

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

Learn about: SSI, SSDI, Medicaid Waiver, Autism Waiver, Rolling Access Funds. What are these benefits? Who is eligible? How do I apply? Are there waiting lists? Come find the answers! Open to all - military and non-military families. Discover how Kate, a parent of a child with special needs, advocates for herself at IEP meetings. Learn her tips and techniques for successful IEP meetings.

2009 EFMP Joint Service Holiday Party (for all Exceptional Family Members and their Families)

Monday, December 7, 2009 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Potomac Place Neighborhood Center

Register by November 27 by calling 301-677- 4473 or 9017

The Army Exceptional Family Member Program assists military families in their receipt of comprehensive, and coordinated specialized services through the military and/or civilian community. This group meets the second Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Registration is required.** Please register by calling Caraline Someck of the Army Community Service at 301-677-4122.

Friends of Early Childhood Intervention

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Community Methodist Church, 1690 Riedel Road, Crofton, MD

Come join the fun with free food, crafts, games, holiday photos, and FUN.

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. 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 FOEClevents@comcast.net For more information on this or future events, become a fan of Friends of Early Childhood Intervention on Facebook.

Parents of Children with Type 1 Diabetes Meeting

Topic: Surviving the Holidays – Bring your children

Tuesday, December 8, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Anne Arundel Medical Center, 2001 Medical Pkwy., Medical Conference Rm., Sajak Pavilion, Annapolis, MD

Let's let our children lead our discussion – have your children bring in their favorite diabetes supplies (zero-carb foods, favorite food to treat a low, pump pockets, best lancing device, etc.) Have your child write down a question that they would like to ask another child with diabetes and we'll read those out loud anonymously. Or have your child draw a picture of how they feel about living with diabetes. For the parents, bring a holiday recipe to share (with carb counts!) This "Show and Tell" is really for elementary age children – but please bring older children as "mentors" for the younger ones.

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

The School Social Workers of Anne Arundel County

Topic: Stress Management for the Holidays, Marie Gomba, LCSW-C and Donna Jurney, LCSW-C, presenters

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: North County Library, 1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

For more information, please call 443-770-5120

Topic: Children and Grief, Ivy Odick, LCSW-C and Khristine Smith, LCSW-C, presenters
Tuesday, December 1, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: North County Library, 1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD 21060
For more information, please call 410-636-2967 or 410-674-2355.

The School Social Workers of Anne Arundel County presents monthly parent education and support group strategies for success. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Amy Beller, Bates Middle School at 410-263-0270 /email abelleraacps.org, or Lisa Keough at Annapolis Middle School at 410-267-8658/email Ikeoughaacps.org .

South River Autism Support Group

Monday, December 14, 2009

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:

Basketball Jr. Skills	Mondays (Starts 12/7/09) from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ruth Eason Parker School
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Basketball Team and Unified Mentors	Registration Monday 12/14/09 at 6:00 p.m. at Old Mill Middle South School
Basketball Team and Unified Mentors Session 1	Mondays from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. at Old Mill Middle South School
Basketball Team and Unified Mentors Session 2	Mondays from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. at Old Mill Middle South School
Floor Hockey Team	Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Ridgeway Elementary
Floor Hockey Skills	Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ruth Eason Parker School
Skiing, Alpine & Snowshoeing	Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Ruth Eason Parker School
Skiing X-Country	Saturday from 9:00 to 10:30 pm at Ruth Eason Parker School
Ten Pin Bowling	Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bowl America, Glen Burnie

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 2009, 2010: December 2, 16, January 6, 27, February 10, 24, March 10, 24, April 7, 21, and 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 current program.