

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

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Also at: <http://www.mccpta.com/specedCal.pdf>

Support Group meetings at: <http://www.mccpta.net/SupportGroups.html>

Workshops are FREE unless otherwise noted.

* Workshops geared towards professionals, may be of interest to parents

New items

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TBD, TBA. New Support Group for Mothers Whose Children Need Support. *This will be an ongoing support group for mothers of children who struggle with such issues as emotional regulation disorders, ADD/ADHD, Asperger's/Autism Spectrum, PDD, Learning Disabilities, Sensory Processing Disorders and other disorders.* 5225 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by Deborah Shulman, MSW, 301-986-0099, <http://www.deborahshulmanmsw.com/childrenadolescentsfamilies/support-group-for-mothers-whose-children-need-support/>.

Ongoing. My Child Was Just Identified with an Autism Spectrum Disorder: Now What Do I Do? Online Course. *This is a self-paced on line course for parents of young children who have been identified with an autism spectrum disorder within the past year. The nine-module course will introduce families to the characteristics, needs and recommended services for young children with autism spectrum disorder.* Offered by a collaboration of the Autism Center for Excellence at the Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Autism Council, <http://www.vcuautismcenter.org/training/parents.cfm>

Ongoing. P.A.R.E.N.T. RAP -"Parents Accessing Recreation, Entertainment, News and Training" (3rd Sun., 1:30 - 3:30 PM). *A monthly family-to-family group for parents and other transition age youth and young adults (ages 14 - 26) with behavioral, emotional, or mental health challenges. Parents and other caregivers come together to do enjoyable activities, share information, and participate in educational programs. Registration required. Beverages and snacks are provided.* MC Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Colesville Prof. Bldg., 13321 New Hampshire Ave., Terrace B., Silver Spring. Sponsored by the MC Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Celia Serkin, 301-879-5200, ext. 27, cserkin@mcfof.org for more information and confirm location. (April 2012)

2nd and 4th Tues., 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Pro Bono Legal Clinic. *Montgomery County residents can obtain free legal advice on civil cases. First come, first served, until full.* Upcounty Recreation Services Center Site, 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown. Offered the Montgomery County Bar Foundation, 301-424-7651 or 301-414-7652 or 301-414-7633.

Ongoing. Citizenship Help. *Need help with citizenship application? Call for an appointment.* Upcounty Recreation Services Center Site, 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown. Sponsored by the Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity, Patty 240-777-6950, patricia.larson@montgomerycountymd.gov.

LOCATE: Child Care. *A free service available to parents who have children with special needs and are looking for childcare. Will refer you to childcare providers and programs that are willing and able to accommodate your child's individual needs.* Offered by Maryland Family Network, Inc. through funding from the Maryland State Department of Education, 1-800-999-0120, specialneeds@mdchildcare.org. Forms to request LOCATE services in Montgomery County are available in English & Spanish at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhstmpl.asp?url=/content/hhs/cyf/CCRRC/forms/ccforms.asp>

Ongoing. Forget-Me-Not Grief Support Groups, (FREE). *For children in Grades K-5 who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one. Opportunity to connect with other children and to process their feelings.* 14508 Physicians La., Suite 111, Rockville. Offered by the Expressive Therapy Center, Stephanie Natter, 301-869-1017, ext. 1, www.expressivetherapycenter.com. (Call for Fall 2011 dates/times)

TBD. Parents and Teachers as Allies: Recognizing Early-Onset Mental Illness in Children and Adolescents, FREE. *A two-hour program focuses on training parents and school staff to identify the signs of*

mental illness in children and refer children and families to appropriate mental health services. The presentation features four speakers - 3 parents of children with mental illness and a young person with mental illness. One of the parent speakers is also an educator. At Your School In-Service or PTA meeting - call Dara Baylinson to schedule your very own presentation. Offered by NAMI of Montgomery County, call to receive a packet of information or to schedule a presentation this coming fall/winter with Dara Baylinson, Child and Adolescent Program Coordinator, 301-949-5852, ext. 101, dbaylinson@namimc.org, www.namimc.org. Downloadable brochure at: <http://www.namimc.org/PDF/PTAABrochure.pdf>. Spanish version at: www.nami.org/Template.cfm?Section=Schools_and_Education&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=72440.

Mon. - Fri., 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Military Outreach Initiative - Information and Resource Helpline of the HOPES Program. *Call for help in finding resources for military families (active, Reserve, National Guard and veteran. Gain access to mental health services, benefit service information, family readiness organizations, information on housing, employment, transition assistance, recreation and more. 301-738-7176. Offered by the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County, Jessica McNurlen, militaryoutreach@mhamc.org.*

Mon. - Fri., 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Bi-Lingual Case Coordination Service - Family Service Agency. *Community resources for Spanish speaking residents in Gaithersburg. Get information about clothing, food, furniture programs, counseling, education, notary services, medical, dental & much more. Family Service Agency (FSA), 610 East Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg. Co-sponsored by FSA and the City of Gaithersburg, make an appointment with Lucia Torres, 301-840-3234.*

Mon., 12:00 - 1:30 PM. Job Search Club, \$50/5 sessions. *Participants can join at any time to learn why networking is vital, talk about your experiences, update your action plan and get expert guidance from a professional career coach. 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA Employment and Career Services, 301-610-8380, careerinfo@jssa.org.*

Mon., 2:15 - 3:45 PM. Intermediate English Conversation. *Improve you English conversation skills in this drop-in class, admitted first-come, first-served until full. Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave., Wheaton. Offered by the Gilchrist Center, 240-777-4940.*

Tues., 1:30 -3:00 PM. Intermediate English Conversation. *Improve you English conversation skills in this drop-in class, admitted first-come, first-served until full. Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave., Wheaton. Offered by the Gilchrist Center, 240-777-4940.*

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Thurs., 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Advanced English Conversation. *Improve you English conversation skills in this drop-in class, admitted first-come, first-served until full. Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave., Wheaton. Offered by the Gilchrist Center, 240-777-4940.*

Mar. 29 - June 1, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Autistic. Artistic. A Life Ahead. *This exhibit, in celebration of National Autism Awareness Month, brings together local and national artists with autism giving artistic*

expression to the issues, challenges and miracles of living as an adult with autism. Johns Hopkins University's Montgomery County Campus, 9605 Bldg., Atrium and the A & R Bldg., Food for Thought Café, 9601 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the Madison House Foundation and Johns Hopkins University, <http://www.madisonhouseautism.org/the-arts-for-autism/>, 301-330-8532.

May 21, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 5 of 5). *Explore the MCPS website, learn about Microsoft Office programs in this beginning level class.* Earle B. Wood Middle School, 15615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

May 21, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Getting the Summer Reading and Math Packet Done Without Nagging or Bribing. *Presented by the Parent Encouragement Program discover new ways to encourage responsible behavior in your children and still enjoy the summer.* Newport Mill Middle School, 11311 Newport Mill Rd., Kensington. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

May 21, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Unlimited Recorded Books. *If you or your child has a documented learning disability, visual impairment or other physical disability you are invited to learn about Learning Ally (formerly Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic). Learn about new features for your iPad, iPhone, iPod or computer.* Reston Bible Church, Rm. 121, 11979 North Shore Dr., Reston. Sponsored by GiftsNVA, childcare provided, giftsnva-owner@yahoo.com.

May 22, 7:00 - 8:50 PM. ADHD and Reading: What the Research Says - Monthly Howard County CHADD Parent Support Group, (2nd. Wed., 7:00 - 8:30 PM, \$5/non-members). *Dr. Mark Mahone presents. Monthly meetings feature speakers discussing information for parents of children with ADHD, such as special education law, "typical adolescent behavior, social issues, college transition, self advocacy skills and more.* Ellicott City Senior Center, 9401 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Co-sponsored by the LDA of Howard County, Individual Differences in Learning and the Greater Baltimore Chapter of CHADD, 410-796-6700, <http://www.chadd-mc.org/calendar/>.

May 23, 8:15 AM - 12:00 PM. *Supporting Young Children's Language Development - Strategies and Best Practices for a Diverse Community, CEUs. *Symposium for parents and professionals who work with young families and advocates, focusing on how to encourage language development for all very young children, especially families with English language learners.* Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Dr., Bldg. II Rockville. Presented by the Montgomery County Early Care and Education Congress, registration begins April 23, mcecongress@gmail.com.

May 23, 3:30 - 5:30 PM. *WordPower for TouchChat App and New NOVA Chat Devices, \$79. *Get an in-depth overview of the WordPower and ChatPower AAC vocabularies for the TouchChat Suite app. This training suitable for parents/family members and professionals is limited to 14 participants.* AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., Suite 160, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, Susan Garber, 410-381-2667, <http://www.matcoop.org/training/training.html>.

May 23, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Breaking the Bullying Cycle. *Presentation by the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County on how to recognize the signs and effects of bullying along with tips and strategies to help your child.* Gaithersburg Middle School, 2 Teachers Way, Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

May 23, 8:00 PM. Transition Years Webinar: The Big College Move. *Education consultant Brie Jeweler-Benz presents.* Williamsburg Middle School, 3600 N. Harrison St., Arlington. Sponsored by Educational Connections, Inc., <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/891391122>.

May 24, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Strategic Planning Meeting for Western Maryland Children with ASD and DD. *Daylong meeting seeking parent and community input about the critical issues for children and you*

with ASD and DD. Christ Lutheran Church, 12 Voke Rd., LaVale. Co-sponsored by the Parents' Place of Maryland and the Office of Genetics and Children with Special Health Care Needs, RSVP, Debbie DiPaolo, 301-689-3113, dkmc199@comcast.net by May 18.

May 24, 12:00 - 1:00 PM. High Noon Web Cafe - Bullying Among Children with Disabilities. *Dr. Catherine Bradshaw and Benjamin Zalostsky present recent findings from a study of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.* Co-sponsored by the Maryland Coalition, Carol Allenza, callenza@mdcoalition.org, and the Institute for Innovation and Implementation, go to the website on the day of the webinar enter your name and email address and click "join now":
<https://um.webex.com/mw0306lc/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=um&service=7>.

May 24, 2:00 - 3:30 PM. *Webinar - What Happens After High School: Planning for the Transition to Adult Lives. Hadassah Foster presents. Offered by the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates as part of the Transition Issues Series, <http://www.copaa.org/conference-training/webinars/>.

May 24, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. SEAC - Home & Hospital Teaching. *Carrie Harris and Brneda Wilks will present.* CESC, 850 Hungerford Rd., Rm. 126, Rockville. Sponsored by the MCPS Special Education Advisory Committee, Joan Sabaka, Vantine2@aol.com, Anne Turner, Adturn88@aol.com, Amuthan Kannan, lannan_Amuthan@hotmail.com.

May 24, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. *Yes, Virginia, There Is Life After School (Every Day, Every Weekend, And For The Rest of Your Life). *Dr. Martha Denckla will present.* The Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac. Offered by the Model Asperger Program Lecture Series, 301-469-0223, <http://www.ivymount.org/Aspergers.cfm?subpage=137>.

May 24, 7:15 - 9:15 PM. Neuroscience Research of Executive Functioning and Its Implications, (4th. Thurs., 7:15 PM, registration; 7:30 - 9:15 PM, Speaker). *Vince Culotta will present.* Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by CHADD of MC, <http://www.chadd-mc.org/2012-jan-montgomery/>.

May 30, 9:00 AM. The Summit School Drop In Tour. *Learn about the individualized program and comprehensive services for bright students with dyslexia and other learning disabilities.* 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. Hosted by the Summit School, Kathy Heefer, 410-798-0005, ext. 146, www.thesummitschool.org.

May 30 & June 1. *National Transition Conference: College & Careers for Youth with Disabilities, \$285. *Information and support for youth and young adults with disabilities making the transition from school to adult life. Conference is for youth, young adults, parents, advocates and professionals.* Washington Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the US Dept. of Education - Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, <http://www.transition2012.org/>. Direct questions to Berenise Reyes-Albino at 617-287-4314 or berenise.albino@umb.edu. Registration starts in late March.

May 30, 7:00 PM. Understanding Medications for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. *Dr. Marc DiFazi will present addressing behavior, language development, un-necessary side effects, and the latest research.* Community Support Services, 9075 Comprint Ct., Gaithersburg. Sponsored by CCSS, Sue Hartung, thehartungs@xomcast.net, 301-869-7986.

May 30, 7:30 PM. Panel of Young Adults with Type 1 Diabetes. *Young adults will share their unique perspectives of what it is like to be the one in the family with diabetes.* Davis Public Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Sponsored by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Type 1 Support Group, Barbara Kahl, 301-530-3656, kahldolan@gmail.com, www.jdrfcapitol.org.

May 31 - June 1, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. *National Leadership Autism Conference, \$245/professional; \$195/family; \$95/person with ASD. *Parents, family members, and professionals who serve the autism community are invited to attend this conference with speakers such as Robert Hendren, Dr. Patricia Wright,*

Tonia Ferguson, Ian Paregol, Dr. Susan Daniels and many more. Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, 7995 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Organized by Autism Today, <http://autismdc.com/>.

May 31, 1:00 - 2:30 PM. ASD: Sexuality and Social Boundaries - Brown Bag Seminar Series. *Janet Palmer will present ways to protect and promote appropriate social behavior in tweens, teenagers and adults.* Howard County Autism Society, 10280 Old Columbia Rd., #215, Columbia. Co-sponsored by Pathfinders for Autism and Howard County Autism Society, Trish Kane, 443-330-5341, tkane@pathfindersforautism.org, <http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/newsItem.aspx?id=270>.

June 2, 9:30 AM - 2:15 PM. *Somerset County Parent Training Conference and Special Education Clinic. *If you have questions about your child's IEP and want to better support your child's special education program, this conference is for you. Workshops will include: Special Education- What Parents Need to Know; S.M.A.R.T. IEPs, Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy and How Will I Know If My Child is Making Progress?.* Somerset County Public Schools BOE, 7982A Tawes Campus Dr., Westover. Co-sponsored by the Parents Place of Maryland, Maryland Disability Law Center and Somerset County Public Schools, 800-394-5694.

June 3, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. 11th Annual KEEN Sports Festival. *A variety of games and activities will be held to help celebrate 20 years of free, one-to-one recreation and exercise activities for hundreds of children and young adults with significant disabilities.* Hadley's Park, 12600 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by KEEN, 301-770-3200, ext 1, info@keengreaterdc.org.

June 3, 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Fitness For Health Re-Opening. *The re-opening of this therapeutic, children's gym with glow in the dark features for children with sensory integration needs will feature a Parent Panel Discussion with area special needs specialists on topics from ADHD to Immunizations, Parent Advocacy, Special Needs in the Emergency Room, and much more.* Fitness for Health, 11140 Rockville Pk., Suite 303, Rockville. Offered by Fitness for Health, 301-231-7138, <http://tots2tweens.com/events/fitness-for-health-grand-re-opening/>.

June 4, 8:00 PM. Webinar: Avoid the Summer Learning Slide: Simple Solutions and Useful Tools. *Learn why students lose so much academic knowledge over the summer and how to use tools to help your child catch up, maintain or get ahead academically.* Sponsored by Educational Connections, Inc., <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/517461898>.

June 5, 2:00 - 3:30 PM. *Webinar - Obtaining High Quality Transition Services in the Face of Myriad of Obstacles. *Janine Solomon, Esq. and Pamela Coveney, Esq. present.* Offered by the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates as part of the Transition Issues Series, <http://www.copaa.org/conference-training/webinars/>.

June 5, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. "What's Eating Your Child?" - with Kelly Dorfman. *Ms. Dorfman, noted nutritionist and author will share insights gained from her experience to help children with a variety of complex needs.* SEEC, 8905 Fairview Rd., Suite 300, Silver Spring. Sponsored by Parent to Parent, Krista Middlebrooks, 240-472-7363, kmiddlebrooks@seeonline.org, www.seeonline.org.

June 5, 12, 19 & 26, 5:00 - 6:30 PM. *Teleclass - Coaching Children with ADHD (Ages 8 - 12), \$300/4 sessions. *Previous coach training recommended.* Offered by Jodi Sleeper-Triplett Coaching, llc, 703-437-1256, <http://www.jstcoach.com/find-a-class-now/>.

June 6, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. MCCPTA Spring Training. *All new and returning PTA officers and committee chairs are encouraged to join this multiple topic workshop.* Walter Johnson High School, Cafeteria, 6400 Rock Spring Dr., Bethesda. Sponsored by MCCPTA .

June 7, 6:15 - 9:00 PM. TRICARE And Other Benefits for Military Parents of Individuals with Autism and Other Cognitive Disabilities. *This workshop for military parents with guest speaker Scott Campbell will cover medical benefits and safety issues for children. Reservations required for class, on-site*

child care and free snacks. Army Community Service, 9800 Belvoir Rd., Fort Belvoir. RSVP Marcia O'Connor, EFMP manager, 703-696-8467, TTY 703-696-4675.

June 7, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar-Going the Extra Mile: Launching Adopted Teens with Special Needs, \$25. *Transition to adulthood/independence is often compromised when parenting teens with complex mental, social and/or learning challenges. A panel of experienced parents will discuss what they have learned. There will be opportunity for questions and answers.* Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionssupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

June 9, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Talking with Children About Adoption, \$35/person; \$50/couple. *This workshop will focus on children ages 3-12. Find out how to share information with your children as they grow.* CASE, 400 Blackburn La., Suite 260, Burtonsville. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionssupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

June 9, 12:30 - 3:00 PM. Pasos Al Futuro. *Support group assists members of the Hispanic community with developmental disabilities and family members by providing the opportunity to share their stories and information about resources and available supports.* 10611 Tenbrook Dr., Silver Spring. Sponsored by the Arc of Montgomery County, Asha Clark, 301-984-5777, ext. 1246, ashaC@arcmontmd.org.

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June 12, 2:00 - 3:30 PM. *Webinar - Transition: Supporting Students with Executive Functioning Deficits. *Dr. Jeffery Katz presents.* Offered by the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates as part of the Transition Issues Series, <http://www.copaa.org/conference-training/webinars/>.

June 12, 19 & 26, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Parenting Toolbox, \$5/suggested donation session. *These drop in sessions will discuss Adlerian Parenting concepts that can be applied at home: June 12 - The Art of Encouragement: Building Strong Relationships with Your Children; June 19 - Taking Your Sail Out of Their Wind: Redirecting Power Struggles; June 26 - Successfully Developing and Applying Natural and Logical Consequences Across a Variety of Family Situations.* YMCA Ayr lawn Center, 566 Oakmont Ave., Bethesda. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, parenting@ymcadc.org.

June 13 - Sept. 26, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. *Teleclass - Coaching Teens & College Students with ADHD, \$1,800 sessions. *Previous coach training recommended.* Offered by Jodi Sleeper-Triplett Coaching, Ilc, 703-437-1256, <http://www.jstcoach.com/find-a-class-now/>.

June 13, 6:00 - 7:00 PM. *Webinar - How Did We Do? Following Our Students. *Learn strategies to increase post-school contact rates and gathering meaningful outcomes data from post-school leavers.* Offered by the Center for Change in Transition Services, ccts@seattleu.edu, <http://www.seattleu.edu/ccts/Default.aspx?id=51977>.

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June 15. Senator Roger Manno Scholarship Fund Application Deadline. *Scholarship for students in the 19th District with and without special needs who are either currently enrolled or applying to an undergraduate, graduate, professional or trade school in Maryland.* For additional information and application forms contact Patty Brown, 301-354-4905.

June 16, 10:00 AM. MOVIE - Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted, \$6. *Opportunity for families with special needs children who seek a sensory-friendly movie. Lights and sound will be adjusted and sensory breaks encouraged.* AMC Rio Cinemas 18, 9811 Washington Ctr., Gaithersburg. Co-sponsored by the Autism

Society of America and AMC Theaters, 301-948-6673. For more information on the Sensory Friendly Film program call 301-657-0881, www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms.

June 18 - June 29, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. *Language I: Sounds in Syllables 1, \$675. *For teachers, parents and tutors who want to learn this powerful Orton-Gillingham based method to teach decoding, fluency and comprehension.* ASDEC, 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://www.asdec.org/courses>.

June 18 - 29, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. *Language 2: Advanced Multisensory Structured Language Education, \$850. *Course builds on skills learned in Language 1. The emphasis will be on higher-level linguistic concepts as well as fluency.* ASDEC, 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://asdec.publishpath.com/Default.aspx?shortcut=courses>.

June 20, 10:00 - 11:30 AM. Quarterly Upcounty Latino Network (ULN) Meeting, (quarterly, 4th. Wed., 9:30 - 11:30 AM). *Welcomes participation from all community members. ULN is a network of public and private agencies, whose mission is to strengthen the health and human service provider networks in the Upcounty Region of Montgomery County, and to improve the access and delivery of health and human services to individuals and families that encounter language and cultural barriers in the region.* Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown. Upcounty Latino Network, Karla Silvestre, 240-777-2525, Karla.Silvestre@montgomerycountymd.gov.

June 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The LDAMC Parent Connection, FREE/members, (Wed. 7:00 - 8:30 PM). *Join other parents to discuss issues about your child's learning disabilities such as understanding child's strengths and challenges, what accommodations or modifications fit your child's needs, how to work with schools so they understand your child's needs and much more.* Flower Valley Elementary School, 4615 Sunflower Dr., Rockville. Offered by the Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County (LDAMC), 301-933-1076, ldamc@yahoo.com.

June 21, 9:15 - 11:30 AM. For Our Kids, For Ourselves Parent Support & Learning Group (3rd Thurs., 9:15 - 11:30 AM). *Parents meet for support and networking as they are dealing with children who have ADHD, sensory processing and/or mild mood disorders. This month's guest speaker and topic to be determined.* Congregation Bnai Israel, 6301 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by For Our Kids, For Ourselves, Jaime Selvin, adhdparentsforum@yahoo.com.

June 25 - July 27, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Siena School Summer Program, \$480/week; \$1,920/5 weeks. *Program provides students ages 9 - 15 with a positive instructional experience to review, reinforce and enhance academic skills in small classes in week long sessions. Instruction is designed to meet the individual students needs with multisensory and hands-on instructions. Students may enroll by the week or all five weeks.* Siena School, 9727 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by the Siena School, 301-592-0567, ext. 12, Batkinson@sienaschool.org, <http://www.thesienaschool.org/program.cfm?subpage=216918>. Can be combined with Imagination Stage afternoon program or aftercare for a complete day, <http://www.imaginationstage.org/classesacamps/find-a-camp/search>.

June 25 - July 20, 12:30 - 3:30 PM. Imagination Stage at Siena, \$188 - 395/week session. *The Siena School is partnering with Imagination Stage to offer theatre class in the morning and afternoon for four weeks. Students already participating in the academic portion of the morning may eat lunch then join the afternoon theatre session. Classes range from Mini Musical Showcase, Comedy and Clowning, Improvisation and much more.* Siena School, 9727 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by Imagination Stage, <http://www.imaginationstage.org/classesacamps/find-a-camp/search>, <http://www.thesienaschool.org/program.cfm?subpage=216918>.

July, TBD. Whole Health/Wellness Expo. Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase. Sponsored by For Our Kids, For Ourselves, Jaime, adhdparentforum@yahoo.com.

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July 12 - Aug. 2, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Dealing with Conflict in the Family, \$30 class fee; \$20 book fee. This class is for parents who may bring their children if they are 13 and older. Topics include parent-child/teen issues; child-child issues; prevention strategies and strategies for change. Plan on attending all 4 sessions. United Church of Christ, 9525 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, parenting@ymcadc.org.

July 16 - 20, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. *Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODDs) Communication Books, \$995/professional; \$895/parents. Series will take a practical look at the issues of apraxia and neurological stereotypes that prevent children from demonstrating intent and what can be done to provide the means for indicating choices, reading subtle nonverbal communication and creating co-planned sequenced social scripts. Linda Burkhart and Gayle Porter present. Hilton Garden Inn BWI Airport, 1516 Aero Dr., Linthicum. Offered by Linda Burkhartm, training@Lburkhart.com, www.Lburkhart.com.

July 18, 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Quarterly Downcounty Latino Network Meeting (quarterly, 2nd Wed., 3:30 - 5:00 PM),. Welcomes participation from all community members. Opportunity to network with services providers and to hear from speakers on topics of interest to the Latino Community. Wheaton Library, 1st floor, 11701 Georgia Ave, Wheaton. Downcounty Latino Network, Karla Silvestre, Karla.Silvestre@montgomerycountymd.gov, 240-777-2525.

July 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The LDAMC Parent Connection, FREE/members, (Wed. 7:00 - 8:30 PM). Join other parents to discuss issues about your child's learning disabilities such as understanding child's strengths and challenges, what accommodations or modifications fit your child's needs, how to work with schools so they understand your child's needs and much more. Flower Valley Elementary School, 4615 Sunflower Dr., Rockville. Offered by the Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County (LDAMC), 301-933-1076, ldamc@yahoo.com.

July 19, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. *Communication Partner Training for Using PODD Books, \$175/professional; \$150/parents. Workshop designed for parents, caregivers and general education teachers to be come more familiar with PODD Communication Books. Linda Burkhart and Gayle Porter present. Hilton Garden Inn BWI Airport, 1516 Aero Dr., Linthicum. Offered by Linda Burkhartm, training@Lburkhart.com, www.Lburkhart.com.

July 19, 9:15 - 11:30 AM. For Our Kids, For Ourselves Parent Support & Learning Group (3rd Thurs., 9:15 - 11:30 AM). Parents meet for support and networking as they are dealing with children who have ADHD, sensory processing and/or mild mood disorders. This month's guest speaker and topic to be determined. Congregation Bnai Israel, 6301 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by For Our Kids, For Ourselves, Jaime Selvin, adhdparentsforum@yahoo.com.

July 21 & 22, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The 2012 National PTA Grassroots Advocacy Training of the Trainers (ToT). Selected participants will receive training to help expand advocacy capacity at the state and local levels. Applications are accepted through June 1. Sponsored by National PTA, http://www.pta.org/4763.asp?utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=May_03_2012_Email&utm_medium=email.

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July 23, 24 & 25, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. *Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODDs) Communication Books, \$595/professional; \$525/parents. *Series will take a practical look at the issues of apraxia and neurological stereotypes that prevent children from demonstrating intent and what can be done to provide the means for indicating choices, reading subtle nonverbal communication and creating co-planned sequenced social scripts.* Linda Burkhart and Gayle Porter present. Hilton Garden Inn BWI Airport, 1516 Aero Dr., Linthicum. Offered by Linda Burkhartm, training@Lburkhart.com, www.Lburkhart.com.

July 26 - 29, 2012. Maryland Youth Leadership Forum 2012. *Youth with disabilities are encouraged to apply for this unique 4-day training program, which helps young people develop self-advocacy skills and learn the political process. The forum is open to students entering their final two years of high school. Applications are due ASAP as only 30 applicants are accepted to this free program.* Bowie State University. Offered by Maryland Youth Leadership Program co-sponsored by multiple state departments and agencies, <http://innow.org/home/youth-leadership-forum/about>, 301-277-2739.

July 28, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Back to School Overview, A Showcase of Technologies for K-12 Students. Location TBD. Offered by the Montgomery County Public Libraries' Disability Resource Center, Library Advisory Committee, Francie Gilman, 240-777-0950.

Aug. 25, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. MCPS Back to School Fair. *Enjoy music, entertainment and children crafts while finding out about the school system, learning about resources to help your child's learning, community health screenings and much more. Take home school supplies. Don't miss the CHADD and LDAMC tables with all sorts of information.* Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. Offered by MCPS, Dept. of Family and Community Partnerships, 301-279-3100.

Sept. 20, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. *Evidence Based Practice and Transitioning for Adolescents and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Implications for Quality of Life, \$30, \$45/CEUs before Sept. 3. *Dr. Peter Gerhardt presents.* Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Dr., Bldg. III, Rm. 3241, Rockville. Offered by Alvord, Baker & Associates, LLC and Weinfeld Education Group, LLC, Dr. Mary Alvord, 301-593-6554, ext. 14.

Sept. 21, 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM. *Sexuality and Sexuality Education for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, \$95, CEUs before June 30. *Dr. Peter Gerhardt presents.* Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Dr., Bldg. III, Rm. 3241, Rockville. Offered by Alvord, Baker & Associates, LLC and Weinfeld Education Group, LLC, Dr. Mary Alvord, 301-593-6554, ext. 14.

Oct. 2, all day. MD Parent Workshop. Glen Haven Elementary School, 10800 Inwood Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by Kirk Martin, <http://celebratecalm.com/event-schedule/>

Oct. 6 - Feb. 9, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Leadership Training for Baltimore City/County Parents. *Free six-session training sponsored by the Parents' Place of Maryland for the families of children with disabilities, covers topics such as record keeping, evaluation and assessments, effective IEPs, dispute resolution, etc. Application required and a commitment to attend all sessions and provide 20 volunteer hours advocating for children with special needs.* Abilities Network, 8503 LaSalle Rd., Towson. Sponsored by Parents' Place of Maryland, Kelly Meissner, 410-798-9100, ext. 107, kelly@ppmd.org. Registration deadline Aug. 15 at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/leaders1>.

Oct. 12, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Transitioning Youth Resource Fair. *Workshops and exhibits on jobs, colleges, housing and more for young people with disabilities, families and professionals.* Montgomery College, Rockville Campus, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County, Susan Healy, 301-933-1076, www.ldamc.org.

Oct. 18, 8:00 AM - 4:15 PM. *New Research on Social Engagement Deficits in Young Children with Autism: Toward A New System of Healthcare Delivery for Young Children, \$, 6 CEUs. *Annual mental health symposium featuring Dr. Ami Klin, Director, Marcus Autism Center.* National 4-H Center, 7100

Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase. Offered by the Jewish Social Service Agency Training Institute, 301-610-8384, symposium@jssa.org, <http://www.jssa.org/jssa-training-institute/symposium>.

Oct. 18, 9:00 AM -5:00 PM. Special Education Law and Advocacy Training with Pete Wright, \$.
Program designed for all who advocate for children with disabilities covering special education law, tests and measurements to measure progress, SMART IEPs, and strategies for effective advocacy. The Silver Spring Civic Bldg., One Veteran Pl., Silver Spring. Sponsored by the Parents' Place of Maryland, Suzie Shannon, suzie@ppmd.org, 410-768-910, ext. 108, <http://www.wrightslaw.com/speak/12.10.md.htm>.

