



**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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Online Version of Calendar of Events: www.aacps.org/specialed/involvement.asp

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 Public Schools

Transition Series: Social Security: SSI

Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Woods Memorial Church, 611 Baltimore Annapolis, Blvd., Room 155, Severna Park, MD 21146

Please attend this workshop to learn about Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). What Social Security benefits are you entitled to receive? How do you get Medical Assistance? What happens when you turn 18? Can you work while receiving benefits? How do you apply for benefits? What documents do you need to apply? How long does the process take? **Please register for this workshop.**

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.

AACPS, Schools and Family Partnerships

Parent Involvement Conference: The Heart of Student Achievement

Saturday, November 13, 2009 from 8:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Anne Arundel Community College, 101 College Parkway, Pascal Center for the Performing Arts, Arnold, Maryland

The Conference is free and open to all parents and community members. Spanish and Korean interpreters will be present. For other languages, please call 410-222-5425. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Space is limited, so we encourage you to register early by calling the Office of School and Family Partnerships at 410-222-5414 or by email at: dgross@aacps.org

Anne Arundel County Asperger Support Group

Wednesday, November 17, 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

**ASD Dietary & Nutrition Treatments: What They Are and How They Work, Dana Laake, RDH, MS, LDN, presenter
Tuesday, November 30, 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 otherwise 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 Down Syndrome Connection

Thursday, November 18, 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)

Thursday, November 11, 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, November 9, 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

The A"maz"ing Journey: Children's Mental Health Matters! Carol Allenza, JD of MD Coalition for Families for Children's Mental Health and Pam Brown, Ph.D, Director of A.A. Co. Partnership for Children, Youth and Families (previously the Local Management Board), presenters

Wednesday, November 3, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

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

***Special Event: Are You at Your Wits End?: 10 Secrets to Stop Defiance and Power Struggles**, presented by Kirk Martin and Casey Martin of Celebrate Calm, LLC

Wednesday, November 10, 2010 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (arrive by 6:45 p.m.)

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

Do you want to create a calm home and eliminate yelling, arguing and meltdowns? Do you want to create stress free mornings, homework, and bedtimes, and eliminate defiance and disrespect from your children while they improve their focus, behavior and grades in school? Kirk Martin and his son Casey help parents and teachers motivate children to take responsibility for themselves. Please attend this free presentation sponsored by the Friends of Early Childhood Education, Anne Arundel County Autism Society, and the Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region. To learn more about Kirk Martin and his organization, please visit: www.celebratecalm.com

Consignment Sale: Maternity and Infant through the Elementary School Years

Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Severna Park Community Center Gymnasium, 623 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, Severna Park, MD

This event is sponsored by the Friends of Early Childhood Education, and Rolly Pollies of Severna Park. Along with great deals, there will be a bake sale, raffles and special events during the sale. To be a seller, please contact Ashley Williamson at ashwilliamson@hotmail.com for details and seller registration form. The registration fee for sellers is \$15.00 and the deadline is November 6th. Volunteers are needed for the day of the sale. Please contact Becky Pluta ASAP at magee23@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Friends of Early Childhood Intervention 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 Becky Pluta: magee23@yahoo.com

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Family Support Group

Thursday, November 11, 2010 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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

NAMI Family support Groups are for relatives, caregivers, and others involved with individuals with mental illness that meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Support groups provide a caring atmosphere for individuals to share their common experiences and assist individuals in developing skills for understanding and the strengths needed to cope. For more information please contact 443- 569-3498 or visit website <http://www.localcommunities.org/lc/namiAAcounty>

Parents of Children with Type 1 Diabetes Meeting

Celiac Disease and Type 1 Diabetes

Tuesday, November 9, 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

The Parenting Center at Anne Arundel Community College

Managing Your Child's Behavior: 1-2-3 Magic
Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Anne Arundel Community College, 101 College Parkway, Arnold, MD 21012

The cost of the workshop is \$50.00, which includes \$20.00 fee and book. CEU's will be awarded. Information about registration: 410-777-2325, Section 901, STARS Number 32526. For a complete listing of workshop descriptions and online registration, visit www.aacc.edu/parenting

The School Social Workers of Anne Arundel County

How Interagency Family Preservation Services May Help Your Family, Charlotte Lindsley, LGSW, CAC-AD, and Marie Gomba, LCSW-C, presenters
Thursday, November 9, 2010 at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Location: North County Library, 1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD

The School Social Workers of Anne Arundel County present monthly parent education and support group strategies for success. To RSVP or for more information, please call 443-770-5120.

South River Autism Support Group

Monday, November 8, 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:

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| 10 Pin Bowling | Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Bowl America, Glen Burnie |
| 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 |

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

TACA – Talk About Curing Autism Now

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Severna Park Baptist Church, 506 Benefield Rd, Severna Park, MD

This group meets the second Tuesday of the month. For current information about events, <http://meetup.talkaboutcuringautism.org/maryland/index.html>

TACA - Coffee Talk
Tuesday, November 30, 2010
Location: Whole Foods in Annapolis, 200 Harker Place, Suite 100, Annapolis, MD

This group meets the last Tuesday of the month, in the café area, for coffee talk - ask questions, celebrate success, swap stories or offer a needed shoulder. For more information, <http://meetup.talkaboutcuringautism.org/maryland/index.html>