

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS/SPECIAL NEEDS & OTHER GROUPS

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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. Pathway to Services-InfoMontgomery. *Do you have a child that is having behavior problems in the classroom, home or community? At risk of or is likely to be in a gang? Returning home from psychiatric hospitalization? Call Pathway to Services and see what services might be available for your child and family.* Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families, Patty Brown, 301-354-4905, www.infomontgomery.org.

Ongoing. P.A.R.E.N.T. RAPS -"Parents Accessing Recreation, Entertainment, News and Training. (Resources, Advocacy and Peer Support" (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. (Aug. 2012)

Ongoing. Respite Services of Montgomery County. *Are you caring for a child with challenging behaviors? An adult or child with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities? A frail senior? You can enjoy a period of restorative relief and rest from your caregiving duties in your home or in a variety of venues.* Collaboration of the Arc Montgomery County and the MC Dept. Health and Human Services, Julia Abate, 301-816-9647, Ext. 1206, <http://respiteservices-mc.org/>.

SPRING. NAMI Basics. *This is a six-week class for parents of children and teens with mental illness modeled on NAMI's signature Family-to-Family program tailored to the needs of parents with children under the age of 18. More information about the program at www.nami.org/basics.* Suburban Hospital Auditorium, 8600 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Sponsored by NAMI of MC, Dara Baylinson, 301-949-5852, ext. 112, dbaylinson@namimc.org, www.namimc.org.

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. Services in Montgomery County <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhstmpl.asp?url=/content/hhs/cyf/CCRRC/CRC09/LookingforCare.asp>.

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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. <http://www.namimc.org/ptaa.asp>.*

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.

Tues. (1st & 3rd), 12:00 - 2:30 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.* Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec St., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by JSSA Employment and Career Services, 301-610-8380, careerinfo@jssa.org.

Wed., 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.

Thurs., 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.

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.

Oct. 7, 7:30 PM. Depression & Bipolar Disorder - NAMI Education Meeting. *Dr. Carlos A. Zarate presents.* NAMI, 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by NAMI of MC, 301-949-5852.

Oct. 8, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. College Fair. *About 100 colleges and universities will be represented at this annual fair.* Einstein High School, 1135 Newport Mill Rd., Kensington.

Oct. 8, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Parent E.A.S.E. (Empower, Advocacy, and Support in Education) - The School System and Resolving Disputes (Session 3 of 4). *Supper, childcare and Spanish language interpretation will be provided.*

Neelsville Middle School, 11700 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown. Co-sponsored by MCPS Div. of Family and Community Partnerships and the MC Federation for Children's Mental Health, contact Celia Serkin, 301-879-5200, ext. 27, cserkin@mcf.org for more information, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx>.

Oct. 8, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Parent E.A.S.E. (Empower, Advocacy, and Support in Education) - El Sistema Escolar y la Resolución de Diputas (Sesión 3 de 4). *Se servirá cena. Se ofrecen servicios del transporte, del cuidado infantil y de la interpretación.* Neelsville Middle School, 11700 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown. Patrocinados por la MCPS Div. of Family and Community Partnerships y MC Federation for Children's Mental Health, para confirmar su asistencia o para más información, llamar a Celia Serkin, 301-879-5200, ext. 27, cserkin@mcf.org, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx>.

Oct. 8, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 3 of 5). *Explore the MCPS website, set up an Ed-line Account and learn about Microsoft Word in this beginning level workshop.* Earle B. Woods Middle School, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

Oct. 8, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Leadership Training Institute High School Magnet Program Information Meeting. *Information meeting for parents of 8th graders about the high school magnet program at Kennedy High School. Deadline for applications - Nov. 2, 2012.* John F. Kennedy High School, Rm. 118, 1901 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by MCPS, 301-592-2040 or 301-649-8081, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/high.aspx>.

Oct. 9, 11, 16 & 18, 4:30 - 8:30 PM. *Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD, \$150/members. *Course based upon state of the art, evidence based information on the treatment and management of AD/HD developed by parents who have lived the experience. Dr. Sharyn Rhodes will teach this course.* Canton Cove Condominiums, Conference Room, 2901 Boston St., Baltimore. Offered by Baltimore CHADD, DrSRhodes@aol.com, <http://www.chadd-mc.org/p2p-baltimore/>.

Oct. 9, 16, 23 & 30, 5:30 - 7:00 PM. *Coaching Children with ADHD - Teleclass, \$300 before Sept. 25. Offered by Jodi Sleeper-Triplett Coaching, llc, 703-437-1256, <http://www.jstcoach.com/find-a-class-now/#coachingchildren>.

Oct. 9, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *Ways to Prevent Hitting, Biting and Other Forms of Bad Behavior, \$32 pre-paid, \$38, at the door. *Dr. Beverly Celotta will present this core of knowledge on child development workshop for professionals working with children between the ages of 2.5 and 6 years old.* TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.tlc.org.

Oct. 10 - 11. *MRA/DORS Training Conference, \$60/family caregivers; \$125/professional, CEUs. *Conference featuring Lon Kieffer, as keynote speaker.* Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel & Conference Center, Ocean City, 10100 Costal Hwy., Ocean City. Sponsored by the Maryland Rehabilitation Association and the Department of Rehabilitative Services, <http://www.dors.state.md.us/DORS/RehabResources/MRA/>.

Oct. 10, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org. Also Oct. 31, Nov. 14, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 6 & 20, Mar. 6 & 20, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, 2013.

Oct. 10, 6:30 PM. 3rd Annual Town Hall Meeting for Students. *The Montgomery County Council hosts this town hall meeting for high, middle and elementary school students. Students are encouraged to bring their questions for the council members. There will be a pre-meeting reception at 6:30 PM in the 2nd floor cafeteria. Council Office Bldg., 3rd Floor Hearing Room, 100 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Montgomery County Council, RSVP, 240-777-7931.*

Oct. 10, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Illness Prevention. *The Dept. of Health and Human Services will cover how to limit your child's exposure to infections and illnesses and will cover vaccines and when to keep your child home from school.* Roberto Clemente Middle School, 18808 Waring Station Rd., Germantown. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Parent Information Meeting for Highly Gifted Centers. *Information meeting for 3rd grade parents to discuss the Elementary Highly Gifted Centers. Deadline for center applications - Nov. 2, 2012.* Quince Orchard High School, Gaithersburg. Sponsored by MCPS, 301-592-2040 or 301-649-8081, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/elementary.aspx>.

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Oct. 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Open House Middle School Magnet Creative and Performing Arts at Loiderman MS. *Open house for parents and 5th grade students to learn more about the school's magnet program. Deadline for applications - Nov. 2, 2012.* Loiderman Middle School, 12701 Goodhill Rd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by MCPS, 301-592-2040 or 301-649-8081, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/middle.aspx>.

Oct. 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Wheaton HS Biomedical and Engineering Magnet Programs Parent Information Meeting. *Information meeting for parents of 8th graders about the high school programs at Wheaton. Deadline for applications - Nov. 2, 2012.* Wheaton High School, 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring. Sponsored by MCPS, 301-592-2040 or 301-649-8081, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/high.aspx>.

Oct. 10, 7:15 PM. The ABCs of Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT). *Dr. Judith Glasser will share the basic principles of CBT.* Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by Parent University, <http://parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343.

Oct. 10, 7:15 PM. Latest Research Findings from Autism Speaks. *Ann Gibbons, from Autism Speaks, will present.* Auburn School, Herndon Campus, 13524 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 101, Herndon. The Auburn School, Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/Herndon.cfm?subpage=1316540>.

Oct. 10, 7:30 PM. Navigating College Admissions for Students with IEPs/504s. *Presentation by Eliot Applestein covers how to help your LD student from testing to the best colleges for LD students.* Best Four Years, 6807 Breezewood Terr., Bethesda. Offered Best Four Years, reservations at 301-984-6855, www.bestfouryear.com.

Oct. 11, 6:30- 8:30 PM. Damascus Focus Group - Parents of Children Under 25 with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Problems. *This is one of a series of focus groups being held across the state for parents with children who have co-occurring disorders. Bring your concerns, experiences and suggestions on how to improve care for your children.* Damascus Community Recreation Center, 25520 Oak Dr. Damascus. Sponsored by the Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health, Ann Geddes, ageddes@mdcoalition.org, 410-730-8267.

Oct. 11, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. PTA Financial Training. *Workshop designed to meet the new state PTA requirements for PTA treasurer and board members.* Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. Offered by MCCPTA working with the Maryland PTA, register at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090544A4AA2FA20-maryland>.

Oct. 11, 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Is My Child's IEP Complete? - Teleconference. *This workshop will go through each component of an IEP and use a check list to assist parents in ensuring that their child's IEP is ready for the school year.* Offered by The Parents' Place of Maryland, registration required, Rochelle Howell, 1-8000-394-5694, 410-768-9100, ext. 109, rochelle@pppmd.org, <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e6ar5ns95fdd3209&oseq=>.

Oct. 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Is Your Child Anxious? What Parents Need to Know. *Presentation by Dr. Erin Berman covering the common symptoms in youth, what parents can do, understanding the treatment options and current research at NIMH.* JHU, Montgomery County Campus, A&R Bldg., Room 106/8/10, 9601 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Offered by the National Institutes of Mental Health, 301-402-8225, <http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov/AnxietyDisordersPediatric.aspx>.

Oct. 11, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Parent Information Meeting for Upper County Middle School Magnet. *Information meeting for parents of 5th grade students to discuss the Roberto Clemente Middle School Humanities/Communication & Math/Science Magnet Programs Deadline for center applications - Nov. 2, 2012.* Roberto Clemente Middle School, 18808 Waring Station Rd., Germantown. Sponsored by MCPS, 301-592-2040 or 301-649-8081, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/middle.aspx>.

Oct. 11, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Parent Information Meeting for Middle School Magnet. *Information meeting for parents of 5th grade students to discuss the Takoma Park Middle School Math/Science Magnet Program. Deadline for center applications - Nov. 2, 2012.* Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by MCPS, 301-592-2040 or 301-649-8081, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/middle.aspx>.

Oct. 11, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Sharing the Task of Parenting: Children in the Midst of Conflict, \$15/person; \$25/couple. *Dr. Tim Evans and Geri Carter present.* Suburban Hospital Auditorium, 8600 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Co-sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services and the Suburban Hospital, register at <http://yfsparentsfall2012.eventbrite.com/>. For more details about CEUS call 301-229-1347.

Oct. 12, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM. *Sharing the Task of Parenting: Children in the Midst of Conflict, \$50/professional; \$25/student, 3 CEUs. *Dr. Tim Evans and Geri Carter present for therapists, counselors and childcare workers who work*

with parents and children. Suburban Hospital Auditorium, 8600 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Co-sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services and the Suburban Hospital, register at <http://yfsprofsfall2012.eventbrite.com/>.

Oct. 12, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Art Show - OPENING. *Come meet the artists from Chelsea School who have created unique pieces, which have been featured in the LDAMC newsletter in collaboration with Carol McFall and Karen Gallo. Coffee and cake will be served.* Kefa Café, 963 Bonifant St., Silver Spring. Sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County (LDAMC), 301-933-1076, www.ldamc.org.

Oct. 13, 8:15 AM - 2:00 PM. *Learning Disabilities & Transition to Higher Education: What Students, Families, Professionals Should Know, \$35/non-members, \$25/LDAV members. *Keynote speaker Elizabeth Getzel, Director postsecondary initiatives at Virginia Commonwealth University will inform parents and students about the processes, legal information and procedures that enable successful preparation for transition from secondary to postsecondary education.* Marymount University, Reinsch Library, 2807 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington. Sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of Virginia (LDAV), <http://www.lдавирginia.org/events.html>. Registration Deadline Oct. 6.

Oct. 13, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM. College Scholarship Conference. *The conference is geared towards students in grades 11 & 12 and their parents as well as college students. College students representing 60 colleges and universities and individuals representing a variety of careers will be on hand.* Universities at Shady Grove (USG), 9530 Gudelsky Dr., Bldg. II, Rockville. Sponsored by MCPS, Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove, <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/edu/departments.aspx?id=19652>.

Oct. 13, 9:00 AM - 1:30 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. 13, 10:00 AM. MOVIE - Frankenweenie, \$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.

Oct. 13 - May 11, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Saturday Night Alive, \$7. *All adult families (special needs individuals 16 years & older) are welcome for games, arts & crafts, adapted sports, pizza, making new friends, dance, optional simple bible teaching and lots more.* Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Offered by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanski, 301-841-7412, http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429 (Also Nov. 10, Dec. 1, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 6, May 11).

Oct. 14, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Baltimore Jewish Abilities Alliance - Kick-Off Event. *This is a free community event with music. The Jewish Abilities Alliance connects individuals with different needs and their families to a network of people and resources that provide opportunities.* Gordon Center for the Performing Arts, 3506 Gwynnbrook Ave., Owings Mill. Hosted by the JCC of Greater Baltimore, RSVP by Oct. 5, <https://asoft4161.accrisoft.com/baltimorejcc/index.php?src=forms&id=BJAA> Kickoff, Jen Erez, 410-559-3613.

Oct. 15, 6:30- 8:30 PM. Hagerstown Focus Group - Parents of Children Under 25 with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Problems. *This is one of a series of focus groups being held across the state for parents with children who have co-occurring disorders. Bring your concerns, experiences and suggestions on how to improve care for your children.* Washington County Office Bldg., 300 W. Washington St., Room 200, Hagerstown. Sponsored by the Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health, Ann Geddes, ageddes@mdcoalition.org, 410-730-8267.

Oct. 15, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 4 of 5). *Explore the MCPS website, set up an Ed-line Account and learn about Microsoft Word in this beginning level workshop.* Earle B. Woods Middle School, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

Oct. 15, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Parent E.A.S.E. (Empower, Advocacy, and Support in Education) - Monitoring Your Child's Progress and Finding Support (Session 4 of 4). *Supper, childcare and Spanish language interpretation will be provided.* Neelsville Middle School, 11700 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown. Co-sponsored by MCPS Div. of Family and Community Partnerships and the MC Federation for Children's Mental Health, contact Celia Serkin, 301-879-5200, ext. 27, cserkin@mcfof.org for more information, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx>.

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del transporte, del cuidado infantil y de la interpretación. Neelsville Middle School, 11700 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown. Patrocinados por la MCPS Div. of Family and Community Partnerships y MC Federation for Children's Mental Health, para confirmar su asistencia o para más información, llamar a Celia Serkin, 301-879-5200, ext. 27, cserkin@mcfof.org, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx>.

Oct. 15, 7:00 PM. Parenting Your Twice Exceptional Child, \$5/non-members. *Sarah Wayland presents how to negotiate complex relationships so you can be the parent you want to be.* Miller Library, 9427 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Monthly meeting of the Individual Differences in Learning Association, info@gifteddifferentlearners.org, <http://www.gifteddifferentlearners.org/>.

Oct. 15, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Meet and Greet Your Board of Education Members. *Come and meet members of members of the MC BOE and find out about the role and responsibilities of BOE members.* Shady Grove Middle School, 8100 Midcounty Hwy., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

Oct. 15, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Montgomery Blair HS DCC Parent Information Meeting. *Information meeting for parents of 8th graders about the high school magnet program at Montgomery Blair. Deadline for applications - Nov. 2, 2012.* Montgomery Blair High School, 51 University Blvd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by MCPS, 301-592-2040 or 301-649-8081, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/high.aspx>.

Oct. 15, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. What To Do Now? Resources for Those With Special Needs. *Guest speaker is Suzanne Ripley, Director of Accessing Disability Services.* McLean Bible Church, Community Room A, Lower Level, 8925 Leesburg Pk., Vienna. Offered by McLean Bible Church Access Community Lecture, RSVP, Erin Roundtree, 703-770-2938.

Oct. 16, 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Parenting During Separation or Divorce: A Guide for Parents, \$50. *Workshop to help make a difference in the attitude and actions of those seeking separation or divorce.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA, Laurence Fabre-Welmond, LCSW-C, pre-registration required, 301-610-8381.

Oct. 16, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *Parent Conferences: Do's and Don'ts, \$32 pre-paid, \$38, at the door. *Sally Neuberger will present this core of knowledge on professionalism workshop for professionals working with children between the ages of 2.5 and 6 years old.* TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.

Oct. 16, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. 6th Annual ADHD Evening. *The featured guest speaker, Dr. Martha Denckla, will present "Update on ADHD: Basic Brain Facts and Treatment Beyond Medication".* Centennial High School, 4300 Centennial La., Ellicott City. Co-sponsored by CHADD of Greater Baltimore, HCPS, LDA of HC, and Individual Differences in Learning Association, Emily Hurd, 410-313-1252, emily_hurd@hcpss.org, <http://www.chadd-mc.org/2012-oct-howard-2/>.

Oct. 16, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Next Step Series Workshop - Montgomery College Night. *Presentation for parents of children ages 14 who receive special education services planning to attend community college, earn an associate's degree, transfer to a four-year college or university, enter the job market. Hear about the Disability Support Services, credit/non-credit programs, self-disclosure issues and life long learning opportunities.* Earle B. Wood Middle School, Cafeteria, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCPS Transition Services, 301-517-8278, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transitionsvcs/parent.shtm>, Spanish language & sign language interpreters available if requested 2 weeks prior.

Oct. 17, 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, \$165 before Oct. 10, 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. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7 & 14, 10:00 - 11:30 AM. ADD-Friendly Parenting Strategies for Your Challenging Child (Ages 3-8), \$75/week; \$350/5 weeks. *Small coaching parent groups will meet for 5 weeks. Learn how to build a strong, positive relations with your challenging child using the most ADD-friendly strategies to reduce conflict, increase self-control and foster cooperation.* Chesapeake Center of Maryland, 8607 Cedar St., Silver Spring. Offered by the Chesapeake ADHD Center of Maryland, <http://chesapeakeadd.com/parent-strategies-3-8/>, 301-562-8448.

Oct. 17, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Effective Parent-Teacher Conferences (Presented in English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Amharic, Vietnamese and Korean). *Come learn tips to prepare for an effective parent teacher conference.* Gaithersburg Middle School, 2 Teacher Way, Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

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Oct. 17, 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.

Oct. 17, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Korean Parent Information Night. *Presentation in Korean will give helpful information about navigating the school system.* Festival Training Center, 311 Muddy Branch Rd., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 17, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Neuropsych Evaluations 101, \$15/non-members. *Dr. Taruna Ahluvalia will present information about comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations and specialized assessments of social cognition, social skills, and emotional/behavioral functioning.* Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Sponsored by the Partnership for Extraordinary Minds, <http://www.xminds.org/content.asp?p=158&contentid=159>, 301-444-5225.

Oct. 17, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Open House Middle School Magnet Aerospace Technology at Parkland MS. *Open house for parents and 5th grade students to learn more about the school's magnet program. Deadline for applications - Nov. 2, 2012.* Parkland Middle School, 4610 W. Frankfort Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by MCPS, 301-592-2040 or 301-649-8081, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/middle.aspx>.

Oct. 17, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. *The Brain in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, FREE. *Presentation by Dr. Philip Shaw will cover advances in technology that allow research into brain activity in attention deficit hyperactivity versus typical youth brain activity giving exciting insight into the nature of ADHD.* Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, claire.menegus@labschool.org, <http://www.labschool.org/lectureseries>.

Oct. 17, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Family Share Meeting - Montgomery County Transitioning Young Adults (MCTrans) (7:30 - 9:00 PM). *A discussion and support group for families and young adults (17+) with mild to significant disabilities as they transition from school age entitlements in Maryland to adulthood. Members include families of young adults as well as interested professionals working in pre-and post-transitioning services.* MC Arc, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. Affiliated yahoo group located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MCTrans/> or subscribe by sending message to MCTrans - subscribe@yahoo.com. Group co-moderator - Reda Sheinberg, rjsheinberg@mctransitions.org, <http://www.mctransitions.org/>.

Oct. 18, 9:00 AM -5:00 PM. Special Education Law and Advocacy Training with Pete Wright, \$100/parents, \$150/professionals & couples. *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.ppmd2.org/Register.html>. Registration Deadline Oct. 11.

Oct. 18, 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Understanding SSI/Medicaid & SSDI/Medicare. National Children's Center, Northwest Campus, 201 Rittenhouse St., NW, Washington, DC. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at www.specialneedsplanning.net, 202-841-8362. Workshop is only for National Children's Center Parent's ONLY.

Oct. 18, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Choice Programs in MCPS, (3rd Thurs., 6:30 - 9:00 PM). *Bring your meal and network during the advocacy session. 7:30 PM - Marisa Stemple, GTLD Instructional specialist will lead a discussion of choice programs for elementary, middle and high school students within MCPS.* Lucy Barnsley Elementary School, 14516 Nadine Dr., Rockville.. Sponsored by The Gifted with Learning Differences Educational Network, Joan Wittan, jomada@verizon.net, <http://www.gtdnetworkmc.org/>.

Oct. 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Curriculum 2.0 and Grading and Reporting. *Come and learn about this curriculum, which blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art and physical education.* Brookhaven Elementary School, 4610 Renn St., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 18, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar-Becoming a Trauma-Competent Healing Parent, \$25 (the first 150 registrants will be free). *Jayne Schooler, adoption trainer and co-author of "Telling the Truth to Your Adopted or Foster Child and Wounded Children Healing Homes" will present 3 essential tasks and 3 essential skills necessary for caregivers to become trauma-competent healing parents.* Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://yhst-28828629093147.stores.yahoo.net/betrhepa.html>, 301-476-8525.

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Oct. 19, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. *Maryland Speech Language and Hearing Association 2012 Fall Clinical Conference, \$100/members, \$150/non-members, CEUs. *This years topic is "Affordable Technology Treasures to Enhance Learning: The iPad and Free and Low-Cost Tools to Make Learning More Successful and Enjoyable" with Joan Green presenting.* The Forbush School at Clyndon, 407 Central Ave., Reisterstown. Sponsored by the Maryland Speech Language and Hearing Association, <http://www.mdslnha.org/news/news/168-2012-fall-conference.html>.

Oct. 19 - 21, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. *Reconsidering Learning: Students and Their Environment: 34th Annual Conference, \$375/members, \$450/non-members; CEUs. *Keynote speakers include: Dr. Maryanne Wolf, Carol Kranowitz and Dr. Deborah Weber. There will be breakout sessions covering topics ranging from essential operations in the ET session to the "Reading Brain" to rethinking learning disabilities and much more.* Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Rd., Alexandria. Sponsored by the Association of Educational Therapists, www.aetonline.org.

Oct. 20, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM. *Enhancing Learning by Integrating Arts and Academics, \$100 (includes lunch). *A work shop for teachers, tutors and parents demonstrating how integrating art, movement and music enhances student learning. Participants will explore topics relevant to their interest area.* Siena School, 9727 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Co-sponsored by the Siena School and the Elizabeth Ely Education Foundation, <http://www.thesienaschool.org/information.cfm?subpage=216923>.

Oct. 22, 9:30 - 11:00 AM. *McLean School Open House for Professionals. *Learn more about the programs and services provided by the McLean School for students grades .* McLean School, 8224 Lochinver La., Potomac. The Mclean School, admission@mcleanschool.org, 240-395-0698.

Oct. 22, 6:30 -8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 5 of 5). *Explore the MCPS website, set up an Ed-line Account and learn about Microsoft Word in this beginning level work shop.* Earle B. Woods Middle School, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

Oct. 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Communication Arts Program (CAP) High School Magnet Program Information Meeting. *Information meeting for parents of 8th graders about the high school magnet program at Montgomery Blair. Deadline for applications - Nov. 2, 2012.* Montgomery Blair High School, 51 University Blvd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by MCPS, 301-592-2040 or 301-649-8081, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/high.aspx>.

Oct. 22, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. What's Eating Your Child? The Hidden Connections Between Food and Childhood Aliments, \$30/person; \$27/PEP member. *Kelly Dorfman will present on how foods your child may or may not be eating can affect ear infections, moodiness and learning challenges.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, <http://www.pepparent.org/>.

Oct. 23, 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Orton-Gillingham Overview. *Free overview for teachers and administrators who haven't been trained in IMSE Orton-Gillingham methodology. Topics to be discussed include implementing IMSE Orton-Gillingham into existing classroom and district curriculum, multi-sensory strategies, and assessment to customize response to intervention.* Best Western Plus BWI, 6755 Dorsey Blvd., Baltimore. Offered by the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education, 800-646-9788, IMSE@Orton-Gillingham.com, <http://www.orton-gillingham.com/frmMain.aspx>.

Oct. 23, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Building Successful School Partnerships. Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome.

Oct. 23, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Parent Information Meeting for Middle School Magnet. *Information meeting for parents of 5th grade students to discuss the Eastern Middle School Humanities/Communication Magnet Program. Deadline for center applications - Nov. 2, 2012.* Eastern Middle School, 300 University Blvd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by MCPS, 301-592-2040 or 301-649-8081, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/middle.aspx>.

Oct. 23, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. College Planning for Students Who Learn Differently - Monthly Howard County CHADD Speaker Series, (\$5/non-members). *Judy Bass presents.* Ellicott City Senior Center, 9401 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Chapter of CHADD, 410-796-6700, <http://www.chadd-mc.org/2012-sept-howard/>.

Oct. 23, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Understanding SSI/Medicaid & SSDI/Medicare. Learning Rx Bethesda, 5017B Wilson Lane, Bethesda. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at <http://www.specialneedsplanning.net/>.

Oct. 24, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. *Revitalizing Respite - 14th Annual Respite Care Conference, \$60/family caregivers; \$125/professional, CEUs. *Conference featuring Lon Kieffer, as keynote speaker.* The Conference Center at the Maritime Institute, 692 Maritime Blvd., Linthicum Heights. Sponsored by Maryland Respite Care Coalition, <http://respitcoalition.org/>.

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Oct. 24 - 27, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. *Reading, Literacy & Learning, 63rd Annual International Dyslexia Association Conference, \$435/IDA Members; \$545/non-members before Oct. 1 (1-day & student rates also available). *Presenters will include Dr. Sally Shaywitz, Dr. Bennett Shaywitz, Dr. Donald Shankweiler, Daniel Pink along with many breakout sessions.* Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt St., Baltimore. Sponsored by the International Dyslexia Association, <http://www.interdys.org/AnnualConference.htm>

Oct. 24, 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Open House - Getting to Yes - Effective Strategies for Advocating for Your Child. *Dr. Janice Caro will present starting at 6:00 PM.* AT:LAST, Inc., 7050 Oakland Mills Rd, Suite 160, Columbia. Offered by AT:LAST, Inc., Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, 410-381-2667, RSVP required.

Oct. 24, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. International Baccalaureate Information Meeting. *Information meeting for parents of 8th graders about the International Baccalaureate Program at Richard Montgomery High School. Deadline for applications - Nov. 2, 2012.* Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by MCPS, 301-592-2040 or 301-649-8081, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/high.aspx>.

Oct. 24, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Open House Middle School Magnet Information Technology at Argyle MS. *Open house for parents and 5th grade students learn more about the school's magnet program. Deadline for applications - Nov. 2, 2012.* Argyle Middle School, 2400 Bel Pre Rd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by MCPS, 301-592-2040 or 301-649-8081, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/enrichedinnovative/events/middle.aspx>

Oct. 25 - 26, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. *12th Annual Autism Conference - Understanding Autism: Finding Hope, Possibilities, and Solutions, \$335/professionals; \$235/parents before Sept. 10, one-day rate also possible, CEUs. *Conference for educators, professionals, researchers, families and clinicians covering early identification and intervention, education, employment communication, social skills, and evidence-based interventions across the life span.* Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2004 Greenspring Dr., Timonium. Offered by Center for Autism and Related Disorders at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, <http://www.cvent.com/events/12th-annual-autism-conference/custom-18-82052462475447978080b129416c3191.aspx>.

Oct. 25, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Chelsea School - Open House. *School serves students 5th - 12th grade with language based learning differences.* 711 Pershing Dr., Silver Spring. Chelsea School, 301-585-1430, ext. 303, www.chelseaschool.edu.

Oct. 25, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM. *Introductory Interactive iPad Workshop, \$125. *Learn how to use your iDevice to help others improve communication, cognition, literacy and learning.* Rockville, Library, 25 Maaryland Ave., Rockville. Offered by Joan L. Green, M.A.CCC-SLP, Offered by Joan L. Green, M.A.CCC-SLP, <http://wp.me/pvNA5-7h>. Contact Joan@innovativespeech.com for information about limited scholarships.

Oct. 25, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Rookie Readiness from a Developmental Perspective, \$10. *Is your teen or young adult ready to drive? Wondering how you can help? This is the course for parents of teens, counselors of adults with cognitive challenges, and driver educators.* Montgomery College, Germantown Campus, Globe Hall Auditorium, High Technology And Science Center, Germantown. Offered by Montgomery College, Course #SFT060; CRN#27354, 240-567-1800, 240-567-2589, <http://aceitoc.montgomerycollege.edu/course/CourseView.aspx>.

Oct. 25, 6:15 - 8:15 PM. *Understanding, Helping & Coping with Bullies in the Classroom, \$32 pre-paid, \$38, at the door. *Dr. Lisa Lenhart will present this core of knowledge on child development workshop for professionals working with children between the ages of 2.5 and 6 years old.* TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.

Oct. 25, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Helping Children Deal With Anger. *Learn about high school choices to help students succeed.* Westland Middle School, 5511 Massachusetts Ave., Bethesda. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

Oct. 25, 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Webinar: Understanding the Effects of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FASD). *Carmen Lopez-Arvizu, Medical Director, FASD Clinic, Kennedy Krieger Institute presents.* High Noon Web-Cafe, co-sponsored by the Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health and the University of Maryland, <https://umbssw.webex.com/mw0306ld/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=umbssw>, email callenza@mdcoalition.org.

Oct. 26 - 27, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Inaugural IDA Conference for Parents, \$100/person; \$175/couple before Oct. 1. *Take advantage of the 63rd Annual IDA Conference occurring in our area where presenters will include Dr. Sally Shaywitz, Dr. Bennett Shaywitz, Dr. Donald Shankweiler, Daniel Pink along with many breakout sessions.* Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt St., Baltimore. Sponsored by the International Dyslexia Association, <http://www.interdys.org/2012ParentConference.htm>

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Oct. 26 - 27, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. NAMI Maryland 2012 State Conference - Stronger Together: Partners for the Future, \$100/member; \$145/non-member before Sept. 24, 5.25 CEUs. *Featured speakers include Dr. Brian Hepburn and Charles Milligan.* Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt, 6501 North Charles St., Baltimore. Sponsored by NAMI of Maryland, <https://sites.google.com/site/namimd12educonf/registration> 410-884-8691.

Oct. 27, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Around the World in Special Education in One Day! *Build your skills as your child's best advocate. Workshops topics range from including all ages and disabilities in the general education classroom, ADHD in school and beyond, legal drugs, autism primer, least restrictive environment and meet your service providers and agencies.* Christ Lutheran Church, 12 Vocke Rd., LaVale. Co-sponsored by The Parents' Place of Maryland, The Family Network, the Arc of Frederick County, registration required, Debbie Dipaola, 301-689-3113, dkmc199@comcast.net.

Oct. 27, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. 20th Anniversary of Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH). *Features speakers will be Karen Keninger, Director of LBPH, Heather Wandell, Dr. Lillian Lowery, MDSDE superintendent.* LBPH, 415 Park Ave., Baltimore. Offered by LBPH, 1-800-964-9209. If interested in traveling with the bus from Montgomery County, reply to drcinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov, 240-777-0959.

Oct. 27 - June 8, 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM. Leadership, Empowerment and Action Program (L.E.A.P.), \$500/student. *Weekly program for Montgomery County middle school student who are adopted or in foster care with an adoption plan. Activities include as glass art, cooking, dance, field trips and service learning projects while addressing the unique challenges faced by adoption. Door to door transportation and parent workshops offered.* Sponsored by the Center for Adoption Support and Education (CASE), http://adoptionsupport.org/?page_id=1131. Applications are being accepted NOW, Tamielle Taylor, Annika Wilson, 301-476-8525

Oct. 27 - May 18, 5:00 -7:00 PM. Saturday Night Alive, \$7. *All young families (special needs individuals 15years & younger) are welcome for games, arts & crafts, adapted sports, pizza, making new friends, dance, optional simple bible teaching and lots more.* Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Offered by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanski, 301-841-7412, http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429 (Also Nov. 17, Dec. 8, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 23, Apr. 20, May 18).

Oct. 28, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Exceptional Schools for Exceptional Students Fair. *Showcase of private schools in the Washington Metropolitan area that serve students with learning differences. Participating schools: the Auburn School, the Benedictine School, Chelsea School, Commonwealth School, Cortona School, Diener School, Eagle Hill School, The Frost School, The Gow School, Ivymount School Model Asperger Program & Maddux School, Kingsbury Day School, Lab School, Landmark School, Little Keswick School, MANCEF, McLean School, National Child Research Center, The Newton School, The Nora School, Oakwood School, Oakland School, the Parkmont School, The Shire School, Siena School, and The Katherine Thomas School. Katzen Art Center, American University, Massachusetts Ave. & Nebraska Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the American University School of Education, Teaching & Health, <http://exceptionalschoolsfair.com/Home.php>, more information contact Bekah Atkinson, 301-592-0567, ext. 12.*

Oct. 28, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Washington D.C. Performing and Visual Arts College Fair. *Representatives from dozens of colleges and universities with performing and visual arts programs will be on hand with information about their admissions process.* Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW, Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the National Association of College Admissions Counseling & MCPS, <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/PVA-College-Fairs/Pages/default.aspx>.

Oct. 28, 2:00 PM. Compass Academy Open House. *Parents of children grades 1 - 12 with diagnosis such as language-based disabilities, high functioning autism and/or ADD/ADHD are invited to check out this school serving bring students with learning differences that hinder their ability to learn in typical classroom settings.* Compass Academy, 4601 Maple Ave., Halethorpe, 410-501-3571, <http://www.compassacademymd.org/>, compassacademy@comcast.com.

Oct. 28 7:00 -9:00 PM. *JCCNV Transitional Workshop - Residential and Housing Issues. *Workshop is for individuals, families, case managers and community members who want to learn about issues facing people with disabilities.* JCC of Norther Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Presented by the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia and the Washington Group Special Care Planning Team, Carey Alford, 703-279-6561.

Oct. 29, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Effective Parent-Teacher Conferences (Presented in English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Amharic, Vietnamese and Korean). *Come learn tips to prepare for an effective parent teacher conference.* Gaithersburg Middle School, 2 Teacher Way, Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

Oct. 31, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-

0005, www.thesummitschool.org. Also Nov. 14, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 6 & 20, Mar. 6 & 20, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, 2013.

Oct. 31, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Montgomery County National Hispanic College Fair. *Representatives from dozens of colleges and universities will be on hand with information about their admissions process. A special information session for parents will be held on Oct. 30, 7:00 - 9:00 PM.* Universities at Shady Grove Conference Center, Bldg. 1, 9630 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the National Career Council, Inc. & National Hispanic College Fairs, Inc., http://collegefair.info/early_fall_2012_registration.php. For more information contact Patty Maloney, 301-353-8029.

Oct. 31, 12:00 - 4:00 PM. World of Montgomery Festival. *Celebrate multicultural Montgomery and learn about the cultures our neighbors have brought here that so enrich our community. Tour the International Village produced by the KID Museum featuring China, El Salvador, Ethiopia and India. There will be music, entertainment, crafts and foods along with a pupusa cook-off.* Wheaton Triangle, Grandview Ave & Reedie Dr., Wheaton. Brochure at: www.wheatonmd.org/_files/docs/womf_program.pdf

Nov. 1, 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Free IEP & 504 Clinic. *Bring your questions, documents and good ideas to the special education clinic where parent educators will talk with you and help come up with positive solutions and creative ideas to ensure that your dreams for your child's future are addressed in your child's educational program.* Parents' Place of Maryland, 801 Cromwell Park Dr., Glen Burnie. Offered by The Parents' Place of Maryland, registration required, Rochelle Howell, 1-8000-394-5694, 410-768-9100, ext. 104, rochelle@pppmd.org, advanced registration required for the 45 min appointment.

Nov. 2 & 3. Covenant Life Homeschool Conference, \$30/FSP parent; \$40/FSP couple; \$40/individual, \$50/couple non-FSP parents. *Featuring Debra Bell and Vicki Dincher.* Covenant Life Church, 7501 Muncaster Mill Rd., Gaithersburg. Offered by the Family Schools Program, 301-869-2800, http://www.covlife.org/static/splash/fsp_fall_conference_2012#overview

Nov. 2, 1:00 - 1:30 PM. *Webinar: Top iPad Picks for Improving Verbal Expression, \$25. *Learn how to use your iDevice to help others improve communication, cognition, literacy and learning.* Offered by Joan L. Green, M.A.CCC-SLP, Joan@innovativespeech.com, <http://ittsguides.wordpress.com/category/webinars/>.

Nov. 3, 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM. *New Generations of High-Tech Youth: How We Teach Them & Parent Them - Annual The Zelma Wynn Symposium, \$45/parents, \$70/educators, CEUs. *Featured speaker will be Dr. Larry Rosen.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. Offered by the Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org.

Nov. 3, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM. Autism Spectrum Disorders - Full Day Conference. *The workshops include the IEP Process led by Parents' Place of Maryland Parent Educators; Autism Through the Lifespan with Trish Kane and Shelly McLaughlin; Making Social Skills Less Frustrating for Children with Autism with Dr. Heather Hinkle; Learning the Path to Life Skills Independence with Peggy Dooley and Julie Hickel.* Promise Land Campground, 6605 Morris Rd., Pittsville. Offered by Pathfinder for Autism, conducted by the Parents' Place with assistance from the Maryland Disability Law Center, Trish Kane, trish@pathfindersforautism.org, 443-330-5370, www.pathfindersforautism.org.

Nov. 3 - Dec. 1, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. *Multisensory Math I for Distance Learners, \$700 includes shipping of materials, CEUs. *30-hour course based in the Orton-Gillingham method covering fractions to algebra.* Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://www.asdec.org/courses>.

Nov. 3, 12:30 - 5:00 PM. *3rd Annual Half-Day Conference - Taming the Transitions, CEUs. *After the Keynote address by Dr. Dan Shapiro on: "Lifelong Challenges of Transitions", participants can pick any two of the following presentations: Smoother Moves: Taming the Transition Between High School and College (Rob Tudisco); Power Pass: Moving From Parent Advocate to Student Self-Advocate (Marisa Stemple & Barb Siegel); Daily Details: Tackling Transitions at Home and at School (Janette Patterson) and then have a Q & A session with Dr. Shapiro.* The McLean School of Maryland, 8224 Lochinver La., Potomac. Sponsored by CHADD and the GTLD Network, Sarah Wayland, sarah.wayland@gmail.com and hosted by the McLean School.

Nov. 3, 3:30 - 5:30 PM. 18th Annual Circle of Support Conference, \$40/parents & \$50/professionals before Oct. 1. *This year's keynote speaker, Dr. Paula Kluth will speak on "The Problem with Behavior Problems". There will be over 50 workshops and over 60 exhibitors for families of children with special needs and professionals who work with them.* Hylton High School, 1405 Spriggs Rd., Woodbridge. Sponsored by the Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc., Jan Russel, 703730-3124, jrussell@arcgwpw.org, <http://www.arcgwpw.org/portal/family-support;jsessionid=8E13E491193C11B0F56A9F976A778097>.

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Nov. 7, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Greater Washington D.C. National College Fair. *Representatives from dozens of colleges and universities will be on hand with information about their admissions process.* Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW, Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the National Association of College Admissions Counseling & MCPS, <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/FallNCF/Pages/default.aspx>.

Nov. 7, 7:30 PM. MCCPTA/MCPS CIP Forum. *Capital Improvement Program*. Location to be determined. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome.

Nov. 8, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Illness Prevention. *The Dept. of Health and Human Services will cover how to limit your child's exposure to infections and illnesses and will cover vaccines and when to keep your child home from school.* Thomas Pyle Middle School, 6311 Wilson La., Bethesda. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Nov. 8, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Raising Bilingual and Bicultural Children (Presented in English, Spanish, French, Amharic and Korean). *Presentation by staff from the ESOL exploring the complex and fascinating topic of raising bilingual and bicultural children.* Wheaton High School, 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Nov. 8, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *I Don't Care About You: Encouraging Flexibility and Tolerance in Young Children, \$32 pre-paid, \$38, at the door. *Sally Neuberger will present this core of knowledge on child development workshop for professionals working with children between the ages of 2.5 and 6 years old.* TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.

Nov. 8, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Community Safety Program - Montgomery County Transitioning Young Adults (MCTrans) (7:30 - 9:00 PM). *Officer Michael S. Prather will discuss how to be safe walking in neighborhoods and while using public transportation. A discussion and support group for families and young adults (17+) with mild to significant disabilities as they transition from school age entitlements in Maryland to adulthood. Members include families of young adults as well as interested professionals working in pre-and post-transitioning services.* MC Arc, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. Affiliated yahoo group located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MCTrans/> or subscribe by sending message to MCTrans-subscribe@yahoogroup.com. Group co-moderator - Reda Sheinberg, rjsheinberg@mctransitions.org, <http://www.mctransitions.org/>.

Nov. 9, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Techniques for Success for Parents, FREE. *Part of the 4th Education Conference is designed to keep parents informed of practical strategies on educating students with Down syndrome. Parents join us and encourage your child's teaching team to register for the FREE educator program on Nov. 10.* Seneca Valley High School, Cafeteria, 19401 Crystal Rock Dr., Germantown. Offered by the Downs Syndrome Network of Montgomery County and F.R.I.E.N.D.S. of Frederick County, <http://www.dsnmc.org/event/techniques-for-success-coming-soon/>, <http://techniquesforsuccess.org/>, 301-979-1112.

Nov. 9, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Sensory Challenges and In-Sync Solutions, \$30/person; \$27/PEP member. *Carol Kranowitz will give parents of children ages 2-12 a thorough grounding in the spectrum of behaviors that result when children struggle with their responses to ordinary physical sensations.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, <http://www.pepparent.org/>.

Nov. 10, 7:45 AM - 3:15 PM. Click or Swipe? How Do You Power Up Your Learning - 16th Annual Prince George's County Public Schools Technology Conference, \$45 on-line before Nov. 2. *Hands on sessions, lectures, and exhibits on how to utilize technology in education.* Dr. Henry Wise Jr. High School, 12650 Brooke La., Upper Marlboro. Sponsored by the Technology Training Team, PGCPs, <https://sites.google.com/a/pgcps.org/puwtconference/>

Nov. 10, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. *Techniques for Success for Educators, FREE, CEUs. *The 4th Education Conference is designed to provide educators (teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, administrators, homeschooling parents) and interested professionals with practical strategies on educating students with Down syndrome.* Gaithersburg Marriott Washington Center, 9751 Washingtonian Blvd., Gaithersburg. Offered by the Downs Syndrome Network of Montgomery County and F.R.I.E.N.D.S. of Frederick County, <http://www.dsnmc.org/event/techniques-for-success-coming-soon/>, <http://techniquesforsuccess.org/>, 301-979-1112. Registration Deadline - Oct. 20.

Nov. 10, 10:00 AM. MOVIE - Wreck-It Ralph, \$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.

Nov. 11 - Dec. 9 or 16, 1:30 - 5:30 PM. *Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD, \$125/members. *Course based upon state of the art, evidence based information on the treatment and management of A D/HD developed by parents who*

have lived the experience. Holy Cross Hospital, 1500 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring. Offered by CHADD, ascielzo@gmail.com, 301-643-5207.

Nov. 12, 8:30 AM. State of the Schools Address - Building the Future Together. *MCPS superintendent Joshua P. Starr will deliver the first State of Schools address after a 7:30 AM light breakfast and student performances and artwork.* Music Center@ Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman La., North Bethesda. Offered by MCPS, RSVP to <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/superintendent/stateoftheschools/?991567e0>.

Nov. 12, 7:00 PM. Board of Education Hearings on Boundaries and Facilities. *Capital Improvement.* Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome.

Nov. 12, 7:15 PM. Ask A Doctor - Practical Ideas for Parenting. *Dr. Charles Goggeshall will field your questions concerning your child's development, - sleep, behavior, eating and toileting.* Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by Parent University, <http://parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343.

Nov. 12, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Handling Difficult Behaviors in Children: Evidence-Based Strategies for Success. *Guest speaker is Dr. Jane Barbin, Director of Behavioral Directions.* McLean Bible Church, Community Room A, Lower Level, 8925 Leesburg Pk., Vienna. Offered by McLean Bible Church Access Community Lecture, RSVP, Erin Roundtree, 703-770-2938.

Nov. 13, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. *CBT OCD and Social Anxiety Disorder, \$65, 3 CEUs. *Dr. John Chamberlain presents.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA, Susan Loughman, 301-816-2617, <http://www.jssa.org/jssa-training-institute/ceu-trainings>. Registration Deadline Sept. 1.

Nov. 13, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Navigating a Complex World: Special Education Law, Guardianship and Its Alternatives, and Special Needs Trusts. *Presenters include Wayne D. Steedman, Dr. Vincent Culotta, Ellen Callegar and Harry Pskowski.* Abilities Network, 8503 LaSalle Rd., Towson. Offered by Pathfinder for Autism, conducted by the Parents' Place with assistance from the Maryland Disability Law Center, Trish Kane, trish@pathfindersforautism.org, 443-330-5341, <http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/news/view/334>.

Nov. 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *Phonetic Methods for Teaching Reading, \$32 pre-paid, \$38, at the door. *Janice Jones will present this core of knowledge on curriculum workshop for professionals working with children at the preschool-elementary school level.* TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.

Nov. 13, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Meltdowns vs. Tantrums: What's the Difference? \$15/non-members. *Dr. Laura Anthony will explain the physiological characteristics of each and how they differ at different ages, common triggers, warning signs, and de-escalation strategies to help the child-young adult through the experience.* Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Sponsored by the Partnership for Extraordinary Minds, www.xminds.org, 301-444-5225.

Nov. 13, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Next Step Series Workshop - Postsecondary Education. *Presentation for parents of children ages 14 who receive special education services planning to pursue college or other programs leading to a degree or career certification upon high school graduation. Hear about the opportunities of continued education after high school from MCPS graduate, parent, MCPS Career Information Coordinator and Transition Support Teacher.* Earle B. Wood Middle School, Cafeteria, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCPS Transition Services, 301-517-8278, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transitionsvcv/parent.shtml>, Spanish language & sign language interpreters available if requested 2 weeks prior.

Nov. 14, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org. Also Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 6 & 20, Mar. 6 & 20, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, 2013.

Nov. 14, 3:30 - 5:30 PM. WordPower for TouchChat, \$89. *Nancy Inman of the Kennedy Krieger Institute will teach this course that has been approved for CEU's for SLPs.* AT:LAST, Inc., 7050 Oakland Mills Rd, Suite 160, Columbia. Offered by AT:LAST, Inc., Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, 410-381-2667, look for registration information and more details, <http://www.matcoop.org/training/training.html>.

Nov. 14, 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.

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Nov. 14, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Substance Abuse Prevention 101. Seminar by the Family Support Center will help parent to understand substance abuse among young people. Thomas Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Pkwy, Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Nov. 14, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Understanding SSI/Medicaid & SSDI/Medicare. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at www.specialneedsplanning.net, 202-841-8362.

Nov. 14, 7:15 PM. Facilitating Affect Regulation and Problem Solving in School Age Children. Dan Campbell, LCSW, will present. Auburn School, Herndon Campus, 13524 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 101, Herndon. The Auburn School, Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/Herndon.cfm?subpage=1316540>.

Nov. 14, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. *ADHD Friendly Parent Coaching: An Introduction, FREE. Presentation Dr. Kathleen Nadeau designed to help parents guide their children to reach their full potential. Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, claire.menegus@labschool.org, <http://www.labschool.org/lectureseries>.

Nov. 15, 10:00 AM. Compass Academy Open House. Parents of children grades 1 - 12 with diagnosis such as language-based disabilities, high functioning autism and/or ADD/ADHD are invited to check out this school serving bring students with learning differences that hinder their ability to learn in typical classroom settings. Compass Academy, 4601 Maple Ave., Halethorpe, 410-501-3571, <http://www.compassacademymd.org/>, compassacademy@comcast.com.

Nov. 15, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Technology, Tips and Tools for Writing, (3rd Thurs., 6:30 - 9:00 PM). Bring your meal and network during the advocacy session. 7:30 PM - Tracy Topping will explain why writing is so hard for many GTLD students and help parents see the long view of the writing process. Participants will have a chance to work in small groups to address common problems with a variety of writing assignments. Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Dr., Bethesda. Sponsored by The Gifted with Learning Differences Educational Network, Joan Wittan, jomada@verizon.net, <http://www.gtdnetworkmc.org/>.

Nov. 15, 7:00 PM. Board of Education Hearings on Boundaries and Facilities. Capital Improvement. Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome.

Nov. 15, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Social Bullies: Dealing with Exclusion and Cliques. Facilitated by the YMCA Youth and Family Services. Francis Scott Key Middle School, 910 Schindler Dr. Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Nov. 16, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Neurobiology of Disruptive Behavior Disorders: Implications for Intervention, \$20, 3 CEUs. Dr. Stuart White will explore disruptive behavior disorders and strategies and interventions to support children and families. Johns Hopkins University, Montgomery County Campus, 9605 Medical Center Dr., Room 121, Rockville. Presented by the Montgomery County Youth Worker's Training Committee, <http://www.youthworkerstraining.org/upcoming.asp>. Registration begins Oct. 2.

Nov. 16, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM. *Top Technology Tools to Help Adults with Communication, Cognitive and Literacy Challenges, \$125. Workshop is geared toward families and professionals who want to help adults who have had a stroke, head injury, memory challenges or other issues that impact their reading, writing or communication. Rockville, Library, 25 Maaryland Ave., Rockville. Offered by Joan L. Green, M.A.CCC-SLP, http://ist.ticketleap.com/ipadworkshop/dates/Nov-16-2012_at_1030AM. Contact Joan@innovativespeech.com for information about limited scholarships.

Nov. 16 - 18, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. *The Power of Affect - 2012 ICDL Annual Conference, \$275/parents/3 days; \$250/parents/2 days; \$175/parents/1 day; \$350/professional/3 days; \$295/professional/2 days; \$225/professional/3 days. Keynote speakers include Drs. Dan Siegel, Rebecca Shahmoon-Shanok and Dr. Gerard Costa. Conference Center, Montclair State University, Montclair. Sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders, <http://www.icdl.com/conferences/AnnualConference/index.shtml>.

Nov. 17, AM - PM. 16th Annual KAN Conference - Go For The Gold, \$. Dr. David Brodzinsky and Dr. Anne Brodzinsky will spend the day sharing their expertise as adoption professionals and adoptive parents. There will be activities for adopted children in 1st to 7th grades along with opportunities for teens in 8th to 12th grades. National 4H Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase. Sponsored by the Center for Adoption Support and Education (CASE), http://adoptionssupport.org/?page_id=1246, 301-476-8525. Registration opens Oct. 8.

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Nov. 17, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. *2012 Maryland Transition Conference - Transition Outcomes: From High School to Life Long Learning, \$, CEUs. *Featured speakers Dr. Brian Hepburn and Charles Milligan. Topics to be covered include employment, postsecondary education, adult services linkages, housing, accommodations and supports, and more.* Comfort Inn & Conference Center, 4500 Crain Hwy., Bowie. Sponsored by the Governor's Interagency Transition Council for Youth with Disabilities, Rachael Faulkner, rfaulkner@mddd.state.md.us or Seguaya Tasker, Sequaya.Tasker@maryland.gov, <http://www.mdtransition.org/>

Nov. 17, 9:30 AM. Smithsonian's Morning at the Museum. *Program designed to address the needs of children (ages 6 - 12) on the autism spectrum and their families. Guided by a series of web-based, pre-visit materials families will be able to enjoy a visit to the Smithsonian museum entering 30 minutes prior to regular visitor hours. National Museum of American History, 1300 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.. Offered by the Smithsonian's Accessibility Program, RSVP, access@si.edu, 202-633-2921. Access pre-visit materials at <http://www.si.edu/Accessibility/MATMNP>.*

Nov. 17, 2:00 - 5:00 PM. *Demystifying Testing: An Interactive Workshop. *An interactive workshop for parents, teachers, and professionals guiding participants through the process of obtaining a neuropsychological assessment and using the results to their fullest advantage. Bring your questions for a lively discussion and exploration of problem solving strategies. Speakers will include Dr. Lorrie Ness and Janette Patterson. Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County, Bonnie Massimino, blearning@yahoo.com, www.ldamc.org.*

Nov. 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Power Tools for Power Struggles (Presented in Spanish). *Facilitated by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP). Learn better ways to deal with common problem areas and bring people closer together.* Forest Oak Middle School, 651 Saybrooke Oaks Blvd., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Nov. 26, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Special Education Advisory Committee. *This month's topic will be a discussion of Special Education in MCPS. Dr. Starr, MCPS Superintendent, will be present to answer questions. Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the SEAC, email Joan Sabaka, VALNTINE20@aol.com, Amuthan Kannan, kannan_Amuthan@hotmail.com.*

Nov. 27, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. *Red Flags in Fine Motor Skills Development, \$32 pre-paid, \$38, at the door. *Presented by Brigid Baker., OTRL, with a discussion of typical fine-motor skills development and motor milestones for preschoolers. Practical strategies and activities will be addressed. A core of knowledge: special needs workshop. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.*

Nov. 27, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Social-Emotional Learning. *Dr. Starr, MCPS Superintendent will present. Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome.*

NEW DATE - Nov. 27, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Next Step Series Workshop - Special Topics Night. *Breakout sessions for parents of children ages 14 who receive special education services and will require long-term services. Topics will include "An Introduction to Transition Services in MCPS from Middle School to High School and Beyond; Guardianship and Health Care Planning and Social Security income: SSI Information. Earle B. Wood Middle School, Cafeteria, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCPS Transition Services, 301-517-8278, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transitionsvcs/parent.shtm>, Spanish language & sign language interpreters available if requested 2 weeks prior.*

Nov. 28, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Cybersafety and Social Media. *Learn about the most common websites used by children and the safety issues related to computer and cell phone use. Presented in collaboration with the MC State Attorney's Office and the MC Police Dept. White Oak Middle School, 12201 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>*

Nov. 28, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. The Roadmap for Transition Planning & A Discussion of Post Secondary Options. SEEC Parent Group, 8905 Fairview Rd., 4th fl. Conf. Rm., Silver Spring. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, 202-248-7113, if interested in this workshop please contact Krista Middlebrooks at kmiddlebrooks@seconline.org.

Nov. 29, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and Extended School Year (ESY) Services. *This workshop for military parents with guest speaker Scott Campbell will cover how to work with public school systems. Reservations required for class, on-site child care and free snacks. Army Community Service, 9800 Belvoir Rd., Bldg. 2000, Fort Belvoir. RSVP Marcia O'Connor, EFMP manager, 703-696-8467, TTY 703-696-4675.*

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Dec. 3, 7:30 – 9:00 PM. MCCPTA Special Education Committee Meeting. *Guest speaker to be announced.* Carver Educational Services Center, Cafeteria, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor, FRTJMT@aol.com, <http://www.mccpta.com/specneeds.html>.

Dec. 4, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *I'm a Little Worried: Supporting Anxious Young Children,** \$32 pre-paid, \$38, at the door. *Sally Neuberger will present this core of knowledge on child development workshop identifying symptoms of anxiety in your children as well as describe the impact of anxiety on the child, parent, caregiver and school environment.* TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.

Dec. 5, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org. Also Jan. 16, Feb. 6 & 20, Mar. 6 & 20, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, 2013.

Dec. 5, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. *Seeing What Others Do Not See or Can't See: Dyslexic Talents in Scientific Discovery, Technology Design and Entrepreneurial Business, FREE. *Presentation by Thomas West, author of "In the Mind's Eye" and "Thinking Like Einstein".* Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, claire.menegus@labschool.org, <http://www.labschool.org/lectureseries>.

Dec. 6, 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Free IEP & 504 Clinic. *Bring your questions, documents and good ideas to the special education clinic where parent educators will talk with you and help come up with positive solutions and creative ideas to ensure that your dreams for your child's future are addressed in your child's educational program.* Parents' Place of Maryland, 801 Cromwell Park Dr., Glen Burnie. Offered by The Parents' Place of Maryland, registration required, Rochelle Howell, 1-8000-394-5694, 410-768-9100, ext. 104, rochelle@pppmd.org, advanced registration required for the 45 min appointment.

Dec. 7, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM. *Top Technology Tools to Help Children With Communication, Cognitive and Literacy Challenges, \$125. *Workshop is geared toward families and professionals who want to help children who have learning disabilities, have autism, executive functioning challenges, need help with reading and writing.* Rockville, Library, 25 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Offered by Joan L. Green, M.A.CCC-SLP, http://ist.ticketleap.com/ipadworkshop/dates/Dec-07-2012_at_1030AM. Contact Joan@innovativespeech.com for information about limited scholarships.

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Dec. 11, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. *How to Encourage Oral Expression in Young Children, \$32 pre-paid, \$38, at the door. *Debra Piccirillo will present this core of knowledge workshop on curriculum. Practical strategies and activities will be given to expand children's language skills, including how to use turn taking, imitation, building/scaffolding, connecting nonverbally and pretending.* TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.

Dec. 13, 7:00 - 8:00 PM. How Will I Know If My Child Is Making Progress? - Teleconference. *This workshop will go through each component of an IEP and use a check list to assist parents in ensuring that their child's IEP is ready for the school year.* Offered by The Parents' Place of Maryland, registration required, Rochelle Howell, 1-8000-394-5694, 410-768-9100, ext. 109, rochelle@pppmd.org, <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e6ar5ns95fdd3209&oseq=>.

Dec. 14, 1:00 - 1:30 PM. *Webinar: Top iPad Picks for Improving Auditory Comprehension, \$25. *Learn how to use your iDevice to help others improve communication, cognition, literacy and learning.* Offered by Joan L. Green, M.A.CCC-SLP, Joan@innovativespeech.com, <http://ittsguides.wordpress.com/category/webinars/>.

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Jan. 4, 1:00 - 1:30 PM. *Webinar: Top iPad Picks for Reading Comprehension, \$25. *Learn how to use your iDevice to help others improve communication, cognition, literacy and learning.* Offered by Joan L. Green, M.A.CCC-SLP, Joan@innovativespeech.com, <http://ittsguides.wordpress.com/category/webinars/>.

Jan. 8, 7:15 PM. Social Thinking At Home. *Susan Abrams and Randi Rosenblatt will introduce participants to social thinking vocabulary and provide practical suggestions to incorporate into everyday life.* Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by Parent University, <http://parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343.

Jan. 9, 7:15 PM. Understanding and Managing Problem Behavior. *Dr. Heather Jennet of Little Leaves Behavioral Services, will present.* Auburn School, Herndon Campus, 13524 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 101, Herndon. The Auburn School, Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/Herndon.cfm?subpage=1316540>.

Jan. 16, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org. Also Feb. 6 & 20, Mar. 6 & 20, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, 2013.

Jan. 16, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. *Finding the Fit: Fostering Success in the Postsecondary World, FREE. *Presentation by Trudy Fleisher, Lab School College Advisor, and Kathy Brinon, Lab School Internship Coordinator.* Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, claire.menegus@labschool.org, <http://www.labschool.org/lectureseries>.

Jan. 18, 1:00 - 1:30 PM. *Webinar: Top iPad Picks for Improving Written Expression, \$25. *Learn how to use your iDevice to help others improve communication, cognition, literacy and learning.* Offered by Joan L. Green, M.A.CCC-SLP, Joan@innovativespeech.com, <http://ittsguides.wordpress.com/category/webinars/>

Jan. 22, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Equity and Excellence - A Practical Team Approach. Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome.

Jan. 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Monitoring Your Child's IEP - Monthly Howard County CHADD Speaker Series, (\$5/non-members). Ellicott City Senior Center, 9401 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Chapter of CHADD, 410-796-6700, <http://www.chadd-mc.org/2012-sept-howard/>.

Jan. 28, 7:15 PM. Raising Confident Kids. *Emory Luce Baldwin will focus on how parents can encourage children to develop what they need to be confident and successful in life.* Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by Parent University, <http://parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343.

Feb. 1, 1:00 - 1:30 PM. *Webinar: Top iPad Picks for Improving Cognition, \$25. *Learn how to use your iDevice to help others improve communication, cognition, literacy and learning.* Offered by Joan L. Green, M.A.CCC-SLP, Joan@innovativespeech.com, <http://ittsguides.wordpress.com/category/webinars/>

Feb. 6, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org. Also Feb. 20, Mar. 6 & 20, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, 2013.

Feb. 7, 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Free IEP & 504 Clinic. *Bring your questions, documents and good ideas to the special education clinic where parent educators will talk with you and help come up with positive solutions and creative ideas to ensure that your dreams for your child's future are addressed in your child's educational program.* Parents' Place of Maryland, 801 Cromwell Park Dr., Glen Burnie. Offered by The Parents' Place of Maryland, registration required, Rochelle Howell, 1-8000-394-5694, 410-768-9100, ext. 104, rochelle@pppmd.org, advanced registration required for the 45 min appointment.

Feb. 11, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. MCCPTA Special Education Committee Meeting - Update on the Special Education Advisory Committee. *Learn about the influence that SEAC can have on programs.* Carver Educational Services Center, Cafeteria, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor, FRTJMT@aol.com, <http://www.mccpta.com/specneeds.html>.

Feb. 13, 7:15 PM. Technology for Autism Spectrum Disorders. *Joan L. Green will help participants explore the world of apps that are available to facilitate language, literacy, cognition and communication.* Auburn School, Herndon Campus, 13524 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 101, Herndon. The Auburn School, Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/Herndon.cfm?subpage=1316540>.

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Feb. 15, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. *Understanding and Managing the Gamer in Your Child. *Andrew McGahan, Clinical Director, NoVA JSSA, will present.* Auburn School, Herndon Campus, 13524 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 101, Herndon. The Auburn School, Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/Herndon.cfm?subpage=1316540>.

Feb. 15, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. *A Portrait of Caring Classroom Communities: Responsive Classroom at the Lab School, FREE. *Presentation by a panel of Lab School teachers will provide parents with a sense of what Responsive Classroom is and how it has benefited the classroom community at the Lab School during it's first year of implementation at the elementary and intermediate level programs.* Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, claire.menegus@labschool.org, <http://www.labschool.org/lectureseries>.

Feb. 20, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org. Also Mar. 6 & 20, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, 2013.

Feb. 20, 7:15 PM. Apps, Apps and More Apps. *Joan L. Green will help participants explore the world of apps that are available to facilitate language, literacy, cognition and communication.* Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by Parent University, <http://parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343.

Feb. 21, 7:00 - 8:00 PM. School Discipline and Positive Behavior Intervention - Teleconference. *This workshop will cover school disciplinary practices and trends, Functional Behavior Assessments and Positive Behavioral Interventions.* Offered by The Parents' Place of Maryland, registration required, Rochelle Howell, 1-8000-394-5694, 410-768-9100, ext. 109, rochelle@pppmd.org, <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e6ar5ns95fdd3209&oseq=>.

Feb. 26, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Does Your Child Need Additional Educational Supports? - Monthly Howard County CHADD Speaker Series, (\$5/non-members). *Mary Hepple presents.* Ellicott City Senior Center, 9401 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Chapter of CHADD, 410-796-6700, <http://www.chadd-mc.org/2012-sept-howard/>.

Feb. 26, 7:30 PM. FY2013 Operating Budget Forum. *Elected county leaders will present.* Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome.

Feb. 27, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Chelsea School - Open House. *School serves students 5th - 12th grade with language based learning differences.* 711 Pershing Dr., Silver Spring. Chelsea School, 301-585-1430, ext. 303, www.chelseaschool.edu.

Mar. 6, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org. Also Mar. 20, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, 2013.

Mar. 6, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. *The Impact of Adventure Sports on Children and Adolescents with Learning Disabilities, Executive Functioning Weaknesses and ADHD - The Benefits for Kids and Parents, FREE. *Presentation by Dr. Eric Levine will integrate research connected with adventure based activities.* Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, claire.menegus@labschool.org, <http://www.labschool.org/lectureseries>.

Mar. 7, 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Help! My Child is Being Bullied - Teleconference. *Learn how to recognize bullying, effectively respond and build positive solutions.* Offered by The Parents' Place of Maryland, registration required, Rochelle Howell, 1-8000-394-5694, 410-768-9100, ext. 109, rochelle@pppmd.org, <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e6ar5ns95fdd3209&oseq=>.

Mar. 13, 7:15 PM. Executive Functioning. *Dr. Laura Kenworth, author of "Unstuck and On Target", will present.* Auburn School, Herndon Campus, 13524 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 101, Herndon. The Auburn School, Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/Herndon.cfm?subpage=1316540>.

Mar. 18, 7:15 PM. The Strengths of Autism. *Dr. Greg Wallace will discuss the latest research in non-social strengths and difficulties in autism disorders.* Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by Parent University, <http://parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343.

Mar. 20, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org. Also April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, 2013.

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Mar. 26, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Women and Girls with ADHD - Monthly Howard County CHADD Speaker Series, (\$5/non-members). *Dr. Stephanie Ojeda presents.* Ellicott City Senior Center, 9401 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Chapter of CHADD, 410-796-6700, <http://www.chadd-mc.org/2012-sept-howard/>.

April 10, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org. Also April 24, May 8 & 22, 2013.

April 10, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. *Teaching or Parenting the Sometimes Challenging Adolescent: Observing the Observable and Finding More Effective Ways to Get Teens to Listen! FREE. *Interactive presentation by Dr. Steven Harner will review the common pitfalls in communication and conflict resolution between adolescents and adults.* Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, claire.menegus@labschool.org, <http://www.labschool.org/lectureseries>.

April 23, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Evaluating and Treating Children and Adolescents with Anxiety and Mood Disorders - Monthly Howard County CHADD Speaker Series, (\$5/non-members). *Dr. Kenneth Towbin presents.* Ellicott City Senior Center, 9401 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Chapter of CHADD, 410-796-6700, <http://www.chadd-mc.org/2012-sept-howard/>.

April 24, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org. Also May 8 & 22, 2013.

May 8, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org. Also May 22, 2013.

May 8, 7:15 PM. Siblings - A Unique Perspective. *Jamell White will share her knowledge about parenting a child with special needs and focus on resources for siblings.* Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by Parent University, <http://parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343.

May 13, 6:30 - 9:30PM. MCCPTA's 25th Annual Special Education Recognition Ceremony. *Outstanding parents, educators, and programs will be honored at this annual ceremony. Come and learn about some of our local heroes.* Location to be Announced. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor, FRTJMT@aol.com, <http://www.mccpta.com/specneeds.html>

May 22, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Summit School - Open House. *School serves bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences grades 1 - 8.* The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School, 410-798-0005, www.thesummitschool.org.

May 22, 7:15 PM. Social Behavior Mapping. *Susan Abrams and Randi Rosenblatt will present a variety of social mapping formats that can help children ages kindergarten to high school visualize the concepts of expected and unexpected behavior.* Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by Parent University, <http://parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343.

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