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Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Transition

Series

and  
The Arc of the Central  
Chesapeake Region

ADULT



## **The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region**

### **Mission Statement**

*Advocates for the rights of all citizens with mental retardation/developmental disabilities and their families.*

*Provides dynamic support to enhance their quality of life that results in real choices, responsibilities, power and opportunity.*

*Promotes community education on issues related to mental retardation/developmental disabilities.*

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## **Anne Arundel County Public Schools**

### **Division of Special Education**

#### **Philosophy**

*All students can and will learn.*

*Provide appropriate learning experiences for all students.*

*Recognize and understand the unique nature of each student.*

*Promote the worth and dignity of each student.*

*Strive for the educational success of every student.*



# The Life Transition Series

The Life Transition Series is comprised of seven workshops designed to provide families of students with disabilities, transitioning from school to adult services, with valuable information and resources to facilitate a successful transition. Each session will focus on a specific topic providing information that is crucial for preparing for adult life.

Target Audience:

*Persons with developmental disabilities and their parents/guardians.*

The seminars are planned and facilitated by:

- *The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region*
- *The Division of Special Education of Anne Arundel County Public Schools*
- *Partners for Success of Anne Arundel County Public Schools*

The Life Transition Series is open to all families interested in increasing their knowledge on the specific topics. All sessions are free. Six of the sessions will be held at Woods Memorial Church. *Transition Night* will be held at Marley Glen School.

Topics include:

- *Transitioning Planning*
- *Adult Services (Transition Night)*
- *SSI/SSDI (Social Security Benefits)*
- *Financial Planning*
- *Guardianship*
- *DDA Services*
- *MicroEnterprise/  
Self Employment*

**To register for any of our free seminars, please email or call one of the following persons:**

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# What are Transition Services

## *Developing a Transition Plan*

Date: **Wednesday, September 23, 2009**

Time: **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Location: **Woods Memorial Church  
611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.  
Severna Park, MD 21146**

Room: **Fellowship Hall**

Presenters: **Michele Dilegge, AACPS  
Katy Schieman, AACPS  
Kristina Cooley, AACPS  
Jackie Peters, AACPS**

This workshop is for parents and students who want to gain knowledge about the transition process and learn how to develop an effective transition plan.

Topics will include:

- *Federal and State requirements*
- *Preparing the student for transition planning*
- *Identifying appropriate post-secondary goals*
- *Identifying appropriate transition activities*
- *Critical elements to a successful transition plan*
- *Overview of adult services*

**Please register for this workshop.**



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# Transition Night

## *Resources for Individuals with Disabilities*

Date: **Wednesday, October 14, 2009**

Time: **6:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

Location: **Marley Glen School  
200 Scott Avenue  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060**

Making the transition from the public school system into adult services can be a stressful time. Early planning is crucial. Take the time now to find out what services and programs are available. Over 25 agencies and organizations that provide services to individuals with disabilities in Anne Arundel County will be invited to attend this event. Transition Night is recommended for parents whose son or daughter will be in need of on-going support during his or her adult life. Students are encouraged to attend.

**It is not necessary to register for Transition Night.**



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# What Are My Benefits?

## *Social Security: SSI & SSDI*

Date: **Wednesday, November 4, 2009**

Time: **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Location: **Woods Memorial Church  
611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.  
Severna Park, MD 21146**

Room: **Fellowship Hall**

Presenter: **Social Security Field Representative**

Join us in learning about SSI and SSDI.

- *What Social Security benefits are you entitled to receive?*
- *How do you get Medical Assistance?*
- *What happens when you turn 18?*
- *Can you work while receiving benefits?*
- *How do you apply for benefits?*
- *What documents do you need to apply?*
- *How long does the process take?*

**Please register for this workshop.**



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# How Can My Family Help Me?

## *Financial & Estate Planning*

Date: **Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

Time: **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Location: **Woods Memorial Church  
611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.  
Severna Park, MD 21146**

Room: **Fellowship Hall**

Presenter: **Dave Rosenthal  
Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.**

Join us for an invaluable session that will answer your questions about financial & estate planning.

- *How do we plan for my financial future?*
- *What is a special trust?*
- *How can we be sure our wishes will be respected?*
- *How do I ensure that my family's financial plans will not jeopardize my benefits or services?*
- *My family is not wealthy!  
What do I need to know about financial planning?*

**Please register for this workshop.**



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# Do I Really Need A Guardian?

## *Truths & Myths About Guardianship*

Date: **Wednesday, February 10, 2010**

Time: **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Location: **Woods Memorial Church  
611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.  
Severna Park, MD 21146**

Room: **Fellowship Hall**

Presenter: **Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum**

### *“Should I have a guardian?”*

Should I have a guardian? This is a question that often arises for persons with developmental disabilities. In particular, many parents feel that they must establish guardianship to ensure adequate care for their family member after he or she reaches a particular age. In many cases, well-meaning actions by family members can lead to unimagined consequences for other family members in the future. Each family should explore the pros and cons regarding guardianship.

Join us in learning the truths and myths about guardianship.

**Please register for this workshop.**



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# What is the Future of DDA Services?

## *Employment First Initiative*

Date: **Wednesday, March 24, 2010**

Time: **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Location: **Woods Memorial Church  
611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.  
Severna Park, MD 21146**

Room: **Fellowship Hall**

Presenter: **Colleen Gauruder**

The mission of the Developmental Disabilities Administration is to provide leadership to assure the full participation of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. In addition, DDA's goal is to promote their empowerment to access quality supports and services necessary to foster personal growth, independence and productivity.

DDA is committed to enabling all individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise the four principals of self-determination:

***Freedom** to make choices*

***Authority** over services and support*

***Responsibility** for organizing resources*

***Supports** necessary to live in the community*

Join us in learning about the future of DDA programs and services.

**Please register for this workshop.**



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# **Are Their Any Employment Options?**

## *Employment Initiatives*

Date: **Wednesday, April 21, 2010**

Time: **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Location: **Woods Memorial Church  
611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.  
Severna Park, MD 21146**

Room: **Fellowship Hall**

Presenters: **The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region  
Opportunity Builders, Inc.  
Division of Rehabilitation Services**

The Arc of Central Chesapeake Region and Opportunity Builders, Inc. (OBI) offers Micro-Enterprise, self-employment for people with disabilities. The Arc along with OBI are involved in Project Income, a collaboration with residential and employment providers from Anne Arundel county and Howard County. The program seeks new methods and techniques to address the overwhelming unemployment and under-employment issues that effect people with developmental disabilities. This group is exploring person-centered alternative employment strategies for individuals for whom traditional employment options have been unsuccessful.

The RISE Program is an initiative of the Division of Rehabilitation Services. The program's mission is to present self-employment as a vocational option to individuals with significant disabilities who are eligible to receive DORS services. Supported Business Enterprise is an option for DORS-eligible individuals with significant disabilities who will require ongoing supports to perform the functions of and operate business.

Join us in a discussion about employment options.

**Please register for this workshop.**



## Life Transition Series

All seminars are held at Woods Memorial Church except for Transition Night which is held at Marley School.

9/23/09 Transition Planning

10/14/09 Transition Night

11/4/09 Social Security

1/13/10 Financial Planning

2/10/10 Guardianship

3/24/10 DDA Services

4/21/10 Employment Initiatives

**To: Woods Memorial Church**

611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.  
Severna Park, MD 21146

**From the South:**

Take Route 2 (Governor Ritchie Highway) North  
Turn left on to Cypress Creek Road  
Turn right on to Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.

**From the North:**

Take Route 2 (Governor Ritchie Highway) South  
Turn right on to Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.



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