

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS Feb. - July 2010, updated 02/26/10)**

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

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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**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 Fall 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. (Fall 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 Dara Baylinson, Child and Adolescent Program Coordinator, 301-949-5852, ext. 101, [dbaylinson@namimc.org](mailto:dbaylinson@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).

**SPRING 2010 - TBD. 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. Groups will be formed based on age and specific needs.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, 301-610-8355. (Dates & Times TBD, Spring 2010).

**SPRING 2010 - TBD. Parent Toolbox for Tweens, \$30/session, \$75/series, \$110/series/couple.** *Three session interactive workshop for parents of children 9-13 years old. Topics will include setting limits, maintaining open communication and understanding typical developmental change.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by Jewish Social Services, Hector Parada, MD, Dale Koch, LCSW-C and Susanne Rosloff, LCSW-C, 301-610-8332, <http://www.jssa.org/workshopsandgroups#Autism-Spectrum-Disorders>.

**Spring 2010. 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 Dara Baylinson, 301-949-5852, ext. 112, [dbaylinson@namimc.org](mailto:dbaylinson@namimc.org).

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**Primavera 2010. 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.* Lugar por determinarse. 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).

**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](mailto:militaryoutreach@mhamc.org).

**Weds, 12:00 - 1:00 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](mailto:careerinfo@jssa.org).

**Feb. 27, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. \*Intervention Survival Guide: Practical Strategies for Professionals and Parents, \$120/non-member; \$110/member.** *Features keynote speaker, William Van Cleave along with Nancy Hennessey on Reading, Marilyn Zechner on Math and Livia McCoy & Ann Welch with Parent Workshops.* University of Richmond, Jepson Center, 101 College Rd., Richmond. Hosted by the Virginia Branch of the International Dyslexia Association, <http://www.vbida.org/conference2010.htm>.

**Feb. 27, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Special Needs - A Conversation.** *Topics to be discussed are planning and directing your children's learning style and environment, seeking appropriate resources, maximizing your children's potential - speakers will include, Gwen Mason, Director of Special Education, MCPS and Dr. Vivian Boyd, Director of Counseling Services, University of Maryland.* The People's Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Rd., Silver Spring. Co-sponsored by the Potomac Valley Section (PVS) and the Education Committee, National Council of Negro Women, Wanda Brown, 301-460-7291, [visionarybrown@aol.com](mailto:visionarybrown@aol.com), Co-Chair, NAACP Parents Council.

**Feb. 27, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Technology for People with Learning and Reading Disabilities.** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school) discussing the major types of technologies available and specifically what's available at the Rockville Computer Lab for people with learning disabilities. A great opportunity to learn practical information about technology solutions to help with reading and organizing.* Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

**Feb. 28, 2:00 PM. Building Resilience: How to Help Kids with Tourette Syndrome Face the World Courageously.** *A presentation by Dr. William Stixrud applicable to all children with challenges and learning differences.* University of Maryland, Bioscience Research Bldg., Rm. 1103, College Park. Sponsored by the Tourette Syndrome Association of Greater Washington as their annual meeting, <http://www.tsagw.org/getinvolved/events/view/13/111>.

**Mar. 1 - July 31, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Prekindergarten/Head Start Registration.** *Income-eligible children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2010 can be registered for these programs. A limited number of spaces are available in Head Start for children who will be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2010. Parents are encouraged to register early. Complete information about documents to bring, community registration events and extended hours can be found at:* <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/earlychi/prekhsregistration.shtm>. Rocking Horse Road Center, 4910 Macon Rd., Rockville. Offered by MCPS, 301-230-5462, TTY 301-230-5462.

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**Mar. 1, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Power Tools for Power Struggles** (\$30/person; \$55/couple; \$25/PEP member; \$45/PEP couple). *For parents of children ages 5 - 12. Learn why children engage in power struggles, what you can do to side step them and how to replace fighting with cooperation.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Mar. 2, 9:30 AM. The Maddux School - Open House.** *Serves children ages 3 ½ to 6 ½ who experience difficulties with sensory integration, pragmatic language, fine/gross motor skills or play strategies.* 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville, 301-469-0223, <http://www.ivymount.org/Maddux.cfm?subpage=39>. (Also Mar. 18)

**Mar. 2, 4:00 - 6:30 PM. \*Helping School Librarians Work With Students with Learning Disabilities And Attention Problems (All Grades)**, \$75, 2 CEUs. *This will be an introduction to the six-stage process model in the Information Age.* 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/files/u1/2010WinterSpring\\_Final\\_e\\_.pdf](http://www.labschool.org/files/u1/2010WinterSpring_Final_e_.pdf).

**Mar. 2, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. How to Land a Government Job.** *Presentation by Kathryn Troutman.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by Jewish Social Services, pre-registration required, 301-610-8380.

**Mar. 2, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Staying Sane, Keeping On -Montgomery Home Learning Network Meeting** (4th Tues., 7:00 - 8:30 PM). *This month's meeting will feature Kathy Kuhl, author of "Homeschooling Your Struggling Learner",* <http://learndifferently.com/>. Wheaton Library, large meeting rm., 11701 Georgia Ave., Wheaton. Sponsored by MHLN, [jsangillo@mindspring.com](mailto:jsangillo@mindspring.com), Emily Mellgren, [emily@erdelynet.com](mailto:emily@erdelynet.com), <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MHLNnet>, <http://www.mhln.info>.

**Mar. 3, 9:45 AM - 1:45 PM. \*AAC: A to A**, \$67/member; \$79/non-member. AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., suite 1601, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, Susan Garber, 410-381-2667, <http://www.matcoop.org/training/training.html>.

**Mar. 3, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Montgomery College Student/Parent Information Night.** *Learn about admissions to Montgomery College, financial aid and programs. Representatives will be on hand to address assessment and placement testing, student life, student employment and disability support services.* Globe Hall, Germantown Campus, 20200 Observation Dr., Germantown. Offered by Montgomery College, Cathy Kwolek, 240-567-7816, [cathy.kwolek@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:cathy.kwolek@montgomerycollege.edu).

**Mar. 3, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Special Education: Monitoring Your Child's Progress and Finding Support (part 5 of 5).** *Learn some tried and true ways to organize your child's records and papers, and find out about community resources and supports.* Neelsville Middle School, 11700 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

**Mar. 3, 6:45 - 8:45 PM. Post High School Options.** *One of the Educational Seminars for Family Members Caring for Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Learn about the programs that are available.* 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.

**Mar. 3, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Depression and Anxiety - Symptoms and Solutions for Emotional Well-Being.** *Peter Robbins presents.* Flint Hill School, Olson Theatre, East Campus, 10409 Academic Dr., Oakton. Co-sponsored by Educational Connections, Flint Hill School and In Step PC, 703-934-8282, 301-469-6060, [admin@ectutoring.com](mailto:admin@ectutoring.com), [www.ectutoring.com](http://www.ectutoring.com).

**Mar. 3, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Parenting as a Team**, donation accepted. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Potomac. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services as a Y's Words: Library Workshop. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

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**Mar. 3, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Back Talk** (\$57/person; \$99/couple; \$51/PEP member; \$90/PEP couple - 2 sessions). *For parents of children ages 5 - 18. Learn strategies for reducing back talk.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Mar. 4, 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM. \*Teaching Math Skills to Young Students with Learning Disabilities and ADHD (Grades Pre-K to 2)**, \$125, 4 CEUs. *This workshop will focus on teaching counting, calculation, time, money and measurements through the use of hands-on material and games.* 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/files/u1/2010WinterSpring\\_Final\\_e\\_.pdf](http://www.labschool.org/files/u1/2010WinterSpring_Final_e_.pdf).

**Mar. 4, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. \*Social Security Disability Insurance & SSI Disability Benefits Training**, \$65/members; \$80/non-members. *A training for staff and supervisors to assist clients through the SSDI and SSI process and a great way to understand SSI and SSDI benefits and to get updates on changes.* Maryland Works, 10270 Old Columbia Rd., Suite 100, Columbia. Sponsored by Maryland Works, Jay Stewart, 410-381-8660.

**Mar. 4, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Play Techniques for Children with Autism: Ages 2-5.** *Discussion of types of play and techniques to promote skills.* The Shafer Center for Early Intervention, 132 Business Center Dr., Reisterstown. Offered by The Shafer Center for Early Intervention's Parenting Series, 410-517-1113.

**Mar. 4, 12:15 PM. \*Understanding Applied Behavior Analysis (30 min).** *Webinar designed to assist educators and parents.* Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=655>. FREE.

**Rescheduled for April 7, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. MCPS Educational Placements and Services for Diploma-Bound Students on the Autism Spectrum - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Placement Forum.** *Learn about new placements planned for next year, as well as programs that already exist within MCPS. MCPS administrators will present the educational placements and services in grades K-12 for children with Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, and PDD-NOS. Information will build on the general overview provided last year.* Location TBA. Co-sponsored by Extraordinary Minds and MCPS, Staci Daddona, 301-910-9032, [sdaddona@xMinds.org](mailto:sdaddona@xMinds.org), [www.xMinds.org](http://www.xMinds.org).

**Mar. 4, 2:00 - 3:00 PM. \*Webinar - Overcoming Barriers to 1-to-1 Computing.** *Join three experts for an in-depth discussion of putting mobile computing devices in the hands of every student.* Offered by Education Week, <https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&eventid=190691&sessionid=1&key=93C91715BAD197DBEF3B141DDOC5BA55>.

**Mar. 4, 4:00 PM. \*Barriers to Employment for People with Mental Illness.** *Learn how these barriers can be overcome.* Camille Kendall Academic Center, Bldg. III, 9636 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville. Offered by The Universities at Shady Grove and the Rockville Institute for the Advancement of Social Science, as part of their Contemporary Social Issues Seminar Series, <http://www.rockvilleinstitute.org/news/012110.asp>

**Mar. 4, 11, 18, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Parent Toolbox: Autism Spectrum Disorders**, (Thurs. 6:30 - 8:30 PM), \$30/session, \$75/series, \$110/couple/series. *Three session interactive workshop for parents of ASD school-age children (ages 6-11). Focus on understanding and addressing your child's unique character.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by Jewish Social Services, Alison Dorsky, LCSW-C and Jamell White, LCSW-C, 301-610-8358, [http://www.jssa.org/workshopsandgroups#Adoption\\_Programs](http://www.jssa.org/workshopsandgroups#Adoption_Programs).

**Mar. 4, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Meet and Greet Your Board of Education Members.** *Board members will answer your questions and discuss the Board's efforts to improve achievement for all students.* Carver Educational Services Center, Rm. 114, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

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**Mar. 4, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Preparing for the Job Interview.** *A staffing specialist from the MCPS Office of Human Resources will review how to update your resume, dress for success and present yourself in a way to ace that job interview.* White Oak Middle School, 12201 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

**Mar. 4, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Teen Drinking and Driving: Learn the Consequences.** *Conducted in collaboration with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office this workshop is for parents and students.* Montgomery Blair High School, 51 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

**Mar. 4, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Understanding the Parents' Role in the IEP Process (En Español).** *Josie Thomas of the Parents' Place of Maryland will present this workshop for parents of children with disabilities and professionals.* The Arc of MC, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. Sponsored by the Arc of MC, Haydee DePaula, 301-984-5777 ext. 265.

**Mar. 4, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Loving Your Kid Without Losing Your Mind, \$25.** *Michael Bradley, Ed.D., author of "Yes! Your Teen is Crazy" will present.* Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring DR., Bethesda. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Mar. 5, 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Parenting Today's Teen: Surviving Disrespect, Defiance & Risky Behaviors, \$40.** *Michael Bradley, Ed.D., author of "Yes! Your Teen is Crazy" will present.* Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Mar. 6, 8:15 AM - 3:00 PM. Parenting Matters: Raising Successful Children.** *Free conference for parents and family members on topics ranging from health, financing college, early childhood, helping with homework and much more. There will also be a Youth Leadership Academy for children ages 6 - 14 with activities, games and exercises. Childcare for up to 50 children ages 2-5 will also be available.* Wor-Wic Community College, 3200 Campus Dr., Salisbury. Organized by the Maryland Parental Information Resource Center and the Eastern Shore Regional Special Advisory Committee, registration required at: <http://www.mdpirc.org/conference/March6.html>

**Mar. 6, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. \*Multisensory Mathematics with Manipulatives, \$60/LDAMC members, \$120; CEUs.** The Siena School, 9727 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Co-sponsored by the Siena School and the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center as the Workshop Series, 301-592-0567, <http://www.thesienaschool.org/>, [www.ASDEC.org](http://www.ASDEC.org). Rescheduled from Feb. 6.

**Mar. 6, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. \*Executive Functioning - The Maryland Council for Exceptional Children 2010 Spring Conference, FREE.** *Keynote speaker: Donna Lauerhahs. Attendees will learn the neuropsychology behind executive functioning as well as strategies and techniques to improve executive function within the classroom and in everyday life. Attendees are invited to stay for lunch and the 2011 International CEC Convention at National Harbor kickoff event. Pre-registration required and limited to the first 80 people.* Universities at Shady Grove, Bldg. I, Rm. 203, 9630 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the Maryland Council for Exceptional Children, the Maryland Council for Learning Disabilities and the Towson University-Universities at Shady Grove student chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children, [www.mdcec.org/web/](http://www.mdcec.org/web/). Registration deadline: Feb. 14.

**Mar. 6, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Maryland PTA Regional Training.** *PTA officers, treasures, incoming and returning leaders are invited to this training. Topics covered will include - making a budget, setting goals, running a meeting, keeping records and minutes and much more.* Centreville Middle School, 231 Ruthsburg Rd., Centreville. Sponsored by the Maryland PTA, 800-707-7972, [officeadministrator@mdpta.org](mailto:officeadministrator@mdpta.org), registration deadline: Mar. 3. Breakfast & lunch provided.

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**Mar. 6, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. When Anxiety Takes Over Your Life - Understanding Anxiety, Practical Tips, How to Find Treatment.** *Learn the difference between normal anxiety and an anxiety disorder, discover what is known about anxiety disorders, find out about scientifically proven treatments and take home tips for yourself, a child, spouse, parent and other loved ones.* Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Galena Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor), 700 Aliceanna St., Baltimore. Sponsored by the Anxiety Disorders Association of America (ADAA) as part of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, [www.adaa.org](http://www.adaa.org), 240-485-1001.

**Mar. 6, 12:00 - 3:00 PM. College Fair for Students with Disabilities.** *Representatives from more than 30 2 year and 4-year colleges and career schools will be present to answer questions about the delivery of disability support services on their campuses.* Burrill Galleria, Howard Community College. Sponsored by Project Access, for more information call Dr. Linda Schnapp, 410-772-4625, [lschnapp@howardcc.edu](mailto:lschnapp@howardcc.edu), [http://www.howardcc.edu/students/academic\\_support\\_services/project\\_access/](http://www.howardcc.edu/students/academic_support_services/project_access/).

**Mar. 6, 1:00 - 3:00 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 how to manage your own anger and how to help your child.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Mar. 6, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Hands on Demonstration for People with Learning Disabilities.** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school) with demonstration of what's available at the Rockville Computer Lab for people with learning disabilities. Due to limited seating registration is required.* Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

**Mar. 8, 9:30 AM. The Maddux School - Open House.** *Serves children ages 3 ½ to 6 ½ who experience difficulties with sensory integration, pragmatic language, fine/gross motor skills or play strategies.* 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville, 301-469-0223, <http://www.ivymount.org/Maddux.cfm?subpage=39>.

**Mar. 8 - Application Deadline, 12:00 PM. Maryland Parent Leadership/Action Network** (training sessions on 3 weekends April through June and 3 weekend sessions Sept. - Nov., 2010). *The goal of this project is to increase the advocacy and leadership skills of parents of children with developmental disabilities and for students, ages 18 - 21 with developmental disabilities, so that they can effect change at a community and statewide level to support meaningful participation and inclusion of students with disabilities in their neighborhood schools.* Central Maryland Area, TBA. Offered by the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education, applications and more information at [http://www.mcie.org/conf\\_events.asp](http://www.mcie.org/conf_events.asp), 410-859-5400.

**Mar. 8, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Mastering the Art of Encouragement**, donation accepted. *Learn how to be a more encouraging parent.* Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services as a Y's Words: Library Workshop. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

**Mar. 9 -11. PTA National Legislative Conference, \$.** *Join other PTA members in analyzing the latest federal public policy priorities affecting families, schools and communities. There will be workshops, panel discussions, and visits with congressional leaders.* Offered by the National PTA, [http://www.pta.org/national\\_legislative\\_conference.asp](http://www.pta.org/national_legislative_conference.asp).

**Mar. 9, 9:30 AM. Katherine Thomas School Open House.** *Serves grades pre-K-12 with learning differences.* Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Marjorie Theard, 301-738-9691. (Also April 13 & May 11, 2010).

**Mar. 9, 7:00 PM. Dyslexia Over a Lifetime.** *A panel of young adults/adults with dyslexia and parents of young adults with dyslexia will discuss their educational experiences.* Friendship School, 1545 Progress Way, Eldersburg. Offered by the Friendship School as a Community Speaker Series, 410-552-6880.

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**Mar. 9, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Straight Talk: Helping Your Child Make Good Decisions.** *Students face many complicated issues. This workshop will include role-play and discussion to help students solve problems.* Benjamin Banneker Middle School, 14800 Perrywood Dr., Burtonsville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

**Mar. 9, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Montgomery College "Disability Support Services" (DSS) Information Session.** *Students, parents, teachers and counselors are invited to this session. Topics to be covered include: application process, documentation requirements, appropriate course placement, expectations of college students and the types of services provided by DSS. DSS provides supports for students with disabilities.* Technical Center Bldg., Rm. 136, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Offered by MC Disability Support Services, 240-567-5058.

**Mar. 9, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Adult Autism Resource Group - Independent Living with Special Needs.** *Barbara Pope the director of Special Needs Assisted Living at Sunrise Senior Living, will talk.* 508 Hampton La., Towson. Sponsored by the BCC-ASA Adult Autism Resource Group, Linda Pearl, 410-769-9500, lrpearl@verizon.net.

**Mar. 9, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Consequence: 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 to promote a more cooperative and respectful home.* Capital Area Pediatrics, Ashburn Village Practice, 44050 Ashburn Shopping Plaza, Suite 189, Ashburn. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Mar. 10, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. \*The Truth About AAC Funding**, \$84/member; \$99/non-member. AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., suite 1601, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, Susan Garber, 410-381-2667, <http://www.matcoop.org/training/training.html>.

**Mar. 10, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Circus of the Senses.** *Free tickets for children with hearing impairments and other disabilities. Excellent opportunity to experience the excitement of a circus under the big top. ASL interpreters, and option to have live audio play-by-play description broadcast through wireless headsets.* Dulles Town Center, 45630 Dulles Town Center Blvd., Sterling. Big Apple Circus, Circus of the Senses, Pia Cooperman, 212-268-2500, <http://www.bigapplecircus.org/community/circus-of-the-senses.aspx>. Ticket applications due Feb. 3, 2010.

**Mar. 10, 6:00 PM. Coppin State University: On-The-Spot Admissions/Scholarships Evening.** Norwood High School, 919 University Blvd., West, Silver Spring. Sponsored by MCPS, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/events/specialevents.aspx>

**Mar. 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Maryland Assessments.** *Come and learn about the Alt-MSA, the Mod-MSA and the MSA and how they affect your children. Guest speakers will be Philip Lynch and Myra Byrom from MCPS.* Arc of MC, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. Sponsored by the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education, Rebecca Mondonedo, 800-899-8837.

**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. 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Ayudar a los Jóvenes a Manejar el Enojo**, se agradecen donaciones. Biblioteca de White Oak, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring. Ofrecido por el YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services. Matrícula e información en español, 301-587-5700, ext. 2578.

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**Mar. 10, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Sad or Something More Serious: A Guide to Adolescent Depression,** \$15/person, complete series of 10, \$100/person. *Presentation by Dr. Karen Swartz, Director, Adolescent Depression Awareness Program, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.* Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series on Issues of Parenting, Managing & Teaching the Learning Disabled, Emily Marchetti, 202-944-3083, [emily.marchetti@labschool.org](mailto:emily.marchetti@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/content/lectureregistrationform>.

**Mar. 11, TBD. \*Visuals to Support Children in the Classroom,** \$149/1.5 hours. *Webinar designed to assist educators.* Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=655>.

**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. 11, 8:15 - 10:10 AM & 11:20 AM - 1:15 PM. Thomas Edison Tour.** *Students and parents are invited to learn more about the career oriented programs in 19 subject areas including biotechnology, automotive technology, electricity, network operations, carpentry, plumbing, professional restaurant management and interior design at Thomas Edison.* Thomas Edison High School, 12501 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring. Hosted by Thomas Edison High School, 301-929-6920, reservation required, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/edison/>.

**Mar. 11, 9:45 AM - 1:45 PM. \*Make It Go! (L. Carman),** \$67/member; \$79/non-member. AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., suite 1601, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, Susan Garber, 410-381-2667, <http://www.matcoop.org/training/training.html>.

**Mar. 11, 12:30 - 2:00 PM. Parental Advocacy.** *Erin Leatherwood will teach you how to speak for your child and raise awareness in your family, community, and with policy makers.* Pathfinder for Autism Resource Center, 303 International Circle, Suite 110, Cockeysville. Sponsored by the Autism Resource Center, registration required at: [http://www.acteva.com/ttghits.cfm?EVA\\_ID=31282](http://www.acteva.com/ttghits.cfm?EVA_ID=31282), Mary Beth Collins, 410-330-5370.

**Mar. 11, 6:00 - 8:00 PM Batteries Not Included - Family Science Night.** *Program for middle school children and their families to explore our great big universe.* NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Explorer Dr., Greenbelt. Sponsored by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, 301-286-3912, <http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/epo/families/registration/>, <http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/epo/families/fsn.php>, [fsn@sdoepo.gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:fsn@sdoepo.gsfc.nasa.gov).

**Mar. 11, 6:15 - 8:15 PM. \*Identification, Understanding & Addressing Learning Disabilities in School-Aged Children,** \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. *Presented by Lisa Lenhart, Ph.D. Focus will also be given to understanding a child's perspective of having a learning disability.* 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, [www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org).

**Mar. 11, 7:30 PM. NAMI Educational Meeting - Cognitive Behavior Therapy** (2nd Thurs., 7:30 PM). *Dr. Elisa Efron from Children's National Medical Center will speak about CBT. What is it, who is it appropriate for and answer questions.* NAMI, 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Montgomery County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; 301-949-5852.

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**Mar. 11, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Montgomery College "College Access Program" (CAP) Information Session.** *High school juniors and seniors with documented learning disabilities and parents are invited to attend this information meeting. Topics to be covered include: application process, documentation requirements, appropriate course placement, expectations of college students and the types of services provided by CAP. Students currently enrolled in the program will talk about their experiences. CAP is designed to develop the academic skills of students with learning disabilities.* Technical Center Bldg., Rm. 136, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Offered by MC Disability Support Services, 240-567-5058, <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/lcpr/>.

**Mar. 11, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Integration into the Community - Options - Montgomery County Transitioning Young Adults (MCTrans).** *Beth Albanese will discuss how recreation therapists can help channel individuals into activities that are transferable since they are rewarding, age appropriate, financially affordable and balance work or volunteer routine.* 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/>

**Mar. 11, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar-Beyond Placement: Family Adjustment to Foster Care Adoption, \$25.** *This webinar is for parents.* Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionsupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

**Mar. 12, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. \*The Saddest Song: Teens, Suicide and the Developing Brain, \$189** before Mar. 1, CEUs. *Presentation by Heather Higgins. Strategies will be shared to help teens effectively cope with the adversity, depression, anxiety and stress associated with adolescence and challenging life circumstances.* Hilton Garden Inn - Owings Mills, 4770 Owings Mills Blvd., Owings Mills. Offered by the Upside Down Organization, 410-870-2481, [www.upsidedownorganization.org](http://www.upsidedownorganization.org).

**Mar. 12, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. MCCPTA Reflections Awards Ceremony, Showcase & Reception.** Montgomery College, Germantown Campus, Globe Auditorium, 20200 Observation Dr., Germantown. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Reflections Committee, Melissa McDonald, [mccptareflections@yahoo.com](mailto:mccptareflections@yahoo.com).

**Mar. 12, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Open Forum Counseling - RESPECT: Making It Come Alive in Your Family** (\$11/person; \$16/couple; \$5/9 & up, childcare available). *For all family members ages 9 and up.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Mar. 13, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Computer Lab.** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school) on a topic to be determined. Due to limited seating registration is required.* Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

**Mar. 13, 10:00 AM. Lindamood-Bell Spring Open House.** *Learn about programs for reading, comprehension and math. Presentations, activities for children and refreshments.* 3201 New Mexico Ave, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lindamood-Bell Learning Center, 202-237-7695, [washingtondc.center@lindamoodbell.com](mailto:washingtondc.center@lindamoodbell.com)

**Mar. 13 - April 17, 1:00 - 5:00 PM (Sat.). Parent-to-Parent Training-Comprehensive Course About AD/HD, \$145; \$100/CHADD Members.** *A multi-session interactive educational program for adults and parents of children and adolescents with ADHD. Topics include overview of AD/HD, assessments, multi-modal treatment, impact on family, developing effective parenting strategies, working with schools to build an education team that works and an overview of 504 and IDEA.* McLean School of Maryland, 8224 Lochinver La., Potomac. Offered by The Montgomery County Chapter of CHADD, questions call 301-560-4215, [youngbodywork@hotmail.com](mailto:youngbodywork@hotmail.com). Downloadable registration form at: <http://www.chadd-mc.org/2009/p2p-montgomery/>.

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**Mar. 13, 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Parent Workshop “Raising Happiness”, \$20/person, \$35/couple, \$10/child.** *Learn the methods for more joyful children and happier parents. There will be a program for children age 2 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade as well .* Oneness-Family School, 6701 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase. Sponsored by the Oneness-Family School, [www.onenessfamily.org](http://www.onenessfamily.org).

**Mar. 14, April 11, & May 2, 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Sibshops, \$30/3 meetings snacks included\*.** *For kids ages 8-13 with a sibling who has developmental or special health needs. Meet other children, have discussions and fun.* Arc of MC, Conf. Rm., 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. Co-hosted by Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital and the Arc of MC, (registration form also at <http://www.arcmontmd.org/> - click on “News & Events”, then click on “Meetings & Workshops” then on “Information & Referrals”). For more information or to register call 410-578-5169. \*Limited number of scholarships available. Registration Deadline: Mar. 5.

**Mar. 14, 3:00 - 5:00. GIRL POWER: Reach for the Sky in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics.** *Hands on Activities - Demonstrations, displays, career representatives, and talk to professional women in STEM careers of aerospace, computer science, electrical engineering, geology, information technology, engineering, space mission engineering and much more.* Kossialkoff Center, The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, 111000 Johns Hopkins Rd., Laurel. Hosted by The Women’s Giving Circle of Howard County with the support from the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory and the Math Engineering Science Achievement, for more information contact Kristin Metz Mentz, [womensgivingcircle@verizon.net](mailto:womensgivingcircle@verizon.net), [www.womensgivingcircle.org](http://www.womensgivingcircle.org).

**Mar. 15, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Positive Time-Out and Other Strategies (\$30/person; \$55/couple; \$25/PEP member; \$45/PEP couple).** *For parents of children ages 1.5 - 5. Learn about the positive method of time-out with young children.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**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. 16, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Partnering with Parents: Establishing a Good Parent-Teacher Team,** \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. *Presented by Sally Neuberger, LCSW.* 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, [www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org).

**Mar. 16, 7:15 - 8:30 PM. Food Allergies Everywhere! So What Am I To Feed My Child?, \$30.** *Dr. James Matthey, pediatrician and allergist, presents.* Har Shalom Early Childhood Education Center, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered as part of the Parent University Series by the Har Shalom Early Childhood Education Center and Early Intervention Associates (\$30 prepaid, \$35/at the door), 301-468-9343, [aries453@aol.com](mailto:aries453@aol.com), [www.parentuniv.org](http://www.parentuniv.org).

**Mar. 17, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM. \*An Introduction to Computer Access Solutions, \$71/member; \$84/non-member.** AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., suite 1601, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, Susan Garber, 410-381-2667, <http://www.matcoop.org/training/training.html>.

**Mar. 17, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. National Children’s Center Open House.** *Learn more about the academic and therapeutic programs offered to students ages 12-21.* National Children’s Center, 410a University Blvd., W, Silver Spring. Offered by National Children’s Center, Maryland Campus, Janelle Spraggins, 301-593-3948.

**Mar. 17, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Special Needs Briefing - TRICARE ECHO Program.** *Sandi Johnson, RN, Special Needs Case Management Coordinator, will discuss the TRICARE ECHO program.* Fort Meade Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave., Fort Meade. RSVP to Caraline Someck, 301-677-4122, [caraline.someck@us.army.mil](mailto:caraline.someck@us.army.mil).

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**Mar. 17, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The Special Education Process (in Spanish).** *Learn more about the special education process and how to support your child's learning.* Gaithersburg Elementary School, 35 North Summit Ave., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

**Mar. 17, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. El Proceso de Educación Especial (en español).** *Aprenda cómo es el proceso del educación especial y cómo apoyar el éxito académico de su hijo.* Gaithersburg Elementary School, 35 North Summit Ave., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

**Mar. 17, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Helping Kids Deal With Anger,** donation accepted. *Learn how to help our kids process their anger in productive ways.* Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Rd., Bethesda. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services as a Y's Words: Library Workshop. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

**Mar. 17 & 24, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Little Known Secrets of Paying for College, \$ 40.** *Discover strategies that may help you qualify for financial aid, acquire scholarships, maximize your wealth and minimize your tax exposure.* Sherwood High School, 300 Olney-Sandy Springs Rd., Sandy Springs. Offered by Montgomery College Workforce Development and Continuing Education, course # 35118, <http://acervcs.montgomerycollege.edu/course/courselistings.aspx>, 240-567-5188.

**Mar. 18, TBD. \*Teaching Strategies for Students with Autism, \$149/1.5 hours.** *Webinar designed to assist educators.* Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=655>.

**Mar. 18, 8:15 - 10:10 AM & 11:20 AM - 1:15 PM. Thomas Edison Tour.** *Students and parents are invited to learn more about the career oriented programs in 19 subject areas including biotechnology, automotive technology, electricity, network operations, carpentry, plumbing, professional restaurant management and interior design at Thomas Edison.* Thomas Edison High School, 12501 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring. Hosted by Thomas Edison High School, 301-929-6920, reservation required, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/edison/>.

**Mar. 18 - 19, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Job Search Boot Camp, \$197** (fee assistance based on need). *Unearth the hidden job market, coordinate your job search, write a door opening resume, create an effective personal branding, use networking to form key business relationships and ace that difficult job interview.* 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA Employment and Career Services, Judy Smith, 301-610-8380, [careerinfo@jssa.org](mailto:careerinfo@jssa.org).

**Mar. 18, 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Parenting A Child Who Has Intense Emotions Using DBT Skills.** *WebCafé presentation by Pat Harvey, LCSW-C. If temper tantrums, battles over homework or tears from nowhere are getting in the way of your child's success then this workshop on how Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills can be used to help your child regulate emotional outbursts and aggressive behaviors is for you.* Offered by the Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health, Carol Callenza, 888-607-3637, [callenza@mdcoalition.org](mailto:callenza@mdcoalition.org), [www.mdcoalition.org](http://www.mdcoalition.org).

**Mar. 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Motivating Your Child to Succeed.** *Get tips and strategies. Bring your questions and take home information to help engage your child in learning.* Tilden Middle School, 11211 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

**Mar. 18, 7:30 - 8:30 PM. Sibling Survival: A Workshop for Brothers and Sisters of A Child with ASD.** *Workshop for siblings ages 6 - 18 who have a sibling with autism spectrum disorder. Topics include ways to be supportive, improving communication and having fun together.* Auburn School, 13525 Dulles

Technology Dr., Herndon. Offered as the Auburn School Free Workshop for Families and Professionals, 703-793-9353, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/>.

**Mar. 18, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Processing Speed: Impact on Learning and Social Skills (3rd Thurs.).** *Dr. Maureen Donnelly presents.* Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring DR., Bethesda. Sponsored by The Gifted with Learning Differences Educational [Networkjomada@verizon.net](mailto:Networkjomada@verizon.net).

**Mar. 18, 7:30 PM. How to Land a Top-Paying Federal Job.** *Lily Whiteman, a federal hiring manager, career coach and writer will provide tips for those seeking to enter the public sector workforce.* Barnes & Noble, Montrose Crossing Shopping Center, 12089 Rockville Pike, Rockville. Co-sponsored by Barnes & Noble and JSSA's Employment and Career Center, more information at: <http://store-locator.barnesandnoble.com/event/3029478>.

**Mar. 18, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Defusing Sibling Rivalry** (\$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.* Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Rd., Vienna. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.PEPparent.org](http://www.PEPparent.org).

**Mar. 19-21, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Montgomery County Science Fair - Science MONTGOMERY 2010.** *Open to all 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Montgomery County. Students may enter without competing in a local school fair.* University of Maryland, Reckord Armory Bldg., College Park. Sponsored by ScienceMontgomery, an affiliate of the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, [www.ScienceMONTGOMERY.org](http://www.ScienceMONTGOMERY.org). Registration deadline: Feb. 12, 8:00 PM.

**Mar. 19, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. 10 Secrets to A Stress-Free Home & School Workshop for Parents & Teachers.** *Join us for a humorous, practical workshop with Kirk Martin.* Fort Belvoir Elementary School, 5700 Meeres Rd., Bldg. 1700, Fort Belvoir. Sponsored by the Fort Myer ACS Family Advocacy Program, 703-696-3512/6511 or TTY 703-696-4675.

**Mar. 19, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. \*Parents & Teachers Workshop.** Crossroads Methodist Church, 43454 Crossroads Dr., Ashburn. Offered by Kirk Martin, <http://www.celebratecalm.com/Events.html>.

**Mar. 20, 8:15 AM - 3:00 PM. Parenting Matters: From Cradle to College and Careers.** *Free conference for parents and family members on topics ranging from health, financing college, early childhood, helping with homework and much more. There will also be a Youth Leadership Academy for children ages 6 - 14 with activities, games and exercises. Childcare for up to 30 children ages 2-5 will also be available.* Patuxent High School, 12485 Southern Connector Blvd., Lusby. Organized by the Maryland Parental Information Resource Center and the Southern Maryland Regional Special Advisory Committee, registration required at: <http://www.mdpirc.org/conference/March20.html>.

**Mar. 20, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. \*Written Language and the LD Student: Approaches and Practical Strategies,** \$120 includes materials and lunch (\$110 Feb. 1). *Workshop includes an overview of teaching and reinforcement of writing skills as well as breakout sessions on writing instruction for elementary/middle school students and middle/high school/college students.* The Siena School, 9727 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Co-sponsored by the Sienna School and the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center as the Workshop Series, 301-592-0567, <http://www.thesienaschool.org/>.

**Mar. 20, 10:00 AM. Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Movie,** \$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, est. 115, [www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms](http://www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms).



**Mar. 20, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Let's Get It Started - Youth Job Fair 2010.** *Job expo for young people ages 16 - 21. Bring your resume and a positive attitude.* Montgomery College Rockville Campus, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Co-sponsored by Montgomery County Dept. of Recreation, [www.letsgetitstartedyouthjobfair.com](http://www.letsgetitstartedyouthjobfair.com)

**Mar. 20, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Open Forum Counseling - Why Children Settle for Less than Their Best In School** (\$11/person; \$16/couple; \$5/9 & up, childcare available). *For all family members ages 9 and up.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**May 20, 7:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Related Services: The Roles of Occupational Therapists, Speech/Language Pathologists and Social Workers with Students on the Autism Spectrum.** *Workshop will explain some of the ways these professionals can provide support for students with ASD, both at home and at school.* Auburn School, 13525 Dulles Technology Dr., Herndon. Offered as the Auburn School Free Workshop for Families and Professionals, 703-793-9353, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/>.

**Mar. 22, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Computer Smart** (Part 3 of 3). *Learn from a MCPS Technology teacher and catch up with your kids. Open an Ed-line account, explore the MCPS Website and learn about Microsoft Office programs.* Earle B. Woods Middle School, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

**Mar. 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Getting Up and Out (and Other Scheduling Torments),** donation accepted. *Get some tips on how to keep your busy schedule on track and with less stress.* Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services as a Y's Words: Library Workshop. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

**Mar. 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Preparing Our Children for Employment - GIFTSNVA,** 4<sup>th</sup> Mon., 7:00 - 9:00 PM. *This month's speaker, Dale S. Brown, nationally known author and expert on employment for the disabled will be speaking. Parents will meet various service providers.* Reston Bible Church, Rm. 121, 11979 North Shore Dr., Reston. To join affiliated Yahoogroup or more information contact Kathy Kuhl or Pat Whittle, <GiftsNVA-owner@yahoogroups.com> include ages of children.

**Mar. 22, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Allowances: Early Lessons in Money Management** (\$30/person, \$55/couple; \$25/PEP member; \$55/PEP couple). *For parents of children ages 5 - 18. Learn how to help your children develop their money management skills.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Mar. 23, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. \*Working with Angry Students and Those Who Just Don't Care!,** \$199. *Seminar features Dr. Reggie Melrose with research-based solutions that work. Participants receive 12 video lessons on Response to Intervention.* BWI Airport Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Rd., Baltimore. Offered by Ideas Unlimited Seminars, Roger, 309-662-5016, <http://www.ideasunlimitedseminars.com/gpage3.html>

**Mar. 23, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Chelsea School Open House.** *Serves grades 5-12 with a multi-sensory approach.* 711 Pershing Dr., Silver Spring, 301-585-1430, ext. 303, [www.chelseaschool.edu](http://www.chelseaschool.edu). (Also April 22).

**Mar. 23, 9:45 - 11:45 AM. Stop the Yelling, Start the Cooperation** (\$30/person, \$55/couple; \$25/PEP member; \$55/PEP couple). *For all parents. Learn how to break the cycle of yelling and create a more cooperative household.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

**Mar. 23, 9:45 AM - 1:45 PM. \*Device Differentiation: How It Impacts "Consideration". (L. Carman),** \$67/member; \$79/non-member. AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., suite 1601, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, Susan Garber, 410-381-2667, <http://www.matcoop.org/training/training.html>.

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**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/>.

**Mar. 23, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Navigating the Financial World of the Special Needs Family.** 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.

**Mar. 24, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. \*Working with Angry Students and Those Who Just Don't Care!, \$199.** *Seminar features Dr. Reggie Melrose with research-based solutions that work. Participants receive 12 video lessons on Response to Intervention.* Crown Plaza Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean. Offered by Ideas Unlimited Seminars, Roger, 309-662-5016, <http://www.ideasunlimitedseminars.com/gpage3.html>

**Mar. 24, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM. \*Boardmaker: Out of the Box Basics, \$84/member; \$99/non-member.** AT:LAST Inc., Assistive Technology Learning Center, 7050 Oakland Mills Rd., suite 1601, Columbia. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, Susan Garber, 410-381-2667, <http://www.matcoop.org/training/training.html>.

**Mar. 24, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Playseum Special Needs Day, \$5/person.** *All the rooms and activities will be geared towards special needs children and their families.* Playseum, 700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Offered by the Playseum, Gina Seebacan, 301-807-5497.

**Mar. 24, 1:00 - 3:30 PM. \*Webinar - Jack's Brain, Jill's Brain: Gender Differences in the Classroom and Why They Matter, \$99.** *Learn about the research on how the brains of females and males are developmentally, structurally and functionally different.* Offered by the Upside Down Organization, 410-870-2481, [www.upsidedownorganization.org](http://www.upsidedownorganization.org).

**Mar. 24, 2:00 - 3:00 PM. \*Webinar - Understanding the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act, \$50.** *Presenter: James Rosenfeld.* Offered by the Advocacy Institute, <http://www.advocacyinstitute.org/academy/index.shtml>.

**Mar. 24 - May 12, 4:00 - 5:00 PM. High Schoolers Can Relate, (Wed, 4:00 - 5:00 PM), \$65/session,** may be insurance reimbursable. *Co-ed support group for high schoolers with disabilities addressing social skills issues. Learn skills for making friends, initiating and maintaining conversations, expressing feelings and understanding nonverbal cues.* 200 Wood Hill Rd. Rockville. Offered by JSSA, Lauren Feuerstein, LGSW, 301-610-8355. (Mar. 24 - May 12, 2010).

**Mar. 24, 6:30 PM. College and Workforce Experience of Homeschooled Students.** *Jim Reitchlmier of Circle School will present.* Urbana Library, 9020 Amelung St., Frederick. Sponsored by the Freedomhill Cooperative, D\_chasin@hotmail, [www.freedomhillmd.org](http://www.freedomhillmd.org).

**Mar. 24, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Considering Separation and Divorce: Legal and Financial Essentials, \$35.** *Learn how to "untie the knot". Program will present the financial, legal and emotional issues lead by a financial planner, attorney and divorce coach.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd. Rockville. Offered by JSSA, 301-610-8374.

**Mar. 24, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. By the Numbers: Talking and Reasoning About Mathematics.** *Learn from a MCPS math expert how to get your children thinking about math and making real world connections.* Burtonsville Elementary School, 15516 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

**Mar. 24, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. La Crianza en Equipo,** se agradecen donaciones. Biblioteca de Long Branch, 8800 Garland Ave., Silver Spring. Ofrecido por el YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services. Matrícula e información en español, 301-587-5700, ext. 2578.

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**Mar. 24, 7:15 - 9:15 PM. When Support Does Not Feel Supportive: Making the Most of Relationships with Professionals and Extended Family,** (4th. Wed., 7:15 PM, registration; 7:30 - 9:15 PM, Speaker Meeting). *Erica Berger will focus on the skills that help parents to better assess what is happening in the sometimes complicated relationships for families coping with ADHD.* Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by CHADD of MC as the monthly Speaker Program Meeting, [www.chadd-mc.org](http://www.chadd-mc.org), [chadd100@gmail.com](mailto:chadd100@gmail.com).

**Mar. 25, 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Public Meeting on Employment for People with Disabilities.** *People with disabilities and their advocates can comment on the employment needs of people with disabilities at this meeting and during a statewide teleconference on April 8.* Humanin, Inc., 1701 N. Gay St., Baltimore. Sponsored by DORS and MSRC, 410-554-9435, 888-554-0334, [dors@dors.state.md.us](mailto:dors@dors.state.md.us), [www.dors.state.md.us](http://www.dors.state.md.us).

**Mar. 25, TBD. \*Is It A Big Problem or A Little Problem? - Preschool Version - When to Worry, When Not to Worry and What to Do (30 min).** *Webinar designed to assist educators and parents.* Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=655>. FREE.

**Mar. 25, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Video Games - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.** *Ed Spector will discuss how children and adolescents who have ADHD, learning disabilities and depression interact differently with electronic media than those without these issues.* The Nora School, 955 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring. Offered as the Nora School Lecture Series, Janette Patterson, 301-495-6672, [janette@nora-school.org](mailto:janette@nora-school.org), <http://www.nora-school.org/>.

**Mar. 26 - Applications Due. Medical Career Pathway.** *High school sophomores and juniors interested in exploring careers in the health care industry can apply for this career pathway program for 2010-11. Details at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/science/applications/>.* Offered by MCPS.

**Mar. 27, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Conference on Faith, Deafness & Disabilities - Creating Communities Where All Are Welcome, \$15.** *Find out what new programs and services are available for persons who are deaf and individuals who have disabilities.* Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 6001 Western Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute of Catholic Charities, Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, Deaf-REACH and Potomac Community Resources, Inc., Peg Kolm, 301-853-4560. Flyer at [http://www.adw.org/service/pdf/10disab\\_conf.pdf](http://www.adw.org/service/pdf/10disab_conf.pdf). Registration at <http://www.adw.org/service/2010conference.asp>. (Postponed from Feb. 13 due to weather)

**Mar. 27, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Portable Book Readers.** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school) to learn about what's available for people who like their books electronic and portable, both print and audio. A variety of models will be available.* Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

**Mar. 31 - Application Deadline for The 2010 Maryland Hispanic Youth Symposium, \$10** (all other expenses, lodging, transportation and food will be covered.) **June 29 - July 2.** *Hispanic students (sophomore or junior in the fall of 2010 with a GPA of 2.5) will have the opportunity to connect with Hispanic mentors, attend workshops on college admissions and financial aid, compete for scholarships and meet with college admissions officers from local school. Following the conclusion of the symposium students will be enrolled in the year-round programming of the Hispanic Youth Institute.* Towson University. Offered by the Hispanic College Fund, Inc., 800-644-4223, <http://www.hispanicyouth.org/symposium-maryland>. Application deadline Mar. 31.

**Mar. 31. Application Deadline for Project Access-Summer Institute, \$560** (non-Howard Co. residents) **July 6 - 30, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.** *A unique program designed to help high school students (9-12 grade) with disabilities develop some of the skills they will need to transition into post secondary education. Instruction in writing, reading, study skills, career development, Internet, drama and self-advocacy. Bus*

transportation for Montgomery County students may be available. Howard Community College, Columbia. Offered by Project Access, for more information and applications call Dr. Linda Schnapp, 410-772-4625, lschnapp@howardcc.edu, [http://www.howardcc.edu/students/academic\\_support\\_services/project\\_access/SummerInstitute.html](http://www.howardcc.edu/students/academic_support_services/project_access/SummerInstitute.html).

**Mar. 31, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Least Restrictive Environment Access Group.** *Workshops on inclusion, Universal Design of Learning (UDL), education technology related to UDL and much more.* Arc of MC, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education, the Arc of Montgomery County, and MCPS, Dept. of Special Education, Penny Veerhoff, 240-676--1073.

**Mar. 31, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Success Stories of Adults with Learning Disabilities: How Assessment Can Be Used To Meet Goals,** \$15/person, complete series of 10, \$100/person. *Presentation by Dr. Robert L. Mapaou, Clinical Neuropsychologist, William Stixrud & Assoc.* Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series on Issues of Parenting, Managing & Teaching the Learning Disabled, Emily Marchetti, 202-944-3083, [emily.marchetti@labschool.org](mailto:emily.marchetti@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/content/lectureregistrationform>.

**April - Nov. Maryland Parent Leadership/Action Network** (training sessions on 3 weekends April through June and 3 weekend sessions Sept. - Nov., 2010). *The goal of this project is to increase the advocacy and leadership skills of parents of children with developmental disabilities and for students, ages 18 - 21 with developmental disabilities, so that they can effect change at a community and statewide level to support meaningful participation and inclusion of students with disabilities in their neighborhood schools.* Central Maryland Area, TBA. Offered by the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education, applications and more information at [http://www.mcie.org/conf\\_events.asp](http://www.mcie.org/conf_events.asp), 410-859-5400.

**April 1, 9:00 AM. \*Maryland Council for Exceptional Children Conference,** \$, CEUs. *Details to come.* Sponsored by MD Council for Exceptional Children, <http://www.mdcec.org/web/?q=events>.

**April 1, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. \*Transitioning Students with Disabilities - Supporting Students' Needs on the Post Secondary Level - 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference,** early-bird fee-\$TBA, regular fee-\$TBA, CEUs. *For parents & professionals. Over a dozen workshops with Maryland experts - keynote speaker - to be announced. Accommodations, such as sign language interpreter, enlarged print/Braille materials or others available upon request.* Howard Community College, 10901 Patuxent Parkway, Smith Theater, Columbia. Sponsored by Project Access, Dr. Linda Schnapp, 410-772-4625, lschnapp@howardcc.edu, [http://www.howardcc.edu/students/academic\\_support\\_services/project\\_access/Events.html](http://www.howardcc.edu/students/academic_support_services/project_access/Events.html).

**April 1, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Applied Behavior Analysis and Verbal Behavior (ABA/VB), Hanen (More Than Words Program), Relationship Development Intervention (RDI) and Pivotal Response Training (PRT).** *An overview of the basics will be presented.* The Shafer Center for Early Intervention, 132 Business Center Dr. Reisterstown. Offered by The Shafer Center for Early Intervention's Parenting Series, 410-517-1113.

**April 1, 4:00 PM. \*The Health Disparities Solution - Is It Merely Putting Theory into Practice?** *Learn what the key issues are and how they can be addressed.* Camille Kendall Academic Center, Bldg. III, 9636 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville. Offered by The Universities at Shady Grove and the Rockville Institute for the Advancement of Social Science, as part of their Contemporary Social Issues Seminar Series, <http://www.rockvilleinstitute.org/news/012110.asp>

**April 1, 27 & May 7, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Parent Toolbox for Preschoolers,** \$30/session, \$75/series, \$110/series/couple. *Three session interactive workshop for parents of young children. Topics will include temperament managing meltdowns, fostering self control, conflict management, strengthening parent-child relationships, and building peer interactions.* JCCGW, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Offered by Jewish Social Services and JCCGW, pre-registration required, 301-348-3837.



**April 2, 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM. \*The Pragmatics of Treating ADHD: Improving Daily Life Management and Executive Functioning Skills, \$110, CEUs, discount if registered before Mar. 17. Dr. Carol Robbins will be presenting.** Chesapeake ADHD Center, 8607 Cedar St., Silver Spring. Offered by the Chesapeake ADHD Center, 301-562-8448.

**April 3, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Computer Lab.** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school) to bring and talk about portable readers.* Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

**April 6, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Sensory Integration Strategies for the Classroom, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door.** *Presented by Brigid Baker, OTR/L.* 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, [www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org).

**April 6, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Understanding of Residential Options and How to Plan Financially.** 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.

**April 7, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. MCPS Educational Placements and Services for Diploma-Bound Students on the Autism Spectrum - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Placement Forum.** *Learn about new placements planned for next year, as well as programs that already exist within MCPS. MCPS administrators will present the educational placements and services in grades K-12 for children with Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, and PDD-NOS. Information will build on the general overview provided last year. Location TBA. Co-sponsored by Extraordinary Minds and MCPS, Staci Daddona, 301-910-9032, [sdaddona@xMinds.org](mailto:sdaddona@xMinds.org), [www.xMinds.org](http://www.xMinds.org).*

**April 7, 6:45 - 8:45 PM. Guardianship.** *One of the Educational Seminars for Family Members Caring for Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Learn when and how to take this important step.* 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.

**April 7, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Bright Kids Who Struggle: Overcoming Obstacles and Realizing Potential.** *Rich Weinfeld presents.* Flint Hill School, Olson Theatre, East Campus, 10409 Academic Dr., Oakton. Co-sponsored by Educational Connections, Flint Hill School and In Step PC, 703-934-8282, 301-469-6060, [admin@ectutoring.com](mailto:admin@ectutoring.com), [www.ectutoring.com](http://www.ectutoring.com).

**April 8 - 10, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. \*Autism Training Institute & Resource Fair, \$.** *Intensive, interactive training for parents, educators, medical practitioners and direct support professionals. More than 75 vendors will attend the resource fair.* Location to be announced. Sponsored by Montgomery College, Madison House Foundation and Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human Service Aging and Disability Services, Karla Nabors, 240-567-1660, [karla.nabors@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:karla.nabors@montgomerycollege.edu).

**April 8 - 11. \*Defeat Autism Now Spring Conference, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.** *For clinicians and parents.* Baltimore. Sponsored by Defeat Autism Now, 877-644-1184, <http://www.defeatautismnow.com/>.

**April 8 - May 13, 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Steps to Success: Life Skills for High Schoolers, (Thurs., 6:00 - 7:00 PM, \$240/6 sessions).** *Designed for high school students ages 15 - 18 with high functioning Asperger's syndrome or related disorders to assist them in gaining independence through learning various life skills. Focus on organization, time management, scheduling and planning and stress management.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by Jewish Social Services Agency, 301-610-8355, [http://www.jssa.org/workshopsandgroups#Autism\\_Spectrum\\_Disorders](http://www.jssa.org/workshopsandgroups#Autism_Spectrum_Disorders). (April 8 - May 13, 2010).

**April 8, 6:00 - 8:00 PM Now You See It...Now You Don't - Family Science Night.** *Program for middle school children and their families to explore our great big universe.* NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Explorer Dr., Greenbelt. Sponsored by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, 301-286-3912,

<http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/epo/families/registration/>, <http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/epo/families/fsn.php>,  
fsn@sdoepo.gsfc.nasa.gov.

**April 8, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. \*Martha Denckla: Teaching Boys and Girls with ADHD, \$30.** *Dr. Martha Denckla will discuss the ways students with ADHD learn differently and how we can address these differences.* The Siena School, 9727 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Sponsored by the Sienna School as the Workshop Series, 301-592-0567, <http://www.thesienaschool.org/>.

**April 8, 7:30 PM. NAMI Educational Meeting - Children with Anxiety (2nd Thurs., 7:30 PM).** *Dr. Erin Martin presents.* NAMI, 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Montgomery County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; 301-949-5852.

**April 8, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. GUIDE Independence Program - Montgomery County Transitioning Young Adults (MCTrans).** *Lauren Thomas, director, will talk about new programs in Montgomery County to support young adults, 18 - 24 with mental illness and behavior challenges.* MC Arc, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. Affiliated yahoogroup located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MCTrans/> or subscribe by sending message to [MCTrans-subscribe@yahoogroup.com](mailto:MCTrans-subscribe@yahoogroup.com). Group co-moderator - Reda Sheinberg, [rjsheinberg@yahoo.com](mailto:rjsheinberg@yahoo.com), <http://www.mctransitions.org/>

**April 9 - Applications Due. Fire Science Career Pathway.** *High school sophomores and juniors interested in exploring careers in the Fire Science which educates and trains students to become firefighters and/or emergency medical service providers, can apply for this career pathway program for 2010-11. Students earn certifications, which will allow them to work alongside MC firefighters and rescue staff. Details at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/science/applications/>.* Offered by MCPS.

**April 9, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. \*The Orton-Gillingham Approach - An Overview (All Grades), \$185, 6 CEUs.** *Workshop for parents, educators, speech and language pathologists, and administrators, which will present the Orton-Gillingham approach through interactive, hands on activities.* 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/files/u1/2010WinterSpring\\_Final\\_e\\_.pdf](http://www.labschool.org/files/u1/2010WinterSpring_Final_e_.pdf).

**April 10, 10:00 AM. How to Train Your Dragon - Movie, \$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, est. 115, [www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms](http://www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms).

**April 10, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Computer Lab Clinic.** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school) to bring their questions. Due to limited seating registration is required.* Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

**April 13, 9:00 AM – 1:15 PM. \*Language Development and the Young Student At Risk for Learning Disabilities (Grades PreK - 2), \$125, 4 CEUs.** *Workshop given by speech/language pathologists and class room teachers will explain the signs that signal significant difficulty in learning basic academic and social skills and how these manifest themselves in the classroom.* 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/files/u1/2010WinterSpring\\_Final\\_e\\_.pdf](http://www.labschool.org/files/u1/2010WinterSpring_Final_e_.pdf).

**April 13, 9:30 AM. Katherine Thomas School Open House.** *Serves grades pre-K-12 with learning differences.* Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Marjorie Theard, 301-738-9691. (Also May 11, 2010).

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**April 13 - May 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Y's Words: Parenting Children**, req. text: \$20; class fee: \$30. *Down to earth and practical strategies to parent children.* 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).

**April 13, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Adult Autism Resource Group - Innovative Ventures.** *Jim Kucher, Director of the Entrepreneurial Opportunity Center, University of Baltimore, will talk.* 508 Hampton La., Towson. Sponsored by the BCC-ASA Adult Autism Resource Group, Linda Pearl, 410-769-9500, [lrpearl@verizon.net](mailto:lrpearl@verizon.net).

**April 14, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. \*"You're Going to Love This Kid": Educating Students with Autism in Inclusive Schools**, \$125. *An interactive workshop presented by Dr. Paula Kluth which will focus on the pushing beyond access and participation and asking schools to challenge students.* Chase Suite Hotel Rockville, 128 Piccard Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education, 410-859-5400, [www.mcie.org](http://www.mcie.org). Registration deadline April 8.

**April 14, 21 & 28, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Multi-Sensory Phonetic Reading Methods**, \$150. *A 3-session mini-course for tutors, teachers, parents and aspiring educators. Professionals working with students at the kindergarten-elementary school levels will get an overview of methods that can be used to teach children to decode words and syllables and advance into reading.* 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, [www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org).

**April 14, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Adult Lab School Students Share Their Life, Work and Learning Experiences**, \$15/person, complete series of 10, \$100/person. *Presentation by lab school students moderated by Peg O'Donnell.* Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series on Issues of Parenting, Managing & Teaching the Learning Disabled, Emily Marchetti, 202-944-3083, [emily.marchetti@labschool.org](mailto:emily.marchetti@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/content/lectureregistrationform>.

**April 15, TBD. \*Is It A Big Problem or A Little Problem? - Preschool Version - When to Worry, When Not to Worry and What to Do (30 min).** *Webinar designed to assist educators and parents.* Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=655>. FREE.

**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 15, 12:30 - 2:00 PM. Asperger's in Adults and In Couples & Families.** *Dr. Alex Szollos will discuss diagnosis and treatment in adulthood.* Pathfinder for Autism Resource Center, 303 International Circle, Suite 110, Cockeysville. Sponsored by the Autism Resource Center, registration required at: [http://www.acteva.com/ttghits.cfm?EVA\\_ID=31282](http://www.acteva.com/ttghits.cfm?EVA_ID=31282), Mary Beth Collins, 410-330-5370.

**April 15, 6:15 - 8:15 PM. \*Understanding, Helping & Coping with Bullies in the Classroom**, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. *Presented by Lisa Lenhart, Ph.D.* 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, [www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org).

**April 15 - May 30, 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).

**April 15, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Writing: The Final Frontier (3rd Thurs.).** *A program on the challenges of writing for students with learning or attentional issues.* Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring DR., Bethesda. Co-sponsored by The Gifted with Learning Differences Educational [Networkjomada@verizon.net](mailto:Networkjomada@verizon.net), LDAMC and CHADD of MC.

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**April 16, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. \*Bullying, Boredom and Other Bad Habits: Brain Inspired Approaches to Problem Behavior**, \$189 before April 6, CEUs. *Presentation by Frank J. Kros. Workshop will offer an alternative set of tools for reaching those hard to reach learners in any school setting.* Hilton Garden Inn - Owings Mills, 4770 Owings Mills Blvd., Owings Mills. Offered by the Upside Down Organization, 410-870-2481, [www.upsidedownorganization.org](http://www.upsidedownorganization.org).

**April 16, 4:00 - 9:00 PM & April 17, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. 2010 Maryland State Home School Curriculum Fair**, \$5/person; \$10/family, FREE - MACHE members. *Home school exhibits, information and much more.* Frederick County Fairgrounds, 797 E. Patrick St., Frederick. Sponsored by the Maryland Association of Christian Home Educators (MACHE), <http://machemd.org/Event-CFair.asp#1>, 301-607-4284.

**April 17. \*Great Expectations!** Baltimore. Promoted by the Parents' Place of Maryland, [www.calendarwiz.com/ppmd](http://www.calendarwiz.com/ppmd), Josie Thomas, [josie@ppmd.org](mailto:josie@ppmd.org).

**April 17 - June 5, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. \*Special Needs Advocacy Training Institute: Everything An Advocate Needs to Know**, \$1,500, 3 Credits Graduate Level. *4 session workshop for parents and professionals looking for a deeper understanding of special education law, and resources available to work cooperatively and to advocate for the needs of children. Course based on Rich Weinfeld and Michelle Davis's Special Needs Advocacy Resource Book.* Montgomery College Silver Spring/Takoma Park Campus, Health Sciences Bldg., 7977 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by The Special Needs Advocacy, LLC and Montgomery College Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Rich Weinstein, 301-681-6233 or Michelle Davis, 301-593-5166, <http://specialneedsadvocacyinstitute.com/advocacy-training.html>, limited financial assistance available.

**April 17, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Ask MCPS.** *Drop by for coffee and conversation. Have your questions answered and pick up tips on how to support learning at home.* Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCPS Department of Family and Community Partnerships, 301-309-6277.

**April 17, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Living on the Fault Line: Where Race and Family Meet**, \$40. *Join a panel of transracially adopted adults for a film viewing and discussion of their own personal stories.* CASE, 4000 Blackburn La., Suite 260, Burtonsville. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptiontogether.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

**April 18, 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Kids Connection Conference- Why Family Rituals Matter and How to Create Your Own**, \$40/1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> child, \$25/additional child; \$35/parent (register by Mar. 1 and save \$5/attendee). *15<sup>th</sup> annual conference for adoptive families with workshops for parents and children, book sale and refreshments.* Johns Hopkins University, 9605 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the Center for Adoptive Families, <http://www.adoptiontogether.org/specialevents.asp>, 301-422-5110, [caf@adoptiontogether.org](mailto:caf@adoptiontogether.org).

**April 18, 2:00 PM. Norbel School Open House.** *School serves students grades 1 thorough 12 with learning differences.* Norbel School 6135 Old Washington Rd., Elkridge, 410-796-6700, [www.norbelschool.org](http://www.norbelschool.org).

**April 19 & 21, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. \*Special Needs - Special People**, \$ 75. *This class provides an overview of typical and atypical child development stages and how caregivers can learn to identify them.* Montgomery College, Takoma Park Campus. Offered by Montgomery College Workforce Development and Continuing Education, course # 35308, <http://mc.symplicitynetworks.com/course/CourseView.aspx>, 240-567-5188.

**April 20, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*I Don't Care About You: Encouraging Tolerance & Flexibility in Young Children**, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. *Presented by Sally Neuberger, LCSW.* 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, [www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org).

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**April 21, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. \*The Singapore Math Model Drawing (Grades 1 - 6), \$185, 6 CEUs.** *Workshop will cover an overview of the strengths of the Singapore Math program and explore how it builds problem-solving skills through a logical progression from concrete to pictorial to abstract.* 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/files/u1/2010WinterSpring\\_Final\\_e\\_.pdf](http://www.labschool.org/files/u1/2010WinterSpring_Final_e_.pdf).

**April 22, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. \*Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Conference,** \$90/parents; \$140/professional; \$140/couple before Mar. 3. *This workshop provides an overview of IDEA 2004 along with useful advocacy strategies. Three books: From Emotions to Advocacy; All About IEPs; Special Education Law are included in the registration fee.* Comfort Inn Conference Center, 4500 Crain Hwy., Bowie. Sponsored by the Parents' Place of Maryland, Suzie Shannon, 410-768-9100, [suzie@ppmd.org](mailto:suzie@ppmd.org)

**April 22, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar-Adoption and Sexuality, \$25.** *This webinar is for parents.* Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionssupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525. Registration deadline: Feb. 26.

**April 22, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Chelsea School Open House.** *Serves grades 5-12 with a multi-sensory approach.* 711 Pershing Dr., Silver Spring, 301-585-1430, ext. 303, [www.chelseaschool.edu](http://www.chelseaschool.edu).

**April 22, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. TRICARE And Other Benefits for Military Parents of Individuals with Autism and Other Cognitive Disabilities & Short "Safety Considerations for Parents of Individuals with Autism and Other Cognitive Disabilities".** *This workshop for military parents with guest speaker Scott Campbell will cover medical benefits and safety issues for children. Reservations required for class, on-site child care and free snacks.* Army Community Service, 980 Belvoir Rd, Bldg. 200, Fort Belvoir. RSVP Marcia O'Connor, EFMP manager, 703-696-8467, TTY 703-696-4675.

**Abril 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. \*Cuando los Hijos no Tratan, \$15/persona; \$25/pareja, CEUs a un costo de \$10.** Exenciones disponibles. Traducción en español disponible. *Luce Baldwin presenta.* Suburban Hospital Auditorium, 8600 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Ofrecido por el YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services and the Suburban Hospital, matrícula e información en español, 301-587-5700, ext. 2578. For more details about CEUS call 301-229-1347. Reasonable accommodations available on request by April 12 at 301-229-1347.

**April 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. \*When Kids Don't Try, \$15/person; \$25/couple, CEUs.** Fee waivers available. Traducción en español disponible. *Luce Baldwin 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). For more details about CEUS call 301-229-1347. Reasonable accommodations available on request by April 12 at 301-229-1347.

**April 23 - 24. Accessibility Summit 2010 (\$100 before Mar. 1).** *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, Rosie Oakley, [accesssummit@mcleanbible.org](mailto:accesssummit@mcleanbible.org), 703-770-2918, [www.accessibilitysummit.org](http://www.accessibilitysummit.org).

**April 23, 7:00 PM. Free Reading Screening.** *For children ages 6 - 10.* Friendship School, 1545 Progress Way, Eldersburg. Offered by the Friendship School as a Community Outreach Program, call 410-552-6880, ext. 173 for an appointment.

**April 24, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. \*Demystifying Autism: An Inside-Out Perspective, \$15.** *A workshop for anyone and everyone involved with individuals on the autism spectrum presented by William Stillman.* North Point High School, 2500 Davis Rd., Waldorf. Co-sponsored by the Parents' Place of Maryland and the Charles County Parent Center, 301-934-7456.

**April 24, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Adaptive Technology for People Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions*

for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school) to learn about the range of technologies that is available to communicate from hand-held to desktop. Kamran and Susan Cohen will lead this session. Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

**April 26, TBA. Federal Hiring Expo for People and Veterans with Disabilities.** *Representatives from many federal agencies will be review resumes prior to this event and inviting prospective candidates for interviews. To help prospective candidates prepare for this event there will be 3 pre-expo webinars: "Why Work for the Federal Government?", "Preparing a Resume for Federal Employment" and "Obtaining Your Schedule A Documentation". More information and details will be on the OPM website after Mar. 8 .* Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Office of Disability Employment Policy of the US Dept. of Labor, <http://www.opm.gov/index.asp>

**April 27, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. \*When to Refer A Child for A Speech-Language Evaluation,** \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. *Presented by Torie Rodriguez, M.S., CCC-SLP. 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville.* Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, [www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org).

**April 28, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Least Restrictive Environment Access Group.** *Workshops on inclusion, Universal Design of Learning (UDL), education technology related to UDL and much more.* Arc of MC, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education, the Arc of Montgomery County, and MCPS, Dept. of Special Education, Penny Veerhoff, 240-676--1073.

**April 29, 4:00 PM. \*Health Communication in the New Millennium: Getting Health Information to a Population Through New Media.** *Learn how blogs, apps, games and more can be used to get health information to the right audiences.* Camille Kendall Academic Center, Bldg. III, 9636 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville. Offered by The Universities at Shady Grove and the Rockville Institute for the Advancement of Social Science, as part of their Contemporary Social Issues Seminar Series, <http://www.rockvilleinstitute.org/news/012110.asp>

**April 30, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. \*Special Education Law and Advocacy Training,** \$90/parent; \$140/professional; \$140/couple before Mar. 2. *One-day special Wrightslaw training program with Pete Wright.* Comfort Inn Conference Center, 4500 Crain Hwy, Bowie. Sponsored by the Parents' Place of Maryland, <http://www.wrightslaw.com/speak/10.04.md.htm>, Suzie Shannon, 800-394-5694, 410-768-9100, [Suziey@ppmd.org](mailto:Suziey@ppmd.org).

**May 1, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Computer Lab.** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school). Topic to be determined.* Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

**May 4, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. \*How to Encourage Oral Expression in Young Children,** \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. *Presented by Torie Rodriguez, M.S., CCC-SLP. 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville.* Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, [www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org).

**May 5, 6:45 - 8:45 PM. Wishes and Future Planning.** *One of the Educational Seminars for Family Members Caring for Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities.* 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.

**May 6, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Financial Planning.** *A financial planner will provide advice on how to provide for your family even during an economic downturn.* The Shafer Center for Early Intervention, 132 Business Center Dr., Reisterstown. Offered by The Shafer Center for Early Intervention's Parenting Series, 410-517-1113.

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**May 6, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. What is LRE?** *Josie Thomas of the Parents' Place of Maryland will clarify what the Federal and Maryland definition is of Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and what it means for children.* The Arc of MC, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. Sponsored by the Arc of MC, Haydee DePaula, 301-984-5777 ext. 265.

**May 7, 12:30 - 4:00 PM. Prekindergarten/Head Start Registration.** *Income-eligible children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2010 can be registered for these programs. A limited number of spaces are available in Head Start for children who will be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2010. Parents are encouraged to register early. Complete information about documents to bring, community registration events and extended hours can be found at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/earlychi/prekhsregistration.shtm>.* Cinnamon Woods Community Center, 18400 Cinnamon Dr., Germantown. Offered by MCPS, 301-230-5462, TTY 301-230-5462.

**May 8, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. SciLife Spring 2010.** *Activities where students (grades 9-12) explore health and medical science careers in greater depth. Must have participated in the fall program (Oct. 24).* NIH, Natcher Auditorium, Bldg. 45, 9000 Rockville. Offered by NIH Office of Science Education, <https://science.education.nih.gov/scilife.nsf/WebPages/Home+Page>.

**May 8, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Computer Lab.** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school). Topic to be determined.* Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

**May 10 & 14, TBD. Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES) Teacher Training, FREE.** *Share your knowledge of French, Mandarin Chinese or Spanish with young children. Gain experience teaching in an elementary school setting with the support of FLES supervisors.* Location TBA. Offered by the MCCPTA - EPI FLES, [classes@fles.org](mailto:classes@fles.org).

**May 10, 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM. \*"The Out-of-Sync Child" & "Building Bridges with Sensory Integration",** \$150/professional, \$120/family member, students, \$70/person with autism; CEUs. *Carol Kranowitz will present "the Out-of-Sync Child" and Paula Aquila will present "Building Bridges with Sensory Integration".* Turf Valley Resort, 2700 Turf Valley Rd., Ellicott City. Offered by Future Horizons, Inc., <http://fhsensory.com/>, 800-489-0727.

**May 11, 9:30 AM. Katherine Thomas School Open House.** *Serves grades pre-K-12 with learning differences.* Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Marjorie Theard, 301-738-9691.

**May 11, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Ways to Prevent Hitting, Biting & Other Forms of Bad Behavior,** \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. *Presented by Beverly Celotta, Ph.D. to professionals working with children between the ages of 2.5 - 6.* 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, [www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org).

**May 11, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Adult Autism Resource Group.** *Diana Martin, Alex's Art Loft, will talk.* 508 Hampton La., Towson. Sponsored by the BCC-ASA Adult Autism Resource Group, Linda Pearl, 410-769-9500, [lrpearl@verizon.net](mailto:lrpearl@verizon.net).

**May 11, 7:15 - 8:30 PM. Assessing and Treating Childhood Anxiety Disorders,** \$30. *Dr. Bonnie Zucker presents strategies to help your child learn to cope.* Har Shalom Early Childhood Education Center, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered as part of the Parent University Series by the Har Shalom Early Childhood Education Center and Early Intervention Associates (\$30 prepaid, \$35/at the door), 301-468-9343, [aries453@aol.com](mailto:aries453@aol.com), [www.parentuniv.org](http://www.parentuniv.org).

**May 12, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar-The Dream of Adoption and the LGBT Community,** \$25. *This webinar provides an overview of LGBT adoption and resources.* Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionssupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

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**May 12, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Prekindergarten/Head Start Registration.** *Income-eligible children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2010 can be registered for these programs. A limited number of spaces are available in Head Start for children who will be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2010. Parents are encouraged to register early. Complete information about documents to bring, community registration events and extended hours can be found at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/earlychi/prekhsregistration.shtm>.* Fox Chapel Elementary School, 19315 Archdale Rd., Germantown. Offered by MCPS, 301-230-5462, TTY 301-230-5462.

**May 13, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. \*Psychological Assessment of Learning Disabilities: Understanding the Psychoeducational Evaluation for Non-Psychologists, \$185, 6 CEUs.** *Workshop will help those who interpret psychological reports to understand the meaning of test scores by focusing on unlocking the mysteries of long complicated evaluations and unexplained terminology.* 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/files/u1/2010WinterSpring\\_Final\\_e\\_.pdf](http://www.labschool.org/files/u1/2010WinterSpring_Final_e_.pdf).

**May 13, 6:00 - 8:00 PM Searching for Other Worlds - Family Science Night.** *Program for middle school children and their families to explore our great big universe.* NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Explorer Dr., Greenbelt. Sponsored by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, 301-286-3912, <http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/epo/families/registration/>, <http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/epo/families/fsn.php>, [fsn@sdoepo.gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:fsn@sdoepo.gsfc.nasa.gov).

**May 13 - June 3, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Love and Logic: Teaching Children Responsibility, \$150/person; \$200/couple.** *This seminar will use videos, books and interactive lecturing to .* CASE, 4000 Blackburn La., Suite 260, 4000 Blackburn La., Suite 260, Burtonsville. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionssupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

**May 13, 7:30 PM. NAMI Educational Meeting - Hearts and Minds (2nd Thurs., 7:30 PM).** *Learn about this NAMI program that promotes the quality of life and recovery for those who live with mental illness.* NAMI, 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Montgomery County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; 301-949-5852.

**May 14. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual World of Possibilities Expo: disAbilities, Healthy Aging and Independent Living, \$3.** *Offers the opportunity to know about the latest products, services, technology and resources for persons with disabilities and their caretakers. Informative workshops and free benefits planning and help desk. EmployABLE Career Fair will also be part of the expo.* Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2000 York Rd., Timonium. Sponsored by Caring Communities, Mona Freedman, 410-549-5707, 1-866-227-4644, [www.caringcommunities.org](http://www.caringcommunities.org).

**May 15, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM. Prekindergarten/Head Start Registration.** *Income-eligible children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2010 can be registered for these programs. A limited number of spaces are available in Head Start for children who will be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2010. Parents are encouraged to register early. Complete information about documents to bring, community registration events and extended hours can be found at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/earlychi/prekhsregistration.shtm>.* Upper County Community Center, 8201 Emory Grove Rd., Gaithersburg. Offered by MCPS, 301-230-5462, TTY 301-230-5462.

**May 15, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Gaithersburg Book Festival.** *Will include authors of both local and national acclaim. Writers' workshops and fun activities for children.* Gaithersburg City Hall Grounds, 31 S. Summit Ave., Gaithersburg. Sponsored by City of Gaithersburg, Carolyn Crosby, 301-258-6350, ext. 173, [www.gaithersburgmd.gov/book](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/book).

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



**May 22, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Non-Keyboard Access to Computers.** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school). Come to see and discuss a variety of software and hardware that can make it possible or easier for people to use computers without keyboards.* Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

**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.

**May 26, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Least Restrictive Environment Access Group.** *Workshops on inclusion, Universal Design of Learning (UDL), education technology related to UDL and much more.* Arc of MC, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education, the Arc of Montgomery County, and MCPS, Dept. of Special Education, Penny Veerhoff, 240-676--1073.

**May 29, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Computer Lab "Hands Off".** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school). Come to discuss and try out "hands off" (keyboard free) technology. Due to limited seating registration is required.* Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

**June 1, 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.

**June 5, 9:00 - 10:00 AM (part A - preschool years); 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (part B - 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades). Ages and Stages For Adoptive Families: Talking to Children About Adoption, \$50/couple (part A & B); \$35/couple (part A or B).** *Workshop will teach parents to understand what children understand and think about adoption and how to encourage children to comfortably share their adoption story.* CASE, 4000 Blackburn La., Suite 260, 4000 Blackburn La., Suite 260, Burtonsville. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionsupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

**June 5, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - Computer Lab.** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school). Topic to be determined.* Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

**June 8, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar-Love is Not Enough: Parenting in Transracial Adoption, \$25.** *This webinar will explore the special challenges of being a transracial family.* Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionsupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

**June 8, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Adult Autism Resource Group - RISE Program.** *Morris Tranen will talk about this initiative project of the Maryland State Department of Education's Division of Rehabilitation Services.* 508 Hampton La., Towson. Sponsored by the BCC-ASA Adult Autism Resource Group, Linda Pearl, 410-769-9500, [lpearl@verizon.net](mailto:lpearl@verizon.net).

**June 26, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Session - GPS.** *One of the Library's Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions for parents, adults and students (elementary through high school). Come learn how Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) can be useful in your daily life while getting "lost" in Rockville Town Square. Registration is required.* Rockville Library, Computer Lab, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Rockville Disability Resource Center, 240-777-0959, TTY 240-777-0902.

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**June 27 - 28. Family Science Over - Night.** *Program for middle school children and their families to explore our great big universe. Registration limited to previous participants of the NASA Family Night.* NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Explorer Dr., Greenbelt. Sponsored by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, 301-286-3912, <http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/epo/families/registration/>, <http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/epo/families/fsn.php>, [fsn@sdoepo.gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:fsn@sdoepo.gsfc.nasa.gov).

**June 29 - July 2. 2010 Maryland Hispanic Youth Symposium, \$10** (all other expenses, lodging, transportation and food will be covered). *Hispanic students (sophomore or junior in the fall of 2010 with a GPA of 2.5) will have the opportunity to connect with Hispanic mentors, attend workshops on college admissions and financial aid, compete for scholarships and meet with college admissions officers from local school. Following the conclusion of the symposium students will be enrolled in the year-round programming of the Hispanic Youth Institute .* Towson University. Offered by the Hispanic Youth Institute, 800-644-4223, <http://www.hispanicyouth.org/symposium-maryland>. **Application deadline - Mar. 31.**

**July 6 - 30, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Project Access-Summer Institute, \$550** (Howard Co. residents), \$560 (non-Howard Co. residents; some scholarships available based on financial need). *A unique program designed to help high school students (9-12 grade) with disabilities develop some of the skills they will need to transition into post secondary education. Instruction in writing, reading, study skills, career development, Internet, drama and self-advocacy. Montgomery County students will be assisted in forming carpools.* Howard Community College, Columbia. Offered by Project Access, for more information and applications call Dr. Linda Schnapp, 410-772-4625, [Ischnapp@howardcc.edu](mailto:Ischnapp@howardcc.edu), [http://www.howardcc.edu/students/academic\\_support\\_services/project\\_access/SummerInstitute.html](http://www.howardcc.edu/students/academic_support_services/project_access/SummerInstitute.html). **Application deadline - March 31,2010.**

**July 9 - 10, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Northern Virginia Home Education Conference, \$30/couple** (2 days); \$25/couple (Sat. only); \$20/couple (Fri. only). *Keynote speaker team are Michael and Elizabeth Smith. There will be over 45 workshops to help you prepare to teach your children. Used book sale on Saturday along with many exhibitors.* Dulles Expo & Conference Center, 4368 Chantilly Center, Chantilly. <http://www.novaconference.net/>, 888-560-8080, [registration@novaconference.net](mailto:registration@novaconference.net).

**July 15, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar-The Value of Family Therapy for Adoptive Families, \$25.** *Learn how adoption competent family therapy can help families understand their concerns and learn new ways to interact around the issues.* Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionssupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

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