What is Partners for Success?

Partners for Success is a collaborative effort between AACPS and MSDE to ensure parents are informed, active participants in their child’s education. The Partners for Success team proactively works to provide the tools and information necessary to empower parents to support their child's educational program. Our team assists parents with strategies to feel acknowledged, heard and respected.

Welcome Back to School 2019-20

As we begin the new year, Partners for Success wishes you a successful 2019-20 School Year. Check out these opportunities to learn more about Special Education and Family Involvement.

Save the Dates

Partners for Success Consultations

Severna Park Library  
Dec 2  10:00-12:00

Edgewater Library  
Dec 5  6:30-8:30

Mountain Road Library  
Dec 10  6:30-8:30

Grab your child's IEP or interim report and your questions for a quick personal meeting with our Partners. Reserve your specific appointment by www.aacps.org/partnersforsuccess

SECAC Resource Fair

October 22  5:30-7:30; Drop in anytime  
Severna Park Middle School

Meet community groups and organizations that provide support and resources to benefit children with disabilities, special needs and their families. AACPS Department of Special Education staff and SECAC parent volunteers will be on hand to talk with families and answer questions. All are welcome. For more information -- www.aasecac.org

Who are your Partners?

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## SECAC

AACPS needs your input ... Join the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee. Meetings are generally the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Riva Road Board of Education Building, Annapolis, MD 6:30. Learn more at [www.aasecac.org](http://www.aasecac.org)

## Happenings

### DisAbility Awareness Day

**Saturday, October 12**
11:00 – 2:00
Westfield Annapolis Mall

Join the AA County Commission on Disabilities and Community Organizations to learn the latest information on disability issues and technology.

### AACPS Family Involvement Conference

**Saturday, Nov 16, 2019**
8:30 – 1:00
Anne Arundel Community College; Pascal Center
101 College Parkway, Arnold

Mindfulness, ADHD, ScreenTime, the Adolescent Brain, Diversity, Empathy, College Prep, School Readiness, Fostering Academic Mindsets and more! There is something for everyone. [www.aacps.org/family](http://www.aacps.org/family)

## Helpful Organizations

**The Arc Central Chesapeake Region**
[thearcccr.org](http://thearcccr.org)

**Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders (CHADD) of AA County**
[drcarolrobbins@gmail.com](mailto:drcarolrobbins@gmail.com)

**Children’s Mental Health Matters Campaign**
[childrensmentalhealthmatters.org/parents-families](http://childrensmentalhealthmatters.org/parents-families)

**Center of Help**
[www.centerofhelp.org](http://www.centerofhelp.org)

**Down Syndrome Connection.** Connecting individuals to supports. [www.downsyndromeconnection.com](http://www.downsyndromeconnection.com)

**GiGi’s Playhouse.** Down Syndrome Achievement Center  [www.gigisplayhouse.org](http://www.gigisplayhouse.org)

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

**Kinera Foundation**
[www.kinera.org](http://www.kinera.org)

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**
[www.namiaac.org](http://www.namiaac.org)

**Parents' Place of Maryland**
[www.ppmd.org](http://www.ppmd.org)

**RISE for Autism**
[www.riseforautism.com](http://www.riseforautism.com)

**AA Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee**
[www.aasecac.org](http://www.aasecac.org)

**Special Olympics Maryland, Anne Arundel County**
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

**The Autism Community in Action (TACA)**
[www.tacanow.org/localchapter/northeast/maryland](http://www.tacanow.org/localchapter/northeast/maryland)