



## Community Events for Families and Educators Of Children with Disabilities

### Partners for Success Resource Center

The Resource Center @ Point Pleasant, 1450 Furnace Ave,  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

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May - June 2017



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### For Questions and Concerns....

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Online: <http://www.aacps.org/specialed/involvement.asp> Click on “Monthly Calendar of Events”

Para ayuda en español por favor llame al facilitador bilingüe de su escuela.

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## Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

This is your opportunity to provide direct feedback to your local school system or public agency. The survey results will be available to the public and used to highlight strengths and identify possible areas for improvement in engaging and involving parents in the special education process.: <http://mdideareport.org> Complete one survey for each child receiving special education services either by the paper survey that is sent OR online at <http://www.mdparentsurvey.com> The survey must be completed by **May 1, 2017**. Make your voice heard!

## Summer Activities

### Anne Arundel County Public Library

There is so much happening in your local library this summer for adults and children! From events such as free legal advice – “Ask a Lawyer in the Library”, to “Free Comic Book Day” (May 6<sup>th</sup>). Explore gardening, movies, story times, crafts, games (Minecraft, Chess, Bingo, and more), Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) activities and much more. Visit your local library for a copy of *Happenings! Anne Arundel County Public Library News and Events* or visit [www.aacpl.net](http://www.aacpl.net).

### 70+ Tips and Tricks for Special Needs Road Trips

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2012/05/23/70-tips-and-tricks-for-special-needs-road-trips/>

### 10 Summer Activities to Excite your Child with Special Needs

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2014/06/25/10-summer-activities-to-excite-your-child-with-special-needs/>

## Spotlight on Events

### County Council Budget Hearings

The next opportunity to advocate for education is in May when the County Council will conduct two public hearings. Anne Arundel County Special Education Advisory Committee (SECAC) welcomes your support at budget hearing meetings, to advocate for the needs of children with special needs, and support for Special Education in the education budget. The hearings are scheduled for:

**Monday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at North County High School**  
10 East 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Glen Burnie, 21061

**Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts**  
801 Chase Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

Those who wish to testify need to sign up by 6 p.m. For more information on the AACPS budget and budget cycle please go to: [http://www.aacps.org/html/press/budget/budget\\_16.asp](http://www.aacps.org/html/press/budget/budget_16.asp) For more information about providing testimony and guidelines, please contact AA-SECAC at [www.aasecac.org](http://www.aasecac.org), [info@aasecac.org](mailto:info@aasecac.org), or on Facebook AA-SECAC.

### **RISE for Autism: Resources Interventions, Support and Education for Individuals with Autism Spring Series of Parent Workshops**

**Using Visual Supports to Promote Independence for Individuals with Autism and Related Disorders**  
Presented by Shannon Majoros, M.S., C.A.S., BCBA, LBA

**Monday, May 15, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Location: Severna Park Library, 45 McKinsey Road, Severna Park, MD 21144**

**Cost - Free**

Integrating visual supports to your child's daily routine can improve independence, foster communication, and decrease challenging behavior. This workshop will include a wealth of examples to target a number of ways to use visual supports to improve success for your child.

**To Register:** <https://www.riseforautism.org/>

**Bullying of Individuals with Special Needs: What it Means and How You Can Help**

Presented by: Maureen van Stone, Esq. and Kerry Magro, M.S.

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Location: Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045**

**Cost: \$20.00/pp (includes lunch)**

**For details and to register:** <https://www.riseforautism.org/educational-workshops.html>

**Strategies to Support Social Skills for Individuals with High Functioning ASD**

Presented by Shannon Majoros, M.S., C.A.S., BCBA, LBA

**Location: The Y in Arnold, 1209 Ritchie Highway, Arnold, MD 21012**

Navigating social interactions is often the most challenging situation for individuals with high functioning autism. This workshop will provide you with an overview of these challenges and strategies to promote success

**To Register:** <https://www.riseforautism.org/>

### **Powerful Parents – Pulling It All Together: Coordinating Care for Your Child with Special Needs Free Conference for Parents**

**Saturday May 20, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00p.m.**

**Location: Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel, 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044**

For more information and to register, please go to Parents' Place of Maryland [www.ppmmd.org](http://www.ppmmd.org)

## **Able Accounts Information Sessions**

**Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

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

Join Lori Markland, Community Relations Administrator for the Maryland 529 ABLE Plan, to learn more about ABLE accounts that will roll out in October. Maryland ABLE accounts are a new way to help individuals with disabilities who experience disability prior to age 26 save money. They can be used to pay for qualified disability related expenses and can be saved without jeopardizing federal means-tested benefits such as SSI and Medicaid. Space is limited. RSVP by May 18, 2017 to [asellers@arinow.org](mailto:asellers@arinow.org) or call 443-713-3915 (voice/relay). For more information or to request accommodations for participation in this event, please contact Audrey Sellers by May 18, 2017 at [asellers@arinow.org](mailto:asellers@arinow.org) or call 443-713-3915 (voice/relay)

## **Sensory Sensitive Sundays at Chuck E. Cheese's**

**Sunday, May 7, June 3, etc.**

Chuck E Cheese's will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the first Sunday of every month, specifically for children with autism and other special needs. The venue will have reduced lighting and noise, food and games will be offered, and trained and caring staff will be present. For location information: [www.chuckecheese.com](http://www.chuckecheese.com)

## **Support Groups and Programs Schedules Around Anne Arundel County**

### **Anne Arundel County Asperger Support Group**

**Meets:** 3rd Wednesday of the month during the school year from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** St. Martin's in the Field Church, 375 Benfield Blvd, Severna, Park, MD. **Information:** [www.aacaps.org](http://www.aacaps.org), or [suehayward@engisol.com](mailto:suehayward@engisol.com), or Sue Hayward at 410-903-6661

### **Anne Arundel County Down Syndrome Connection**

**Meets:** Every other month on the 3rd Thursday of the month during the school year at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Anne Arundel Medical Center, Health Sciences Pavilion, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2001 Medical Pkwy, Annapolis, MD. **Information:** [www.downsyndromeconnection.com](http://www.downsyndromeconnection.com) or 888-279-2279

### **Anne Arundel County Public Library**

Visit website: [www.aacpl.net](http://www.aacpl.net) for a complete listing of programs and events for adults and children.

### **Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks**

Visit website for current programs:

**Information:** <http://www.aacounty.org/recparke/recreation/adaptive.cfm>

Wendy Scarborough at 410-222-7313, ext. 3554

### **Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders (CHADD) of Anne Arundel County**

**Meets:** 2nd Tuesday of the month from September to June from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Rd, Severna Park, MD. **Information:** [www.aacochadd.org](http://www.aacochadd.org) or [drcarolrobbins@gmail.com](mailto:drcarolrobbins@gmail.com)

### **Howard County Autism Society**

Visit website for events [www.howard-autism.org](http://www.howard-autism.org) Resource Center: M-F, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm.

### **Kennedy Krieger: Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)**

Visit website for current STAR presentations:

Information: <http://kennedykriegercard.eventbrite.com/>

### **Kinera Foundation, Pasadena Chapter**

**Meets:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**Location:** Cisco Center, 350 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd. Severna Park, MD  
**Information:** Amy David, [Amy@Kinera.org](mailto:Amy@Kinera.org) or [www.kinera.org](http://www.kinera.org)

### **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**

Visit website for current programs and support groups

**Information:** [www.namiamac.org](http://www.namiamac.org)

### **Parents' Place of Maryland**

Visit website for current programs, presentations, and webinars

**Information:** [www.ppm.org](http://www.ppm.org)

### **RISE for Autism**

Visit website for current events and programs

**Information:** [www.riseforautism.com](http://www.riseforautism.com)

### **Special Olympics Maryland, Anne Arundel County**

Visit website for current programs

**Information:** [www.soaamd.org](http://www.soaamd.org)

### **Talking About Curing Autism Now (TACA)**

**Meets:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

**Location:** Severna Park Baptist Church, 506 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD

<http://www.tacanow.org/local-chapters/northeast/maryland/>

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