

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS** Aug. 2009 - Feb. 2010, updated 08/27/09)

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Available at: <http://www.mccpta.net/specedCal.html>

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Workshops are FREE unless otherwise noted.

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

**New items**

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**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.

**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](http://www.expressivetherapycenter.com). (Call for Spring 2009 dates/times)

**Ongoing. Support Group for Siblings of Children with Disabilities, Dates & Times TBD, \$210/6 session series, pre-payment required).** An excellent opportunity for siblings of children with physical or developmental disabilities to meet and share feelings in a safe relaxed environment. JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, 301-816-2633. (Spring 2009).

**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. Offered by NAMI of Montgomery County, call to receive a packet of information or to schedule a presentation this coming fall/winter with Emily Novick, Child and Adolescent Program Coordinator, 301-949-5852, ext. 101, [enovick@namimc.org](mailto:enovick@namimc.org), [www.namimc.org](http://www.namimc.org). Downloadable brochure at: <http://www.namimc.org/PDF/PTAABrochure.pdf>. Spanish version at: [www.nami.org/Template.cfm?Section=Schools\\_and\\_Education&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=72440](http://www.nami.org/Template.cfm?Section=Schools_and_Education&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=72440).

**Aug. 28 & Jan. 29, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Prospective Autism Waiver Providers Workshop.** Workshop required of new Autism Waiver providers. MSDE, 200 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore. Offered by MSDE, Div. Special Education & Early Intervention Services, Veda Usilton, 410-767-1446, [vusilton@msde.state.md.us](mailto:vusilton@msde.state.md.us).

**Aug. 29, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Back-To-School Fair.** Find out more about MCPS. Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the Office of Communications and Family Outreach, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/familycommunity/>, 301-279-3100.

**FALL 2009. Parent Toolbox for Preschoolers, (Wed. 5:45 - 7:00 PM), \$25/session, \$65/series.** Three session interactive workshop for parents of young children to understand and manage their children's behavior. DCJCC, 1529 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by JSSA, 301-610-8332.

**Fall 2009, 7:00 - 9:30 PM. 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](http://www.nami.org/basics). NAMI Office, 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by NAMI of MC, register with Emily Novick, 301-949-5852, [enovick@namimc.org](mailto:enovick@namimc.org).

**Fall 2009. Family to Family.** 12-week education program that helps family members understand and support their ill mentally ill relatives while maintaining their own well-being. Takoma Par, Gaithersburg & Rockville. Sponsored NAMI of MC, Hilary, pre-registration required, 301-949-5852, ext. 100, [f2f@namimc.org](mailto:f2f@namimc.org).

**Sept./Oct. Family Leadership Institute - Applications Available.** Free program designed to inform, train and empower families to be advocates in their communities and in the state for families caring for a child with mental health needs. Sessions are held on 6 weekends from January through May 2010. This free program limited to 25 participants who commit to attend all sessions. Sponsored by the Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health, Y. Mimi Ryans, [www.mdcoalition.org/fli.htm](http://www.mdcoalition.org/fli.htm), 410-730-8267, email [mryans@mdcoalition.org](mailto:mryans@mdcoalition.org).

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**Sept. 2, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Schools, Parents & the Community: Partnering to Close the Achievement Gaps in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.** *Keynote speaker: Jo Anderson, Jr., Senior Advisor to the US Secretary of Education. Be part of the change.* Doubletree Hotel, 210 Holiday Ct., Annapolis. Sponsored by the Maryland State Teachers' Association, [www.RegOnLine.com/GapsSummit2009](http://www.RegOnLine.com/GapsSummit2009), [http://www.mstanea.org/m\\_temp/gaps\\_summit\\_flier.pdf](http://www.mstanea.org/m_temp/gaps_summit_flier.pdf), Pat Alexander, 800-468-6782, ext. 3610. Registration deadline Aug. 21.

**Sept. 2, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. \*Teachers & Parents Workshop.** St. Theresa School, 21370 St. Theresa La., Ashburn. Offered by Kirk Martin, <http://www.celebratecalm.com/Events.html>.

**Sept. 2, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Late, Lost & Unprepared: Helping Children and Teens Who Struggle with Executive Functions.** *Dr. Laurie Dietzel and Dr. Joyce Cooper-Kahn will present.* Centennial High School, 4300 Centennial La., Ellicott City. Co-sponsored by HCPS, CHADD of Greater Baltimore, LDA Howard County Chapter, and Individual Differences in Learning, Emily Hurd, 410-313-1252, [Emily\\_Hurd@HCPSS.org](mailto:Emily_Hurd@HCPSS.org).

**Sept. 2, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. \*Teachers & Parents Workshop.** Centreville. UMC, 6400 Old Centreville Rd., Centreville. Offered by Kirk Martin, <http://www.celebratecalm.com/Events.html>.

**Sept. 2, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Maximizing the Odds for Success in School.** *Parent workshop covering organizing the student and study area, resources for academic success and homework strategies.* 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

**Sept. 3, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM. \*Back-to-School Workshop Educators In-Service Professional Development.** Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd., Arlington. Offered by Kirk Martin, <http://www.celebratecalm.com/Events.html>

**Sept. 3, 2:00 - 4:00 PM. \*Back-to-School Workshop.** *For social workers, teachers, and other professionals.* Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd., Arlington. Offered by Kirk Martin, <http://www.celebratecalm.com/Events.html>

**Sept. 3, 5:30 PM. Parenting Your Male Child/Teen in Today's World - Monthly Parent Education & Support Group,** (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs., 5:30 PM). *John Wickizer, LCPC, will present.* Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health, 14901 Broschart Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health, Elise Bhagwat, 301-251-4500.

**Sept. 3 - Dec. 17, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. \*Language I, \$695/45hrs, CEUs.** *Language I is a powerful Orton-Gillingham based multisensory, structured language approach to teaching reading, spelling and the foundations of syntax and grammar.* 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

**Sept. 3, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Parents Back-to-School Workshop.** Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd., Arlington. Offered by Kirk Martin, <http://www.celebratecalm.com/Events.html>

**Sept. 4, TBD. \*Teachers & Parents Workshop.** Location TBD, Sterling. Offered by Kirk Martin, <http://www.celebratecalm.com/Events.html>.

**Sept. 8, 29, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. \*Treating Asperger's Syndrome Across the Lifespan, \$450, 15 CEU.** *Professionals will gain knowledge on treating children, adolescent and adult clients with Asperger's using evidence-based treatment techniques.* JSSA, 6123 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Service Agency Training Institute, Susan Loughman, 301-816-2617, [www.jssa.org](http://www.jssa.org).

**Sept. 8 - Oct. 6, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Special Topics in Raising Your Challenging Child: A Parent Training Program with Dan Shapiro,** Tues., \$275/family may be insurance reimbursable. *A 5 session interactive program that helps parents identify the source of their child's behavior and what they can do about it.* 11705 Magruder La., Rockville. Presented by Dr. Dan Shapiro, 301-881-6855, [drdansshapiro@gmail.com](mailto:drdansshapiro@gmail.com).

**Sept. 9, 9:45 AM - 1:45 PM. \*What Are the Options When You Can't Speak? An AAC Overview.** *Workshop for educators, related service personnel and parents, especially those working with students with communication issues.* AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., suite 1601, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, 410-381-2667, [communications@matcoop.org](mailto:communications@matcoop.org), look for registration information soon, <http://matcoop.org/>.

**Sept. 9, 10:00 AM. MOVIE - Cloudy with A Chance of Meatballs, \$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](http://www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms).

**Sept. 9 - Dec. 9, 4:30 -6:00 PM. Self-Advocacy Seminar - NET Program** (Weds, Sept. 16 - Nov.). *This program is for young adults ages 16 - 25 who would benefit from learning self-advocacy skills and from having a youth coach and career supports. Starts Sept. 9 with information meeting. Classes run Sept. 16 through November. Graduation Dec. 6.* Montgomery College, Rockville Campus. Offered by Future Link's NET program, MIndi Jacobson, [mindijacobson@att.net](mailto:mindijacobson@att.net), 240-393-9443, [www.myfuturelink.net](http://www.myfuturelink.net). RSVP ASAP as slots fill up fast. Interested in applying? Contact Clare Herington, 301-461-5197, [clarington@myfuturelink.net](mailto:clarington@myfuturelink.net).

**Sept. 9 - 30, 5:45 - 7:00 PM. Parent Training Workshop for Parents of Children with ASDs**, (Wed. 5:45 - 7:00 PM), \$40/session. *Four-session psycho-educational parent -training for parents of children with ASDs in elementary and/or middle school. Learn strategies for coaching children on social skills.* 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA, Caron Starobin, LCSW-C, 301-610-8327.

**Sept. 9, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Parent Can Help or Hinder Students with Homework - What Works, What Doesn't.** 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

**Sept. 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. How to Say No to Tweens and Teens**, donation accepted. *Dona Duquette, family mediator will take parents through how to speak in a way your kids are more likely to hear and how to say "no" in a way that promotes cooperation. Interpretación en español disponible si se registran con anticipación.* Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Rd., Bethesda. Sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, register with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

**Sept. 10, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Job Development 101 - Montgomery County Transitioning Young Adults (MCTrans).** *George Tilson, senior VP of Transcen, www.transcen, will share strategies for family members who want to take a more active role in helping their young adults with disabilities find meaningful work.* Transcen, 451 Hungerford Dr., Suite 700, Rockville. Affiliated yahoo group located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MCTrans/> or subscribe by sending message to [MCTrans-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:MCTrans-subscribe@yahoo.com). Group co-moderator - Reda Sheinberg, [rjsheinberg@yahoo.com](mailto:rjsheinberg@yahoo.com), <http://www.mctransitions.org/>

**Sept. 10, 7:30 PM. NAMI Educational Meeting - More Than Just Medication: A Psychological & Therapeutic Perspective & Grand Opening of New Office** (2nd Thurs., 7:30 PM). *Dr. Loren Amdursky will present. With a sneak preview of the new Thrift Shop.* 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Montgomery County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; 301-949-5852.

**Sept. 11 - 12 & 25 - 26, all day. Family Leadership Institute for Latino Family Members.** *Latino family members who have children with behavioral challenges will learn about leadership collaboration and advocacy. Gain insight into role in building a system of care that is family-driven, youth guided, culturally competent and community based.* Montgomery County Council Bldg., Cafeteria, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the Maryland Coalition for Families for Children's Mental Health and the Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Joan Charquero, 301-681-8929, ext. 24, 301-312-7771 (cell), [jcharquero@mcfof.org](mailto:jcharquero@mcfof.org). Registration Deadline: Sept. 4, 2009.

**Set. 11 - 12 & 25 - 26, todo el día. Instituto de Liderazgo de Familia para Familias Latinas del Condado de Montgomery.** *Los padres y cuidadores de niños con problemas de comportamiento aprenderán sobre el liderazgo, la colaboración y la promoción para lograr un mejor sistema de cuidado para los niños y las familias.* Montgomery County Council Bldg., Cafeteria, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Patricinado por el Maryland Coalition for Families for Children's Mental Health y el Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Joan Charquero, 301-312-7771 (cell), [jcharquero@mcfof.org](mailto:jcharquero@mcfof.org).

**Sept. 11, 6:30 - 10:00 PM. Is It You, Me or Adult ADD?**, \$40. *A fun-filled look at adult relationships and ADHD. Gina Pera will share what she has learned by surveying partners of people with ADHD to see what was common in their lives and how they coped with those issues.* Turf Valley Inn, 2700 Turf Valley Rd., Ellicott City. Sponsored CHADD of Greater Baltimore, <http://www.chadd-mc.org/pera-event/>.

**Sept. 12 - Dec. 5, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM. \*From Parts of Speech to Research Paper: A Multisensory Approach to Teaching Written Expression**, \$695/45hrs. *Participants will learn multisensory strategies for teaching grammar and a process for writing sentences, expanded sentences, paragraphs and multi-paragraph essays.* 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

**Sept. 12 - Dec. 19, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. \*Neuropsychology of Learning Differences and Disorders**, \$695/45hrs. *Course for teachers, academic therapists and parents parenting dyslexic children. Covers research findings in the brain*

functions involved in learning with emphasis on language-learning, anomalies in dyslexia, prognosis, along with strategies and techniques for the reduction and extinction of symptoms. 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

**Sept. 12, 3:00 - 4:30 PM. Why Don't My Kids Listen to Me?** Free introduction for parents of children 2.5 years old to PEP. Learn how to gain more cooperation from your children without repeating, reminding or yelling. 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program, 301-929-8824, [www.PEPparent.org](http://www.PEPparent.org).

**Sept. 13, 3:00 - 4:30 PM. Monthly Support Group of Parents/Caregiver of School Age Children with Bipolar Disorder** (Sun., 3:00 - 4:30 PM). NAMI, 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the Montgomery Co. Chapter National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Emily Novick, 301-949-5852, ext. 112, [enovick@namimc.org](mailto:enovick@namimc.org), [www.namimc.org](http://www.namimc.org). (Also Oct. 4, Nov. 8, Dec. 6, 2009)

**Sept. 13, 3:00 - 6:00 PM. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Back to School Picnic.** Gathering for families interested in special education in Montgomery County and those concerned about kids with special needs. There will be food (bring a dish to share), games (moonbounce), crafts and other treats for teens and young adults. *BYO lawn chairs or blankets.* Rock Creek Church, 19100 Muncaster Rd., Derwood. Organized by county families active in our diverse special groups - United to Save Special Education, MCNeeds, MAPS, Easter Seals, John Snow, Inc., LDAMC, Down Syndrome Network of Montgomery County, MCPS Special Education Advisory Committee, Partnership for Extraordinary Minds, and Transition Work Group. RSVP at: [allkidscountpicnic.eventbrite.com](http://allkidscountpicnic.eventbrite.com) or call LDAMC, 301-933-1076.

**Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 & 30, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. \*Family Treatment Program, \$355, 12 CEU.** Professionals will cover new ideas in systems family therapy; psychoeducational family therapy and cognitive-behavioral family therapy with children, adolescents, adults, seniors and their families. JSSA, 6123 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Service Agency Training Institute, Susan Loughman, 301-816-2617, [www.jssa.org](http://www.jssa.org).

**Sept. 14, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Homework Hassles: Encouraging Student Responsibility,** donation accepted. Workshop discusses developing positive study habits and sidestepping power struggles. Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, register with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

**Sept. 15, 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Montgomery County's Hispanic Heritage Month Kick Off.** Keynote speaker, Dr. Hugo Lopez. Executive Office Bldg., Auditorium, 101 Monroe St., Rockville. Hosted by the MC Government Hispanic Employees Association, MCPS Hispanic Employees Association, Montgomery College, various community-based organizations and the County Executive's Office of Community Partnerships.

**Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. \*Overcoming Anxiety: CBT for Children Adolescents and Their Parents, \$355, 12 CEU.** Workshop for professionals that provides them with knowledge on Cognitive Behavior Therapy strategies for children, adolescents and their families. JSSA, 6123 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Service Agency Training Institute, Susan Loughman, 301-816-2617, [www.jssa.org](http://www.jssa.org).

**Sept. 15, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Monthly Support Group of Parents/Caregiver of Children or Adolescents with Mental Illness** (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues., 7:30 -9:00 PM). NAMI, 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the Montgomery Co. Chapter National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Emily Novick, 301-949-5852, ext. 112, [enovick@namimc.org](mailto:enovick@namimc.org), [www.namimc.org](http://www.namimc.org). (Also Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 8, 2009)

**Sept. 15, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Why Don't My Kids Listen to Me?** Free introduction for parents of children 2.5 years old to PEP. Learn how to gain more cooperation from your children without repeating, reminding or yelling. Monart Drawing Studio, shops at Potomac Valley, #L-4, 12116 Darnestown Rd., North Potomac. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program, 301-929-8824, [www.PEPparent.org](http://www.PEPparent.org).

**Sept. 16, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. National Symposium: Creating Great Public Schools for All Using Universal Design for Learning and Inclusive Practices.** A screening of "Including Samuel" will be followed by presentations of experts on Universal Design. National Education Association, 1201 Sixteenth St., NW, Washington, D. C. Co-hosted by the National Education Association and the Including Samuel Project at the Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire, register at: [https://www.regonline.com/Universal\\_Design\\_for\\_Learning](https://www.regonline.com/Universal_Design_for_Learning).

**Sept. 16, Oct. 6 & Nov. 4, TBD. \*Rett Syndrome Series.** Series will take a practical look at the issues of apraxia and neurological stereotypes that prevent children from demonstrating intent and what can be done to provide the means for indicating choices, reading subtle nonverbal communication and creating co-planned sequenced social scripts. AT:LAST, Inc., 7050 Oakland Mills Rd, Suite 160, Columbia. Offered by AT:LAST, Inc., Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, 410-381-2662, look for registration information and more details soon, <http://www.matcoop.org/>.

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**Sept. 16, 4:30 - 6:00 PM. \*Five Easy Ways to Improve Comprehension.** 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

**Set. 16, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Contienda de Deberes de la Escuela: Estimular Responsabilidad en el Estudiante,** se agradecen donaciones. Biblioteca de Long Branch, 8800 Garland Ave., Silver Spring. Patricinado por el YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, registraci3n en espa1ol 301-252-4154, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

**Sept. 16, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. MCCPTA Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.** *Parents interested in increasing parent involvement in their schools are invited to attend.* Carver Educational Services Center, Rm. 127, 850 Hungerford Rd., Rockville. MCCPTA Parent Involvement Committee, Elisia George, [ekjgsha@gmail.com](mailto:ekjgsha@gmail.com).

**Sept. 17, 7:00 - 9:30 PM. Community Forum - MCPS.** *Forum for parents, staff, students and other community members to offer their input on the school systems strategic plan* <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/about/strategicplan/>. *Each person will have 3 minutes to speak. Sign up by calling 301-279-3617 starting Aug. 27.* Quince Orchard High School, 15800 Quince Orchard Rd., Gaithersburg. Sponsored by the MC BOE, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community/forums/>.

**Sept. 18, 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Parenting with A Plan.** *Free introduction for parents of infants and toddlers to PEP. Learn how to gain more cooperation from your children without repeating, reminding or yelling.* 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program, 301-929-8824, [www.PEPparent.org](http://www.PEPparent.org).

**Sept. 19, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Montgomery County NAACP Parents' Council Meeting.** Stella Werner County Council Office Bldg., 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. MC NAACP Parents' Council, Yvette Butler, 301-592-8652, <http://www.naacp-mc.org/>.

**Sept. 19, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. A Healthier You - Fit Kids: Health & Fitness Expo.** *A day of family fun with food, celebrities, health screenings, and much more.* City Place Mall, 8 661 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring. Co-sponsored by FitSolutions, Holy Cross Hospital, City Place, and Petrie Ross Ventures, 240-994-5268, <http://www.fitsolution.org/healthylifestyles.html>.

**Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 22, Dec. 13, 4:00 - 5:30 PM. Preparing to Launch: Smoothing the Transition for You and Your Teen from High School to College (\$5/session).** *For parents of high school juniors and seniors. Attend one or all sessions.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Sept. 21, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Promote Honesty: Dealing with Lying, Stealing and Sneaky Behavior,** donation accepted. *How can parents deal with the seriousness of these behaviors without losing their cool, shutting down communication or being manipulated? Interpretaci3n en espa1ol disponible si se registran con anticipaci3n.* Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Potomac. Sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, register with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

**Sept. 22, 7:00 - 7:30 PM. Committee Fair.** *Learn about the various MCCPTA committees.* Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome, <http://www.mccpta.com/>.

**Sept. 22, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Writing Your Own Letter of Intent, \$65 for CD.** *Hands on seminar. Bring your laptop and a CD will be provided so you can start filling our your letter of intent created for the future caregiver for your special needs child.* Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at [www.specialneedsplanning.net](http://www.specialneedsplanning.net), 202-841-8362.

**Sept. 23, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM. \*Boardmaker Basics.** *Workshop for educators, related service personnel and parents, especially those working with students with communication issues. Small hands on group will quickly get you up to speed.* AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., suite 1601, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, 410-381-2667, [communications@matcoop.org](mailto:communications@matcoop.org), look for registration information soon, <http://matcoop.org/>.

**Sept. 23, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Getting the Most Out of Tricare And Autism Safety.** *Guest speaker, LTC Scott Campbell will cover dollar limits for ABA therapy under the ECHO Program, Autism ABA Demo, Safety precautions and community involvement.* Religious & Family Services Chapel Annex, 3019 Embry Loop, MCB Quantico. RSVP, Pam Hauck, 703-784-3172, [pamela.hauck.ctr@usmc.mil](mailto:pamela.hauck.ctr@usmc.mil).

**Sept. 23, 4:30 - 6:00 PM. \*Obstacles to Comprehension and How to Remove Them.** 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

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**Sept. 23, 7:15 - 9:30 PM. School Success for Kids with ADHD,** (4th. Wed., 7:15 PM, registration; 7:30 - 9:15 PM, Speaker). Authors of this book will share a 12-point action plan for teachers and parents. Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by CHADD of MC, [chadd100@gmail.com](mailto:chadd100@gmail.com), [www.chadd-mc.org](http://www.chadd-mc.org). \*Check website/email for other topics and Speakers.

**Sept. 24, 9:00 - 10:00 PM. Talking to Children About Adoption - On-line Parenting Workshop, \$20.** Ellen Singer, LCSW-C, will cover how children think about adoption and how to share your child's story. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://yhst-28828629093147.stores.yahoo.net/onwo.html>. Registration required by Sept. 20.

**Sept. 24, 7:00 PM. Monthly MCPS Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting (SEAC),** (usually 4th Thurs., 7:00-7:30 PM, open forum; 7:30-9:30 PM, speakers). Meeting is open to the public. First meeting of the school year 2009 - 2010. Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rm. TBD, Rockville. SEAC, Joan Sabaka, [VALNTINE20@aol.com](mailto:VALNTINE20@aol.com) or Anne Turner, [adturn88@verizon.net](mailto:adturn88@verizon.net) or Leslie Brents, [brentswatts@earthlink.net](mailto:brentswatts@earthlink.net).

**Sept. 24, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Services (EPSDT).** Learn about this comprehensive health program for individuals under the age of 21. Dranesville District Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Rd., McLean. Sponsored by DSANV, Noelle Holloman, [NoelleH@dsanv.org](mailto:NoelleH@dsanv.org).

**Sept. 25 - 27. Family to Family Teacher Training.** For those who have taken the 12-week education program that helps family members understand and support their mentally ill relatives while maintaining their own well-being. Now you can be a teacher and help others. Location TBA. Sponsored NAMI of MC, applications due in July, Sarah Karney, [skarney@namimc.org](mailto:skarney@namimc.org), 301-949-5851.

**Sept. 26, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration.** Free outdoor activities for children and adults - fishing, fly-fishing, fly tying, archery, trap shooting, teddy bear hunt, conservation activities and environmental exhibits. Izaak Walton Rockville Chapter, 18301 Waring Station Rd., Germantown. Sponsored by the Izaak Walton League, [www.iwla-rockville.org](http://www.iwla-rockville.org).

**Sept. 26, 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Disability Resource Center Open House.** Find out what Montgomery County Public Libraries has for people with disabilities. Tours, demonstrations in the PC Lab and updates on services available. Rockville Library, 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Offered by the Rockville Library, [drcinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:drcinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov).

**Sept. 29, Oct. 5, 8 & 15, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. MCPS Cultural Arts Showcase.** Opportunity to preview cultural arts performers. Different performer every 15 minutes - every day different performers. New performers on Oct. 15. Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by MCCPTA/EPI, Seda Gelenian. Showcase Producer/Coordinator, 301- 540-4180, [sdagelenian@starpower.net](mailto:sdagelenian@starpower.net). Schedules are now posted on the MCCPTA webpage at [http://mccpta.net/culturalArts\\_dir](http://mccpta.net/culturalArts_dir).

**Set. 29, 7:00 - 9:30 PM. De Familia a Familia (en español).** Un curso educacional de 12 semanas para familiares de personas que padecen de esquizofrenia, desorden bipolar, desorden obsesivo-compulsivo, trastorno de pánico, personalidad fronteriza, y depresión severa. Gilchrist Community Center, 11319 Elkin St., Wheaton. Ofrecido por NAMI, La Alianza Nacional para Enfermos Mentales. Para mas información o para registrarse comuníquese con Adriana Bustios, 301-949-5852, ext. 112, [abustios@namimc.org](mailto:abustios@namimc.org).

**Sept. 29 – Dec. 15, 7:00 – 9:30 PM. \*Strategies that Work: Tutor Core Training Program, \$950/before 08/31/09, \$1000/after.** For individuals who wish to develop or further their expertise of working with students with learning disabilities, learning style differences or ADHD. Friends Community School, 5901 Westchester Park Dr., College Park. Offered by William R. Stixrud Tutoring Services, Altah Glasgow, 301-5650534, [aglasgow@stixrud.com](mailto:aglasgow@stixrud.com).

**Sept. 30, 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Kids Can Cope! Children of Divorce Support Group, \$35/sessions, \$140/series** (Weds., 6:00 - 7:00 PM). Four interactive group sessions for children (ages 10-13) will learn that they are not alone in the divorce process. Parents meet separately for two sessions to learn how to identify distress signals and how to better help their children through the process. JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Jewish Social Service Agency, Jennifer Firestone, LCSW-C, 301-610-8376, [www.jssa.org](http://www.jssa.org). Pre-payment required. (Sept. 30 - Oct. 21, 2009).

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**Set. 31, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Respeto: Cómo Manejar La Actitud Negativa**, se agradecen donaciones. Biblioteca de White Oak, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring. Patricionado por el YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, [registración en español 301-252-4154, parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

**Oct. 1, full day. \*Autism Make and Take.** *Workshop to be led by Mo Buti, Chicago Public Schools Autism Coordinator, sharing many tricks for accommodating to the needs of children with autism, free websites, free professional development modules and more.* AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., suite 160, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, 410-381-2667, [communications@matcoop.org](mailto:communications@matcoop.org), look for registration information soon, <http://matcoop.org/>.

**Oct. 1, 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM. \*Encouraging the Writer in Every Child (grades 3 - 6)**, \$100, 3 CEUs. *Participants will learn how to encourage imaginative writing through examples, and understanding learning styles and how they apply to writing.* Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Lois Meyer, 202-944-2232, Emily Marchetti, 202-944-3083, <http://www.labschool.org/content/workshops>.

**Oct. 1, 5:30 PM. Learning Discipline and Parenting Strategies - Monthly Parent Education & Support Group**, (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs., 5:30 PM). *Jackee Shull, RN, will present.* Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health, 14901 Broschart Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health, Elise Bhagwat, 301-251-4500.

**Oct. 2 - 4, 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM. \*4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Vaccines**, \$195 (register by June 30). *Learn about vaccine science, policy, law, ethics and politics.* Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1800 Presidents St., Reston. Offered by National Vaccine Information Center, <http://www.nvic.org/events/overview.aspx>.

**Oct. 3, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Adaptive Tech Saturday - Adaptive Tech At the Libraries.** *Hands on and general questions.* Rockville Library, PC Lab (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Offered by the Rockville Library, [drcinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:drcinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov).

**Oct. 5. Application Deadline - 2009 Dorothy Lattner Memorial Scholarship.** *\$1000 scholarship is awarded to an educator (includes OTs, PTs & Speech Therapists) in Montgomery County who is furthering his/her studies in the Autism field. Send letter of intent, resume and documentation of student status to MCASA. Letter of intent should include educational plans, short and long-term career goals and how training will benefit individuals with autism.* MCASA, 4125 Queen Mary Dr., Olney, MD 20832, or email to [autismmontgomerycounty@yahoo.com](mailto:autismmontgomerycounty@yahoo.com) or faxed to 301-924-2222. For more information 301-652-3912, <http://www.autismmontgomerycounty.com/>.

**Oct. 5, - Nov. 9, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Y's Words: Parenting Children**, req. text: \$20; class fee: \$30. *Parents learn to identify the purpose behind misbehavior and develop effective discipline and encouragement strategies.* YMCA Ayr lawn Program Center, 5650 Oakmont Ave., Bethesda. Sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, register with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

**Oct. 5, 7:30 PM. MCCPTA Special Education Committee Annual Kickoff Meeting.** *Various special education advocacy groups will present information about their organizations. Come hear how advocates from around the county provide support for the various special needs populations. Meet Gwendolyn Mason and Judy Pattik, Directors of Special Education, MCPS.* Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor, [FRTJMT@aol.com](mailto:FRTJMT@aol.com), <http://www.mccpta.com/specneeds.html>.

**Oct. 5 - 19, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Managing Anger: A Parent's Guide** (\$81/person; \$139/couple; \$70/PEP member; \$129/PEP couple - 3 sessions). *For parents of children ages 5 - 18. Learn why children engage in disrespectful talk, as well as strategies for reducing backtalk and building stronger relationships.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Oct. 6, 9:00 - 12:15 PM. \*From Conflict to Connection: An Introduction to Gottman Method Couples Therapy**, \$60, 3 CEU. *In-house staff training given by Dr. Scott Wolfe.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Service Agency Training Institute, Susan Loughman, 301-816-2617, [www.jssa.org](http://www.jssa.org).

**Oct. 7 - 28, PM. Helping Your ADHD Child**, \$95/person; \$145/couple (4 Weds nights). *Will cover such topics as behavior management, family harmony, school needs and social difficulties.* Gaithersburg. Offered by Sherry Askwith, LCSW-C, [sherry@askwithmhs.com](mailto:sherry@askwithmhs.com), 301-330-2361.

**Oct. 7, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. New Family Open House.** *For parents who have a child newly diagnosed with a disability or who are new to Northern VA area, this event is for you. Introductory resource information will be available.* Arc of NoVA, 98 N. Washington St., Falls Church. Sponsored by the Virginia Ability Alliance and ASA-NV. RSVP, 703-532-3214.

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**Oct. 7, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Interpreting the Psycho-Educational Test Reports for Practical Help at Home and in School.** *Parent workshop.* 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

**Oct. 7 - 21, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Limit Setting** (\$81/person; \$139/couple; \$70/PEP member; \$129/PEP couple - 3 sessions). *For parents of children ages 5 - 12. Learn how to set and uphold limits and gain an understanding of how our own behaviors can interfere.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Oct. 8, 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM. \*Preparing Students with Learning Disabilities and Their Families for the College Application Process,** \$100, 3 CEUs. *Participants will learn how to help parents and students navigate the process, what colleges offer students with learning and attention problems.* Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Lois Meyer, 202-944-2232, Emily Marchetti, 202-944-3083, <http://www.labschool.org/content/workshops>.

**Oct. 8, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Kingsbury School Open House.** *Serves grades K-12 with learning differences.* 5000 14<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, D.C. Kingsbury School, 202-722-5555, [www.kingsbury.org](http://www.kingsbury.org). (Also Nov. 19, Dec. 8, Jan. 21, Feb. 18 & Mar. 16).

**Oct. 8 – Nov. 12, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Y's Words: Parenting Teens,** req. text: \$20; class fee: \$30. *Down to earth and practical strategies to parent teens.* United Church of Christ, 9525 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, register with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

**Oct. 8, 7:30 PM. NAMI Educational Meeting - Bi-Polar Disorder** (2nd Thurs., 7:30 PM). 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Montgomery County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; 301-949-5852.

**Oct. 8, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Living on the Edge Between A Rock and A Hard Place - Montgomery County Transitioning Young Adults (MCTrans).** *Harry Mass, Aspie parent, will share his personal experiences and perspectives on transitions, life management and values.* 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](mailto:MCTrans-subscribe@yahoo.com). Group co-moderator - Reda Sheinberg, [rjsheinberg@yahoo.com](mailto:rjsheinberg@yahoo.com), <http://www.mctransitions.org/>

**Oct. 10, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Restore the Joy" Domestic Violence Empowerment Luncheon,** \$25 by Aug. 15, \$35 after; \$15/under12 & seniors. *Featuring Jewel Diamond Taylor as keynote speaker, resource fair, vendors, panel discussions, and door prizes.* Holiday Inn Gaithersburg, 2 Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg. Presented by the City of Gaithersburg, Victims' Rights Foundation and Women Who Care Ministries, Judith Clark, 301-963-8588, [womenwhocare@comcast.net](mailto:womenwhocare@comcast.net), Greg Wims, 301-212-4144, [gregwims@boldconcepts.com](mailto:gregwims@boldconcepts.com), [www.womenwhocareministries.org](http://www.womenwhocareministries.org).

**Oct. 10, 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Autism Expo.** *Free event featuring speakers covering topics pertinent to parents and professionals providing care and services for children with autism (Delegate Nic Kipke, MD Autism Commission; Dr. Vincent J. Carbone, AVBA Analyst; Dr. Griff Doyle, Floortime; Dr. Kathy Niager, Trellis Services, Dr. Rebecca Landa, EARLI Network of Kennedy Krieger Institute; Dr. Stephen Shore, author "Autism for Dummies"; Ellen Callegary, updates on educational law; Michelle Hurst & Leslie Smith, Potty Training 101; Marjorie Shulbank & Marla Saval, MSDE - Autism Waiver.* The Jim Rouse Theatre, 5460 Trumpeter Rd., Columbia. Sponsored by Autism Expo, register on line at <http://www.autismexpo.com>.

**Oct. 11, 12:00 - 4:00 PM. World of Montgomery Festival.** *Free live performances, art exhibits and food and craft vendors.* Price Ave. & Elkin St., Wheaton. More information at [www.worldofmontgomery.com](http://www.worldofmontgomery.com) & 240-777-8109.

**Oct. 13 - Dec. 15, 5:30 - 6:30 PM. Cool, Calm and Connected: Young Adult Social Skills,** (Tues. 5:30 - 6:30 PM), \$65/session (may be insurance-reimbursable), *For men and women with Asperger's Syndrome, PDD or related challenges, ages 20-29. Participants learn and practice skills for making friends, initiating conversation, making decisions, expressing feelings, understanding non-verbal cues and managing disappointment.* 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA, Kate Wissman, LCSW-C & Lauren Feuerstein, LCSW-C, 301-610-8360. (Oct. 13 - Dec. 15, 2009)

**Oct. 13 - Dec. 15, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Raising Your Challenging Child: A Parent Training Program with Dan Shapiro,** \$550/family. *A 10 session interactive program that helps parents of ages preschool through elementary school identify the source of their child's behavior and what they can do about it.* 11705 Magruder La., Rockville. Presented by Dr. Dan Shapiro, 301-881-6855, [drdans Shapiro@gmail.com](mailto:drdans Shapiro@gmail.com).

**Oct. 14, 6:45 - 8:45 PM. DDA Basics: State, Regional & Local Overview.** *One of the Educational Seminars for Family Members Caring for Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Overview of DDA, eligibility process, accessing*

services, types of services offered, rolling access fund, the Community Pathways Waiver, and Resource Coordination. Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Collaborative Outreach & Training Committee - JSSA, Mont. Co. Dept. of HHS Aging and Disability & the Arc of MC, register at 240-777-1216 (Other workshops Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6).

**Oct. 14, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Taking the Trauma Out of Testing for Dyslexic Students Grades 4 up.** Parent workshop. 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

**Oct. 15, 8:30 AM - 4:15 PM. \*Helping Kids, Teens and Adults Live Well with ADHD: Practical Solutions, Integrated Treatment Approaches, ADD-Friendly Lifestyles,** \$, 6 CEU. Fall symposium featuring Drs. Kathleen Nadeau and Patricia Quinn. National 4 H Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase. Offered by the Jewish Social Service Agency Training Institute, Susan Loughman, 301-816-2617, [symposium@jssa.org](mailto:symposium@jssa.org), [www.jssa.org](http://www.jssa.org).

**Oct. 15, 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM. \*Assisting Bright High School Students with Below Grade Level Reading and Writing Skills (Grades 9 - 12),** \$100, 3 CEUs. Participants will learn how to help students to overcome writing phobia, improve reading fluency and comprehension and use assistive technology to improve reading and writing. Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Lois Meyer, 202-944-2232, Emily Marchetti, 202-944-3083, <http://www.labschool.org/content/workshops>.

**Oct. 15 - 16, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Perspectives on Autism,** \$180 by Aug. 1; \$220, Aug. 2 - Sept. 15; \$250 after Sept. 15, CEUs. Speakers include Sally Burton-Hoyle, Dr. Thomas Powell, Estacia Cutler, Robin Moore, Ann Lee, Barry and Renne Gordon. Manor Country Club, 14901 Carrolton Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by Families Together for People with Disabilities, 866-326-4864, <http://www.familiesotogether.org/autismconference.html>.

**Oct. 15, 7:00 - 9:30 PM. Community Forum - MCPS.** Forum for parents, staff, students and other community members to offer their input on the school systems strategic plan <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/about/strategicplan/>. Each person will have 3 minutes to speak. Sign up by calling 301-279-3617 starting Sept. 25. John F Kennedy High School, 1901 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by the MC BOE, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community/forums/>.

**Oct. 17, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM. Montgomery County Transitioning Youth Resource Fair.** For students with disabilities and their families, middle school through post secondary. More than 30 vendors and providers will be on hand. Drop-in workshops on social security, selecting adult providers, preparing for college or a career and more. TLC/Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Research Dr., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the MC Transition Workgroup, TLC/The Treatment And Learning Centers, MCDHHS Aging and Disability Services and Community support Network, 240-777-1216, [transitioningyouth@gmail.com](mailto:transitioningyouth@gmail.com).

**Oct. 17, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. MD PTA All Day Regional Financial Workshop.** Free workshop will cover treasurer's duties. Also appropriate for PTA officers, chairmen, and other interested PTA members. Maryland PTA Offices, 5 Central Ave., Glen Burnie. Sponsored by the Maryland PTA, 410-760-6221, [http://www.mdpta.org/bridge\\_training.html](http://www.mdpta.org/bridge_training.html), [office@mdpta.org](mailto:office@mdpta.org). Registration required.

**Oct. 17, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Montgomery County NAACP Parents' Council Meeting.** Stella Werner County Council Office Bldg., 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. MC NAACP Parents' Council, Yvette Butler, 301-592-8652, <http://www.naacp-mc.org/>.

**Oct. 18, 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Blending Alternative and Conventional Approaches for Health and Tapping Into Your Child's Potential,** \$. Symposium will disseminate research results on the triggers of autism, methods of diagnosis and treatment. Keynote Speaker - Dr. Warren Levin. JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, West, Fairfax. Sponsored by JCCNV, Dana Chilbert, 703-537-3031, [danac@jccnv.org](mailto:danac@jccnv.org).

**Oct. 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Estate Planning for the Special Needs Family.** Workshop with Tanya Harvey will cover estate planning. Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at [www.specialneedsplanning.net](http://www.specialneedsplanning.net), 202-841-8362.

**Oct. 21, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM. \*Boardmaker Plus!** Workshop for educators, related service personnel and parents, especially those working with students with communication issues. Small hands on group will quickly get you up to speed. AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., suite 1601, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, 410-381-2667, [communications@matcoop.org](mailto:communications@matcoop.org), look for registration information soon, <http://matcoop.org/>.

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**Oct. 21, 4:30 - 6:00 PM. \*Taking the Trauma Out of Testing for LD Students All Levels.** 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

**Oct. 22, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Health, Community Support & Craft Fair 2009.** *Family fun and resource fair.* Spates Community Club, 214 McNair Rd., Fort Myer. Sponsored by the Fort Myer Military Community Army Community Service Center, Exceptional Family Member Program and the Army National Guard Readiness Center Health, Safety and Promotion Council, Mrs. O'Connor, 703-696-3510.

**Oct. 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. \*Cyber Bullying: Bullying in the Digital Age,** \$15/person; \$25/couple, CEUs. *Dr. Agatston presents.* Suburban Hospital Auditorium, 8600 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Co-sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services and the Suburban Hospital, register at 301-896-3939 option 2, [soc@suburbanhospital.org](mailto:soc@suburbanhospital.org).

**Oct. 23-24, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. \*2009 Applied Autism Research and Intervention Conference,** \$112.50/2 persons/day; \$187.5/2 persons/2 days (by May 1) or \$75/person/day, \$125/person/2 days (by Sept. 23). *Over 22 leading autism professionals, researchers and experts will cover various subjects related to education and intervention across the lifespan for individuals with autism and their families.* West Arlington Gateway, 801 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington. Sponsored by Organization for Autism Research, [www.researchautism.org/news/conference](http://www.researchautism.org/news/conference), 703-243-9717, Alyssa Kruszyna, [akruszyna@researchautism.org](mailto:akruszyna@researchautism.org).

**Oct. 24, 9:00 AM – 4:15 PM. \*Developing Self Control: Effective Interventions for Children and Adolescents with Self-Regulation Challenges,** \$150, 5.5 CEUs. *Drs. John J. Ratey, Joyce Cooper-Kahn, Laurie Dietzel, and Anne Kendall will discuss their research and clinical experience.* National 4-H Youth Conference Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase. Offered by the Lab School as the 14 Annual Scientific Conference, Lois Meyer, 202-944-2232, <http://www.labschool.org/>.

**Oct. 24, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Winning Cooperation in the Family - Open Forum Counseling.** (\$11/person; \$16/couple; \$5/child (age 9 & up); \$25/family, free/PEP member. PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Oct. 27, 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM. \*Improving Reading for the Elementary Student (grades 3 - 6),** \$100, 3 CEUs. *Participants will explore traditional and non-traditional math manipulatives, creative ways of teaching decimals, fractions, and percents, and how to break down math terminology into understandable components.* Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Lois Meyer, 202-944-2232, Emily Marchetti, 202-944-3083, <http://www.labschool.org/content/workshops>.

**Oct. 27, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Technology.** *Learn about technology used in MCPS schools - Promethian Boards, etc.* Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome, <http://www.mccpta.com/>.

**Oct. 26 - Dec. 14, 4:30 - 5:30 PM. Steps to Success: Life Skills for Adults with Asperger's and Other Disabilities,** (Mon. 4:30 - 5:30 PM), \$400/series. *For men and women in their 20s and 30s will provide practical information and hands-on experience. Topics include money & time management, meal planning, healthy living, preparing for job interviews and creating a plan for increasing independence.* 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA, Kate Wissman, LCSW-C & Ruth Berger, LCSW-C, 301-610-8360. Pre-payment & registration required (Oct. 26 - Dec. 14, 2009)

**Oct. 28, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM. \*Boardmaker Special Features.** *Workshop for educators, related service personnel and parents, especially those working with students with communication issues. Small hands on group will quickly get you up to speed.* AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., suite 1601, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, 410-381-2667, [communications@matcoop.org](mailto:communications@matcoop.org), look for registration information soon, <http://matcoop.org/>.

**Oct. 28, 4:30 - 6:00 PM. \*Handwriting Instruction That Improves Reading and Spelling (K-4.** 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

**Oct. 28, 7:15 - 9:15 PM. The Rule of Three - Effective Parenting Strategies for Children with Learning and Behavioral Issues,** (4th. Wed., 7:15 PM, registration; 7:30 - 9:15 PM, Speaker). *Dr. Anne Kendall is this month's featured speaker.* Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by CHADD of MC, [chadd100@gmail.com](mailto:chadd100@gmail.com), [www.chadd-mc.org](http://www.chadd-mc.org). \*Check website/email for other topics and Speakers.

**Oct. 28, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Honey, I Wrecked the Kids: When Yelling, Screaming, Threats, Bribes, Time-Outs, Sticker Charts & Removing Privileges All Don't Work** (\$25/person; \$45/couple; \$22/PEP member; \$40/PEP couple ). *For parents of children ages 2 - 12. Learn new ways to understand misbehavior, win cooperation and raise children who are*

*cooperative, caring and responsible.* Monart Drawing Studio, shops at Potomac Valley, #L-4, 12116 Darnestown Rd., North Potomac. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Oct. 29, 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Power Struggles: Letting Go of the Rope** (\$50/person, \$80/couple; \$45/PEP member; \$70/PEP couple). *Alyson Schafer, parenting expert, psychotherapist and best selling author will present. For parents of children ages 4-12.* River Road Unitarian Church, 6301 River Rd., Bethesda. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.PEPparent.org](http://www.PEPparent.org).

**Nov. 4, 6:45 - 8:45 PM. Adult Road to Services and REM, Model and Autism Waivers.** *One of the Educational Seminars for Family Members Caring for Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Learn about the waiver program eligibility and application process.* Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Collaborative Outreach & Training Committee - JSSA, Mont. Co. Dept. of HHS Aging and Disability & the Arc of MC, register at 240-777-1216.

**Nov. 4, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Surviving the Holidays with Safety and Sanity.** *Parent workshop.* 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

**Nov. 3, 9:00 AM – 1:15 PM. \*Understanding the Numbers and Language of Middle School Math (Grades 6 - 8),** \$125, 4 CEUs. *Participants will learn how to students to overcome writing phobia, improve reading fluency and comprehension and use assistive technology to improve reading and writing.* Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Lois Meyer, 202-944-2232, Emily Marchetti, 202-944-3083, <http://www.labschool.org/content/workshops>.

**Nov. 5, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Training,** \$125/person, \$175/couple before Oct. 20; CEUs. *Speakers: Pete & Pam Wright,* <http://www.wrightslaw.com/speak/schedule.htm>. George Mason University, Student Union II Ballroom, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax. Sponsored by the Autism Society of America, Northern Virginia Chapter, Kymberly DeLoatche, 703-495-8444, [http://www.autism-society.org/site/Clubs?club\\_id=1200&sid=8290&pg=event](http://www.autism-society.org/site/Clubs?club_id=1200&sid=8290&pg=event)

**Nov. 5, 5:30 PM. Working Through Trauma - Monthly Parent Education & Support Group,** (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs., 5:30 PM). *Tameca Tines, LCPC, will present.* Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health, 14901 Broschart Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health, Elise Bhagwat, 301-251-4500.

**Nov. 7 - 21, 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Managing Anger: A Parent's Guide** (\$81/person; \$139/couple; \$70/PEP member; \$129/PEP couple - 3 sessions). *For parents of children ages 5 - 18. Learn why children engage in disrespectful talk, as well as strategies for reducing backtalk and building stronger relationships.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Nov. 11, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Consequences: Effective Discipline without Punishment** (\$30/person, \$55/couple; \$25/PEP member; \$45/PEP couple). *For parents of children ages 4-14. Learn how to use natural and logical consequences.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.PEPparent.org](http://www.PEPparent.org).

**Nov. 7. Future Planning Workshop.** Location TBA. Offered by NAMI MC, 301-949-5852.

**Nov. 11 - 13, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. \*Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth's Annual Conference: Be the Change - The Promise of Change in Child and Family Services,** \$345/member; \$395/non-member before Oct. 1, CEUs. *Quinn M. Alston will be the keynote speaker. Other speakers include the Youth Panel of W.H.A.L.E.R. Creation, Joel Weintraub, and Kim Mayer. Choice of 36 workshops.* Clarion Resort Fontainebleu Hotel, 10100 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City. Check for updates at: <http://www.marfy.org/29AnnualConference.html>.

**Nov. 12, 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM. \*Art As An Academic Teaching Tool (Grades 3 - 12),** \$100, 3 CEUs. *Participants will have an overview of learning disabilities and attention problems. It will be shown how art can be integrated in all areas of learning and there will be break out sessions by grade level.* Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Lois Meyer, 202-944-2232, Emily Marchetti, 202-944-3083, <http://www.labschool.org/content/workshops>.

**Nov. 13-14. MD PTA 94<sup>th</sup> Fall Convention- Winds of Change,** \$. Holiday Inn & Conference Center, 5400 Holiday Dr., Frederick. Sponsored by the Maryland PTA, 410-760-6221, [http://www.mdpta.org/bridge\\_training.html](http://www.mdpta.org/bridge_training.html).

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**Nov. 13, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Getting Out of the House in the Morning - Open Forum Counseling.** (\$11/person; \$16/couple; \$5/child (age 9 & up); \$25/family, free/PEP member. PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Nov. 17, 9:45 - 11:45 AM. Putting an End to Whining** (\$30/person; \$55/couple; \$25/PEP member; \$45/PEP couple). *For parents of children ages 2-12. Learn how to set limits on these behaviors and encourage more positive interactions.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Nov. 17, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Homework: How to Make Things Work Without Getting Worked Up** (\$30/person, \$55/couple; \$25/PEP member; \$45/PEP couple). *For parents of elementary and middle school age children. Learn how to support your children in the homework process - how to organize themselves, help them find their best working style, allowing them to make mistakes and remain positive.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), 301-929-8824, [www.PEPparent.org](http://www.PEPparent.org).

**Nov. 18, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Response to Intervention: Does It Work for the Student with Moderate to Severe Dyslexia?** *Parent workshop.* 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, [www.asdec.org](http://www.asdec.org).

**Nov. 18, TBD. \*Mounting and Positioning AAC Devices and Computers for Improved Student Outcomes: Daessy Mounts.** *Workshop for educators, related service personnel and parents to get information on the most productive positioning of augmentative communication devices.* AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., suite 1601, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, 410-381-2667, [communications@matcoop.org](mailto:communications@matcoop.org), look for registration information soon, <http://matcoop.org/>.

**Nov. 19, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Kingsbury School Open House.** *Serves grades K-12 with learning differences.* 5000 14<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, D.C. Kingsbury School, 202-722-5555, [www.kingsbury.org](http://www.kingsbury.org). (Also Dec. 8, Jan. 21, Feb. 18 & Mar. 16).

**Nov. 21, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Montgomery County NAACP Parents' Council Meeting.** Stella Werner County Council Office Bldg., 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. MC NAACP Parents' Council, Yvette Butler, 301-592-8652, <http://www.naacp-mc.org/>.

**Nov. 24, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Curriculum.** *Special focus will be on the math curriculum and the process of development.* Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome, <http://www.mccpta.com/>.

**Dec. 1, 9:00 AM – 1:15 PM. \*Making Sense of Sensory Motor in School, At Work And At Home (Pre-K to Grade 3),** \$125, 4 CEUs. *Participants will learn how to integrate sensory motor skills into physical education, the playground, in the classroom and at home.* Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Lois Meyer, 202-944-2232, Emily Marchetti, 202-944-3083, <http://www.labschool.org/content/workshops>.

**Dec. 1, 9:00 - 12:15 PM. \*Object Relations Couples and Family Therapy,** \$60, 3 CEU. *In-house staff training given by Dr. David E. Scharff.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Service Agency Training Institute, Susan Loughman, 301-816-2617, [www.jssa.org](http://www.jssa.org).

**Dec. 2, 6:45 - 8:45 PM. Social Security Disability Benefits.** *One of the Educational Seminars for Family Members Caring for Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Learn about the waiver program eligibility and application process.* Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Collaborative Outreach & Training Committee - JSSA, Mont. Co. Dept. of HHS Aging and Disability & the Arc of MC, register at 240-777-1216.

**Dec. 3, 5:30 PM. Medication Education and Prevention Relapse - Monthly Parent Education & Support Group,** (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs., 5:30 PM). *Dr. Seelman will present.* Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health, 14901 Broschart Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health, Elise Bhagwat, 301-251-4500.

**Dec. 3, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Defusing Sibling Rivalry & Fighting** (\$30/person, \$55/couple; \$25/PEP member; \$55/PEP couple). *For parents of children ages 1-14. Learn strategies to decrease competition among siblings and more positive ways for parents to interact with their children.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.PEPparent.org](http://www.PEPparent.org).

**Dec. 5, 7:30 PM. Parenting a Child with Intense Emotions Workshop.** *Pat Harvey will present.* 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Montgomery County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 301-949-5852.

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**Dec. 7, 7:30 PM. Diverse Learners.** *Dr. Susan Hammond of Stixrud & Associates will present. Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor, FRTJMT@aol.com, <http://www.mccpta.com/specneeds.html>.*

**Dec. 8, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Kingsbury School Open House.** *Serves grades K-12 with learning differences. 5000 14<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, D.C. Kingsbury School, 202-722-5555, [www.kingsbury.org](http://www.kingsbury.org). (Also Jan. 21, Feb. 18 & Mar. 16).*

**Dec. 8, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Transitioning Planning for the Special Needs Child.** Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at [www.specialneedsplanning.net](http://www.specialneedsplanning.net), 202-841-8362.

**Dec. 9, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. MCCPTA Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.** *Parents interested in increasing parent involvement in their schools are invited to attend. Carver Educational Services Center, Rm. 127, 850 Hungerford Rd., Rockville. MCCPTA Parent Involvement Committee, Elisia George, ekjgsha@gmail.com.*

**Dec. 19, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Montgomery County NAACP Parents' Council Meeting.** Stella Werner County Council Office Bldg., 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. MC NAACP Parents' Council, Yvette Butler, 301-592-8652, <http://www.naacp-mc.org/>.

**Jan. 6, 6:45 - 8:45 PM. Housing Options.** *One of the Educational Seminars for Family Members Caring for Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Learn about the waiver program eligibility and application process. Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Collaborative Outreach & Training Committee - JSSA, Mont. Co. Dept. of HHS Aging and Disability & the Arc of MC, register at 240-777-1216.*

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**Jan. 12, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Writing Your Own Letter of Intent, \$65 for CD.** *Hands on seminar. Bring your laptop and a CD will be provided so you can start filling out your letter of intent created for the future caregiver for your special needs child. Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at [www.specialneedsplanning.net](http://www.specialneedsplanning.net), 202-841-8362.*

**Jan. 16, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Men in PTA.** Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome, <http://www.mccpta.com/>.

**Jan. 21, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Kingsbury School Open House.** *Serves grades K-12 with learning differences. 5000 14<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, D.C. Kingsbury School, 202-722-5555, [www.kingsbury.org](http://www.kingsbury.org). (Also Feb. 18 & Mar. 16).*

**Feb. 1, 7:30 PM. Video Viewing - Ennis' Gift: A Film About Learning Differences.** *This powerful film is inspired by the legacy of Ennis William Cosby, a young man with learning differences who became a passionate educator. Be inspired by the guest appearance of James Earl Jones, Henry Winkler, Charles Schwab, Danny Glover, Lindsay Wagner, Robert Rauschenberg and others on the film. Parents, teachers and students are welcome. Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor, FRTJMT@aol.com, <http://www.mccpta.com/specneeds.html>.*

**Feb. 17 - 20, 2010. Learning Disabilities Association of America's 47<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference,** \$260/member, \$360/non-member, \$135/day member, \$170/day non-member, CEUs. *Excellent opportunity for adults with learning disabilities and/or ADHD, parents, educators, researchers, social workers and more to share information, gain new ideas and network. Over 300 workshops and exhibits. Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 700 Aliceanna St., Baltimore. Sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of America, 1-800-300-6710, <http://www.lidaamerica.org/conference/index.asp>.*

**Feb. 18, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Kingsbury School Open House.** *Serves grades K-12 with learning differences. 5000 14<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, D.C. Kingsbury School, 202-722-5555, [www.kingsbury.org](http://www.kingsbury.org). (Also Mar. 16).*

**Feb. 23, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Student Service Learning.** Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome, <http://www.mccpta.com/>.

**Mar. 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. MCCPTA Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.** *Parents interested in increasing parent involvement in their schools are invited to attend. Carver Educational Services Center, Rm. 127, 850 Hungerford Rd., Rockville. MCCPTA Parent Involvement Committee, Elisia George, ekjgsha@gmail.com.*

**Mar. 11 - 13. Diamonds in the Rough: Smart Kids Who Learn Differently** (\$200/professional; \$175/parent; \$45/students under 21/Saturday). *National conference for educators, parents, students and all who appreciate the unique strengths and needs of bright kids who learn differently. University of Maryland at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville. Co-sponsored by Weinfeld Education Group, LLC and AEGUS, <http://www.richweinfeld.com/diamonds.html>.*

Register at <https://thriva.activenetwork.com/Reg/Form.aspx?guid=587de27a-0277-4e7d-b73c-285ceed9bc6b-1157651-17614961640001>.

**Mar. 16, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Kingsbury School Open House.** *Serves grades K-12 with learning differences.* 5000 14<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, D.C. Kingsbury School, 202-722-5555, [www.kingsbury.org](http://www.kingsbury.org).

**Mar. 23, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Special Education.** *Status on the closing of secondary Learning Centers and other program updates if available.* Carver Educational Services Center, Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCCPTA Delegates Assembly Program, all are welcome, <http://www.mccpta.com/>.

**April 15, 10:00 AM. \*Kingsbury Open House - Professional's Event.** *Learn more about the multi-sensory, language-intensive curriculum for students Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.* 5000 14<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, D.C. RSVP, Thaddisa Fulwood or Eden Santa Cruz, 202-7222-5555, [admissions@kingsbury.org](mailto:admissions@kingsbury.org), [www.kingsbury.org](http://www.kingsbury.org).

**April 23 - 24. Accessibility Summit 2010 (\$).** *Dr. Ben Carson and Ms. Renee Bondi will speak at this conference for families and care givers fostering connection with community resources, government agencies and churches.* McLean Bible Church, 8929 Leesburg Pike, McLean. Sponsored by McLean Bible Church, Jan Sanders, [jan.sanders@mcleanbible.org](mailto:jan.sanders@mcleanbible.org), [www.accessibilitysummit.org](http://www.accessibilitysummit.org).

**May 19, 2010, TBD. 2010 MCCPTA Presidents/Principals Dinner.** Marriott Conference Center. Sponsored by MCCPTA.

**May 26, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. MCCPTA Parent Involvement Committee Meeting.** *Parents interested in increasing parent involvement in their schools are invited to attend.* Carver Educational Services Center, Rm. 127, 850 Hungerford Rd., Rockville. MCCPTA Parent Involvement Committee, Elisia George, [ekjgsha@gmail.com](mailto:ekjgsha@gmail.com).

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