

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS/SPECIAL NEEDS & OTHER GROUPS

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Also at: <http://www.mccpta.com/speccedCal.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., Wed. & Thurs, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM by appt. Women Counseling Services, Free until July 1. *Collaborative, solution-focused, short term counseling services to address challenging life transitions. Services available in English, French and Arabic.* Rockville Memorial Library, 3rd floor, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Offered by the Montgomery County Commission for Women, 240-777-8300.

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.

May 2013. Webinar: Advocating for Gifted Students with Learning and Other Disabilities. *Rich Weinfeld presents.* Offered by the Advocate Academy, <http://www.advocacyinstitute.org/academy/sample/lib/playback.html>.



May 28, 10:00 AM – 12:00 & 6:00 – 8:00 PM. *Assistive Technology Fair. *Talk with the big names in assistive technology and learn about programs such as Maryland Technology Assistance Program, MD Relay, VLINC, DORS, MD Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the Arc Baltimore Assistive Technology Program, Enablemart and much more.* The Arc Baltimore at Seton, 6151 Metro Dr., Baltimore. Sponsored by the Arc Baltimore, Becky Hartnett, 410-296-2272, bhartnett@thearcbaltimore.org. Pre-registration required and childcare offered at the evening session ONLY.

May 28, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Eye-Pal Read Out Loud – Low Vision Support Group Meeting. *This month's presenter, Jack Wood will discuss the Eye-Pal RAL scanner and CCTV.* Jewish Community Center, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by the Low Vision Support Group, Anita Cohen, 301-299-7077, group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month Sept. - June.

May 29, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Why Don't My Kids Listen to Me? *In this workshop learn how to gain your child's cooperation without nagging, bribing or yelling. Facilitated by the Parent Encouragement Program.* North Bethesda Middle School, 8935 Bradmoor Dr., Bethesda. Offered by MCPS Parent Academy, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/workshops.aspx>.

May 29, 7:30 – 9:00 PM. Membership Meeting DC Capital Area Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. *This month's meeting will feature a panel discussion of strategies for preventing summer regression by helping children retain skills and expand knowledge.* Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Sponsored by the DCIDA, 301-315-0563.

May 30, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM. *NAMHC Open Policy Session. *Excellent opportunity for the mental health research and advocacy communities to become informed about current programs and priorities of the National Institute of Mental Health.* Neuroscience Center, Conference Room C/D/E, 1st floor, 6001 Executive Blvd., Rockville. Sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health, register by May 28, 12:00 PM, <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/advisory-boards-and-groups/namhc/registration.jsp>.

May 30, 12:00 – 3:00 PM. TRICARE/Other Benefits and Public Safety Considerations: Guidance for Families, Caregivers and Self-Advocates. *An Autism class and support group for families to learn about medical benefits and safety issues for their children while networking.* Army Community Service, Custer Rd., (Bldg. 201, Fort Myer. Sponsored by Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Exceptional Family Member Program, Mrs. O'Connor, 703-696-8467

May 30, 7:00 PM. Grand Opening & End of Year Showcase. *Great opportunity to see students achievements in arts and academics. There will be a display of students' works and student performances and presentations.* Siena School, 1300 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring. Offered by the Siena School, www.thesienaschool.org, 301-244-3600.

May 31- Reservation Deadline. June 12 or 26, 3:30-5:30 PM. WordPower for TouchChat, \$59. *Nancy Inman of the KKI present an in-depth overview of WordPower and ChatPower ACC vocabularies for TouchChat. At least 6 participants need to sign up for the dates indicated for the training to occur.* AT:LAST, Inc., 7050 Oakland Mills Rd, Suite 160, Columbia. Offered by AT:LAST, Inc., Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, 410-381-2667, RSVP required, ATCo_opsales@msn.com.

JUNE - Thurs., 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Caregiver Support Group: My Child Was Recently Diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, Now What. *Free support group for parents of children ages 3 – 12 diagnosed within the last year. On-site child care provided.* Loyola Clinical Centers, 5911 York Rd., Suite 100, Baltimore. Facilitator Kathleen Davis, 908-601-6727, kdavis@loyola.edu.

June 1. "Dig into Reading" This Summer. *Children ages 0 to age 18 are invited to participate in the Summer Reading Program (June 1 – Aug. 11). Registration is available on-line and at your local library. Various prizes, including book bags and USB flash drives will be awarded upon completion of the program. Each child will receive a Frederick Keys baseball ticket voucher.* Your Favorite Library. Offered by Montgomery County Public Libraries.

June 1, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM. *Expanding Bridges: Furthering Opportunities Birth to 21 and Beyond. *A workshop for parents of children with educational disabilities – workshops, vendors and a keynote speaker.* Reservoir High School, 11550 Scaggsville Rd., Fulton. Hosted by the Howard County Public School System, Department of Special Education, Deborah Misiag, Deborah_Misiag@hcpss.org or Joyce Agness, joyce_agness@hcpss.org, 410-313-5356.

June 1, 10:00 AM. MOVIE – Epic (2D), \$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.

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June 1, 2:30 – 4:30 PM. Spanish Support Group. Learn and ask Lisa Costantini, advocate for children with disabilities, about assessing and evaluating children with IEPs at school and its consequences in obtaining the different diploma options. JCC of NOVA, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. RSVP Nicole Zupan, nicizupan@verizon.net or Patricia Ojeda, ojedacarmen0@gmail.com.

June 2, 1:15 PM. Orioles vs. Tigers Baseball Game. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for children with disabilities and their families. Be sure to specify if your child needs ADA seating. We will meet between 1:15 – 1:35 PM at GATE A for ticket distribution. Camden Yards Stadium, 333 W. Camden St., Baltimore. Join the Lollipop Kids, RSVP, Debbie@lollipopkidsfoundation.org.

June 3, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. *Helping Students with Learning Disabilities in An Era of the Common Core State Standards. This National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities' (NJCD) sixth annual symposium will address the implications for implementing the Common Core State Standards for students with Learning Disabilities. The symposium follows the working meeting of the NJCLD, which starts on June 1. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Blvd., Rockville. Offered by NJCLD, Allison Bollinger Miller, amiller@naspweb.org.

June 3, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 5 of 5). Explore the MCPS website and online resources, set up an Edline account, and learn about Microsoft Office programs in this beginning level workshops. Earle B. Wood Middle School, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. Offered by MCPS Parent Academy, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/workshops.aspx>.

June 3, 7:30 - 9:00PM. "Forget Me Not: How to Maintain and Enhance Friendships Over the Summer. Guest speaker is Jamie Bassos, Program Director from the Continuum Autism Spectrum Alliance. McLean Bible Church, Community Room B, lower level, 8925 Leesburg Pk., Vienna . Offered as a McLean Bible Church Access Community Lecture, Erin Roundtree, 703-770-2938.

June 3, PM. MCPS Special Education Budget Focus Group. MCPS is looking for high school parents to join this focus group to discuss the ins and outs of the MCPS budget. Rockville. Sponsored by MCPS, Julie Hall, 301-279-3166.

June 3 - 5, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. *What's Different About Teaching Reading to Students Learning English? Training of Trainers, \$1,080, CEUs. Professional development course providing research-based strategies and practical, hands-on tools to develop classroom activities that target the academic language demands of the Common Core State Standards. Savoy Suites Hotel, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Center for Applied Linguistics, Marilyn Raphael, 202-355-1500, <http://www.cal.org/solutions/institutes/index.html#wdtot>.

June 4, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. *Maryland Special Education Law: Successfully Represent Your Client with an Understanding of All Issues, \$349. This basic to intermediate level seminar is designed for professionals who work with children with special needs in the school setting such as attorneys, school administrators, principals and teachers. Liza Seltzer Becker and Diana M. Savit will present. Crown Plaza Rockville, 3 Research Ct., Rockville. Offered by National Business Institute, 800-930-6182, www.nbi-sems.com.

June 5, 2:00 – 4:00 PM. MCAEL Provider Meeting: Nonprofit Meet, Greet and Partner for Adult English Literacy. Nonprofit Village, 12320 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Offered by Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy, RSVP Kelley at admin@mcael.org, http://www.mcael.org/events_training

June 5, 6:00 – 9:30 PM. MCCPTA Spring Leadership Training. Newly elected PTA presidents, vice-presidents, treasurers and other officers and committee chair will receive valuable training. Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Pkwy, Rockville. Sponsored by the MCCPTA, http://www.mccpta.org/Workshops___Training.html

June 5, PM. MCPS Special Education Budget Focus Group. MCPS is looking for parents to join this focus group to discuss the ins and outs of the MCPS budget. Rockville. Sponsored by MCPS, Julie Hall, 301-279-3166.

June 5, 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 by the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office. William H. Farquhar Middle School, 16915 Batchellors Forest Rd., Olney. Offered by MCPS Parent Academy, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/workshops.aspx>.

June 6, PM. MCPS Special Education Budget Focus Group. MCPS is looking for elementary school parents to join this focus group to discuss the ins and outs of the MCPS budget. Rockville. Sponsored by MCPS, Julie Hall, 301-279-3166.

June 7, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. MCAEL Instructor Workshop: Working with Basic Literacy Learners. Amanda Duffy will lead this opportunity to learn and practice various hands on activities for teaching low-literacy level adults. Nonprofit

Village, 12320 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Offered by Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy, http://www.mcael.org/events_training

June 8, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. LCMC: Teaching Reading and Spelling to Students Who May Have Disabilities. Susan Zagar who will discuss different strategies tutors can use to be more effective in teaching learners who may have learning disabilities will facilitate this workshop. Nonprofit Village, 12320 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Offered by the Montgomery County Literacy Council, http://www.mcael.org/events_training. Pre-registration required at info@literacycouncilmcmd.org, 301-610-0030.

June 8, 1:00 – 4:00 PM. 1st Annual Picnic for Special Needs Individuals of All Ages, \$7. Build relationships and enjoy the many activities for everyone such as moon bounce, relay races, music, volley ball, water games, parachute, dancing, arts and crafts and much more. Cabin John Large Group Park, 7701 Tuckerman Ln., Potomac. Sponsored by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanzi, 301-841-7412, hu@havenuniverse.org.

June 9, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Youth Fishing Event, FREE. Fishing activities for kids of all ages and skill levels, including fly tying and casting and spin fishing. Jim Berrier Memorial Lake, 12057 Clopper Rd., Germantown. Co-sponsored by the Izaak Walton League and Trout Unlimited, RSVP, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054BA4A728A20-youth>. Questions – JWLAR.Youth.Conservation@gmail.com

June 9, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Healthy Fun in the Sun. In this session you will discover ways to make this summer healthy and safe for your children. Topics range from preventing sunburn and Lyme disease to good nutrition and safe summer play. Presentation by Kaiser Permanente. Kaiser Permanente Gaithersburg Medical Center, 655 Watkins Mill Rd., Gaithersburg. Offered by MCPS Parent Academy, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/workshops.aspx>.

June 11, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. *Capital Area ASD/DD Strategic Planning Meeting. The Parents' Place of Maryland in partnership with the Office for Genetics and Children with Special Health Care Needs in the Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene has received a grant to plan for improving services for children and youth with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. This is one of a series of regional meetings to learn about the needs of your children. Silver Spring Civic Center, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring. Sponsored by the Maryland Consortium for Children with Special Health Care Needs, http://marylandcoc.com/ASD_DD_Planning_Grant.html.

June 13 – Oct. 3, 12:00 – 2:00 PM. *JST Coaching Teens & College Students with ADHD, 30 hrs CEUs, \$1,800 before May 30. For coaches seeking to augment their skills. Online course. Offered by Jodi Sleeper-Triplett, Inc, 703-437-1256, <http://www.jstcoach.com/course-schedule-pricing/checkout-coaching-teens-college-students-with-adhd/>.

June 17 – Aug. 16. Montgomery College Summer Youth Programs. Programs for children kindergarten through 12th grade are offered on all three campuses. Courses range from soccer to Algebra to cartooning. Before and after-care is provided to accommodate parent schedules. Offered by MC Workforce Development & Continuing Education, 240-567-7264, <https://appserv.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youth/index.cfm>. Application deadline May 24.

June 17, 7:30 – 9:00 PM. Get Your Priorities Straight! Strategies for the ADD Mind, \$25. Do you jump into action without prioritizing? Do all of your tasks seem like "A's"? If these are some of your struggles, this is the workshop for you. Chesapeake Center of Maryland, 8607 Cedar St., Silver Spring. Offered by the Chesapeake ADHD Center of Maryland, <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/6216576949/mcivte#>.

June 18, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. *Psychological Trauma: Evidence-Based Intervention Techniques, \$99, CEUs. Group program for 5th and 6th graders to explore common feelings about adoption while engage in fun and meaningful activities. Clarion Hotel Shepherdstown, 233 Lowe Dr., Shepherdstown, WV. Jointly sponsored by the Martinsburg VA Medical Center and Brook Lane Health Services, Debbie Staley, 301-733-0331, ext. 189, <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e73aec4x022b8af6>.

June 18 – July 18, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Transition Youth Work Adjustment Training (WAT). Dynamic 5-week (3 days/week) course for youth ages 18 – 24 with special needs to develop skills and tools needed to successfully job search and strengthen independence. JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the JSSA, 301-587-9666, careerinfo@jssa.org.

June 20, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar-Strengthening Your Family: Same Family, Different Bodies: Promoting Health Eating and Positive Body Image for Adopted Youth, \$25. Karen Schacter and Debbie Reily will present a no-guilt, no-shame approach to supporting healthy eating and a positive body image in your children. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://yhst-28828629093147.stores.yahoo.net/safadiboprhe.html>.

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June 22, 11:00 AM. Kinderkonzert – Peter & the Wolf: Sensory-Friendly Performance, \$18. *Performance for ages 4+ with wind instruments giving voice to Peter and a wolf in this presentation of Prokofiev's beloved musical tale. Short performance time.* Kennedy Center, Family Theater, 2700 F St., NW, Washington, DC. Offered by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Accessibility Office, 202-416-8727, access@kennedy-center.org, <http://www.kennedy-center.org/accessibility/schedule.html#Sensory-Friendly>.

June 24 - 26, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. *Hot Topics in ELL Education, \$1,150, CEUs. *Professional development course providing research-based strategies and practical, hands-on tools to develop classroom activities that target the academic language demands of the Common Core State Standards.* Savoy Suites Hotel, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Center for Applied Linguistics, Marilyn Raphael, 202-355-1500, <http://www.cal.org/solutions/institutes/index.html#wdtot>.

June 24, July 1, 8, 15 & 29, Aug. 12 & 26, 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Lollipopkids Summer Sailing Sessions. *This program incorporates modifications needed to welcome children with all types of disabilities, even children with the most profound physical limitations. To register email the following information: child's name, age, can they sit independently and if you prefer to sail with the child or have a sailing buddy assigned. Minimum age – 6.* Downtown Sailing Center 1415 Key Hwy, Baltimore. Sponsored by the Lollipop Kids, RSVP, Debbie@lollipopkidsfoundation.org.

June 25-28. 2013 Maryland Youth Leadership Forum, FREE for accepted students. *High school students with disabilities in their last two years of high school will learn self-advocacy, independent living, leadership, disability rights and accommodations and create new friendships during this four day, three night forum.* Bowie State University. Offered by Independence Now, the Center for Independent Living,

June 25, 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Webinar: Top Affordable Technologies for Helping Students in Middle School Through College, Part 1 – Organization, Attention and Executive Functioning, \$25. *Joan Green presents.* Offered by Joan L. Green, M.A.CCC-SLP, Joan@innovativespeech.com, http://ist.ticketleap.com/organization-attention-executivefunctioning/dates/Jun-25-2013_at_0700PM

June 27 - 28, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. *Multiculturalism in the Classroom, \$, CEUs. *Workshop provides hands-on guidance on activities in the classroom to increase student understanding and appreciation for other cultures and beliefs in K– 12 classrooms.* Savoy Suites Hotel, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Center for Applied Linguistics, Marilyn Raphael, 202-355-1500, <http://www.cal.org/solutions/institutes/index.html#wdtot>.

June 27 – June 29, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM. KAN Express, \$250 before June 11. *Group program for 5th and 6th graders to explore common feelings about adoption while engage in fun and meaningful activities.* CASE VA, 5101– H Backlick Rd, Annandale. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, 703-256-3820.

June 27, 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Webinar: Top Affordable Technologies for Helping Students in Middle School Through College, Part 2, Improve Reading and Writing, \$25. *Joan Green presents.* Offered by Joan L. Green, M.A.CCC-SLP, Joan@innovativespeech.com, <http://ist.ticketleap.com/reading-and-writing/>

June 29, 10:00 AM. MOVIE – Monster University, \$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.

July 1, 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Webinar: Top Affordable Technologies for Helping Students in Middle School Through College, Part 3, Enhance New Learning with Free On line Tools and iPad Apps, \$25. *Joan Green presents.* Offered by Joan L. Green, M.A.CCC-SLP, Joan@innovativespeech.com, <http://ist.ticketleap.com/webinar-free-online-tools-and-apps-to-enhance-learning/>

July 8 – Aug. 1, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. ASDEC Elementary Summer Program, \$2,900. *Program provides intensive instruction in reading, writing, spelling and handwriting for students grades 2-5 who are struggling in school and need special accommodations.* 220 W. Jefferson St., Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, questions@asdec.org, <https://asdec.wildapricot.org/Default.aspx?pagelD=1492867>.

July 8 – 26, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. ASDEC Middle School Summer Program, \$1,900. *Program provides intensive instruction in writing, math and study skills for students grades 6 - 9 who are struggling in school and need special accommodations.* 220 W. Jefferson St., Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, questions@asdec.org, <https://asdec.wildapricot.org/Default.aspx?pagelD=1492869>.

July 8 – Aug. 2, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Project Access – Summer Institute, \$600/Howard Co. Resident, \$610/Non-Howard Co. Resident. *Summer experience designed for high school students with disabilities to explore what college is all about.* Howard Community College, 10901 Patuxent Parkway, Smith Theater, Columbia. Sponsored by Project

Access, Dr. Linda Schnapp, 410-518-4625, lschnapp@howardcc.edu,
http://www.howardcc.edu/students/academic_support_services/project_access/SummerInstitute.html.

July 10 - 13, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. 44th Annual Autism Society National Conference and Exposition, \$350/person; \$520/family of 3. *Workshops by nationally recognized speakers will cover topics such as improving life, enhancing the educational experience, navigating the social justice system, treatment approaches and caring for the caregiver.* David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburg. Sponsored by the Autism Society, <http://www.autism-society.org/get-involved/conference/>.

July 10, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Let's READ!, Let's MOVE. *This exciting series will feature book readings from Secretary of Education, Duncan and special guests. Children will engage in adapted physical activities and receive a book.* US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. Sponsored the US Dept. of Ed., and coordinated by the Lollipop Kids, register at, Debbie@lollipopkidsfoundation.org. For more information email info@lollipopkidsfoundation.org. Spaces are limited so register now, siblings are welcome.

July 11, 18, & 25, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Family In Focus, donation accepted. *A series of three live family counseling demonstrations will teach basic Adlerian parenting concepts such as encouragement, goals of misbehavior and discipline with respect.* YMCA Ayr lawn Program Center, 5650 Oakmont Ave., Bethesda. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, parenting@ymcadc.org.

July 12, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. *Research-Based Vocabulary Instruction for English Learners: Grades K-12, \$395, CEUs. *Workshop provides practical strategies and resources for vocabulary instruction for educators working with English learners.* Savoy Suites Hotel, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Center for Applied Linguistics, Marilyn Raphael, 202-355-1500, <http://www.cal.org/solutions/institutes/index.html#wdtot>.

July 13, 10:00 AM. MOVIE – Despicable Me 2, \$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.

July 15 – Aug. 2, 9:15 AM – 3:15 PM. Leadership Empowerment & Action Program (LEAP), \$750. *Three week full day summer program for adopted middle school youth (grades 6 – 9) in Montgomery County. All participants will be encouraged to participate in therapeutic and community-building activities throughout the year at no additional cost. There will also be parent workshops with dinner throughout the year for no additional cost.* Pilgrim Hills Local Park, 1615 Randolph Rd., Colesville. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, for registration materials contact Tamielle Taylor, LEAP Program Coordinator, taylor@adoptionssupport.org, 301-476-8525.

July 17, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Y's Words: Anxiety in Children: When Worries Get In the Way. *Learn what anxiety is and what strategies can be used to help children.* YMCA Youth & Family Services, 9601 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, register with Pam Mintz, 301-229-1347, parenting@ymcadc.org.

July 18 – Oct. 31, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. *JST Coaching Teens & College Students with ADHD, 30 hrs CEUs, \$1,800 before July 5. *For coaches seeking to augment their skills.* Online course. Offered by Jodi Sleeper-Triplett, Inc, 703-437-1256, <http://www.jstcoach.com/course-schedule-pricing/checkout-coaching-teens-college-students-with-adhd/>.

July 24, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Y's Words: Anxiety in Teens, donations welcome. *Learn what anxiety is and strategies to help teens cope* YMCA Youth & Family Services, 9601 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, register with Pam Mintz, 301-229-1347, parenting@ymcadc.org.

July 23 – Aug. 22, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Transition Youth Work Adjustment Training (WAT). *Dynamic 5-week (3 days/week) course for youth ages 18 – 24 with special needs to develop skills and tools needed to successfully job search and strengthen independence.* JSSA, 9900 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by the JSSA, 301-587-9666, careerinfo@jssa.org.

July 28 – Aug. 2. *Institute of Special Education Advocacy, \$995/attorneys; \$795/advocates. *This is a five-day training program in special education advocacy. There will be 25 sessions on applicable laws, ethics, best practices in advocacy, strategies in working with parents and school, and dispute resolution procedures. Attendees are selected via an application process and limited to 75.* William & Mary School of Law, Williamsburg. Hosted by William & Mary School of Law and co-sponsored by the PELE Special Education Advocacy Clinic, Wrightslaw and the Oklahoma Disability Law Center, <http://law.wm.edu/academics/programs/jd/electives/clinics/specialed/isea/index.php>, 757-221-5735, pele@wm.edu.

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July 31, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Anger: Trigger Thoughts and Distortions, donation accepted. *This workshop helps you identify your trigger thoughts that intensify your or your child's anger.* YMCA Youth and Family Services, 9601 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, parenting@ymcadc.org.

Aug. 6 - 8, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. *What's Different About Teaching Reading to Students Learning English? Direct Strategies, \$995, CEUs. *Professional development course providing teachers with the knowledge and skills they need to teach reading effectively to English learners K - 8.* Savoy Suites Hotel, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Center for Applied Linguistics, Marilyn Raphael, 202-355-1500, <http://www.cal.org/solutions/institutes/index.html#wdtot>.

Aug. 10, 10:00 AM. MOVIE – The Smurfs 2, \$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.

Aug. 24, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Back to School Fair. *Learn about the Montgomery County Public School system programs and services, while enjoying music, entertainment and children's activities. Community resources will also be on hand with information.* Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by MCPS, Division of Family and Community Partnerships, 301-279-3100.

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