

Special Needs Events/Conferences/Meetings Oct 12th – Nov 10th

Oct. 12 & 13, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Annual Technology Showcase. Over 40 presenters and exhibitors will be discussing accessibility at home in school and in the workplace. There will be a chance to win a door prize, hands-on demonstrations and much more. Oct. 12 - Traditional Disability Services Fair. Oct. 13 - Supporting persons with disabilities in post-secondary education and employment. George Mason University Fairfax Campus, Dewberry Hall, Johnson Center, Fairfax. Sponsored by the George Mason University's Assistive Technology Initiative, the GMU Offices of Equity and Diversity Services and the GMU Office of Disabilities Services, register and see full schedule at <http://accessibility.gmu.edu/techshowcase.html>, 703-993-4329.

Oct. 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *Reading Fluency & Comprehension, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. Workshop for early childhood educators and clinicians given by Janice Jones. 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.

Oct. 13, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. *Using Visuals to Support Classroom Learning - Strategies to Support the Child with Special Needs and Individual Differences, \$60. Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=691>.

Oct. 14, 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Webinar - Access to Instructional Materials for Students with LD: Getting It Done. A panel will present an overview of the federal policies relating to access to alternative instructional material and some of the barriers that hinder quick delivery of these materials. Offered by the National Center for Learning Disabilities, register at <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/schedule/display.do?udc=1uvsttcolx8w>.

Oct. 15. Application Deadline - 2010 Dorothy Lattner Memorial Scholarship. \$1000 scholarship is awarded to an educator (includes OTs, PTs & Speech Therapists) in Montgomery County who is furthering his/her studies in the Autism field. Send letter of intent, resume and documentation of student status to MCASA. Letter of intent should include educational plans, short and long-term career goals and how training will benefit individuals with autism. MCASA, 4125 Queen Mary Dr., Olney, MD 20832, or email to autismmontgomerycounty@yahoo.com or faxed to 301-924-2222. For more information 301-652-3912, <http://www.autismmontgomerycounty.com/>.

Oct. 16, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM. Transitioning Youth Resource Fair. For young people with disabilities, their families and professionals Workshops and exhibits on college, training options and living on your own. Montgomery College, Rockville Campus, Physical Education Bldg., 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Transition Work Group, TLC's Outcomes Service, MC DHHS/Aging and Disabilities Services/Community Support Network, DORS, PCR, the Arc of MC, and MCPS, 240-777-1140, <http://www.ttlc.org/outcomes.htm>, transitionworkgroup@yahoogroup.com.

Oct. 16, 2:00 PM. Focus Group for Parents of Children with Special Needs. The Parent's Place of Maryland is surveying the needs of children with special needs ages 3 to 21 years like chronic health problems (asthma, diabetes, etc.), developmental delays, behavioral or emotional challenges, learning differences, etc. Parents of African American or Latino heritage are particularly encouraged to participate. Come and have your concerns heard. Washington College, 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown. Sponsored by Parent Place of Maryland, Mary Baskar, 410-768-9100, ext. 103, 800-394-5694, mary@ppmd.org.

Oct. 17, 1:00 PM. Making Music with Friends w. The Kennedy String Quartet. Join the Kennedy String Quartet in this interactive concert. Ivymount School, All Purpose Rm., 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by the Ivymount School and Music for Autism, RSVP: <http://www.musicforautism.org/rsvp.php>, 1-877-863-7473.

Oct. 17 - Nov. 21, 1:30 - 5:30 PM. Parent to Parent: Family Training on AD/HD-Overview of AD/HD, \$125/CHADD members; \$165/non-members for 4 sessions. Course for parents by parents - topics include what conditions may co-exist, assessment to multi-modal treatment. Holy Cross Hospital, 2nd floor, Private Dining Rms, 1500 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring. Offered by CHADD of Montgomery County, registration information at <http://www.chadd-mc.org/2009/p2p-montgomery/> or call Asha, 301-643-5207, ashasciezo@gmail.com, register by Oct. 4, <http://www.chadd.net/template.cfm?affid=100&p=about>.

Oct. 17, 2:00 PM. Norbel School Open House. School serves students grades 1 through 12 with learning differences. Norbel School 6135 Old Washington Rd., Elkridge, 410-796-6700, www.norbelschool.org. (Also Feb. 27 & Dec. 9, May 21, 2011, 1:00 PM)

Oct. 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Computer Smart. Earle B. Wood Middle School, 15615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 19, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. The Peers and Playgrounds: Social Skills Interventions for Children with Asperger Syndrome. *Dr. Kasari will present based on her research and experience with targeted interventions for early social communication.* Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by the Model Asperger Program at Ivymount as on of their Lecture Series, RSVP, <http://www.ivymount.org/forms.cfm?myform=10>, 301-496-0223.

Oct. 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Covering the Basics to Ensure the Quality of Life for the Special Needs Family. *How to plan for the quality of life for your special needs family member.* Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at www.specialneedsplanning.net, 202-841-8362.

Oct. 20, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (Part 1 Of 4). Forest Oak Middle School, 651 Saybrooke Oaks Blvd., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 20, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. *Is It A Big Problem or A Little Problem? Recognizing Red Flags in Development-Strategies for the Classroom, \$60. Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=691>.

Oct. 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The LDAMC Parent Connection, FREE/members. *Join other parents to discuss issues about your child's learning disabilities such as understanding child's strengths and challenges, what accommodations or modifications fit your child's needs, how to work with schools so they understand your child's needs and much more.* Bonnie Massimino, professional educational therapist, learning specialist and MD certified reading specialist and special education teacher, will facilitate this group. Flower Valley Elementary School, 4615 Sunflower Dr., Rockville. Offered by the Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County (LDAMC), 301-933-1076, ldamc@ldamc.org. (Also Nov. 10, 2010). Limited free childcare available, RSVP ldamcpc@yahoo.com.

Oct. 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. 21st Century Learning: Integrating Assistive Technology with Reading and Writing in All Academic Areas, \$15/person, \$20/couple; series of 8, \$100/person, \$150/couple. *Presentation with Jennifer Sherman and Dan Hartmann.* Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Kaiser Permanente Lecture Series, Carrie Hurd, 202-454-2343, carrie.hurdi@labschool.org, <http://www.labschool.org/lectures>.

Oct. 21, 8:30 AM - 4:15 PM. *Collaborative Problem Solving: Teaching, Treating and Parenting Challenging Children and Adolescents, \$155 by Oct. 14, 6 CEUs. *Day long symposium for mental health professionals, educators and other health professionals featuring Dr. Ross W. Greene. Participants will learn how different explanations for and interpretations of challenging behavior in kids can lead to different approaches to intervention, how to identify and assess the various cognitive skills that are central to handling life's social, emotional and behavioral challenges, how to identify and prioritize unsolved problems precipitating challenge behavior and much more.* National 4H Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, symposium@jssa.org, 301-610-8384, <http://www.jssa.org/web/guest/jssa-training-institute/symposium>.

Oct. 21, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. GT/LD Student Panel: Sharing What We Learned the Hard Way - Monthly Educational and Support Meeting of the Gifted with Learning Differences Educational Network, (3rd Thurs., 6:30 - 9:00 PM). *Bring your meal and network during the advocacy session until 7:30 PM. 7:30 PM - Marisa Stemple will moderate a pane of GT/LD students.* Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Dr., Bethesda. Sponsored by The Gifted with Learning Differences Educational Network, Joan Wittan, jomada@verizon.net, www.gtlidnetwork.org.

Oct. 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. AYP, Transportation Updates - Monthly MCPS Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting (SEAC)- (topic of discussion) (usually 4th Thurs., 7:00-7:30 PM, open forum; 7:30-9:30 PM, speakers). *Todd Watkins, new director of transportation for MCPS, will be presenting. These meetings are open to the public and babysitting is offered with advance notice of child's age and needs.* Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rm. 127, Rockville. Community members (parents) who wish to be included in the open forum email Joan Sabaka, VALNTINE20@aol.com, Laura Swerdlin, lauraswerdlin@verizon.net or Anne Turner, adturn88@verizon.net.

Oct. 23, TBD. Focus Group for Parents of Children with Special Needs. *The Parent's Place of Maryland is surveying the needs of children with special needs ages 3 to 21 years like chronic health problems (asthma, diabetes, etc.), developmental delays, behavioral or emotional challenges, learning differences, etc. Parents of African American or Latino heritage are particularly encouraged to participate. Come and have your concerns heard.* Frostburg State University, 101 Braddock Rd., Frostburg. Sponsored by Parent Place of Maryland, Mary Baskar, 410-768-9100, ext. 103, 800-394-5694, mary@ppmd.org.

Oct. 23, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. *4th Annual Around the World in Special Education in One Day. *A day of workshops designed to prepare parents whose children receive special education services or have special health care needs to work effectively with professionals and to build their skills as their child's best advocate. Topics include: Understanding*

Learning Disabilities and How the Orton-Gillingham Method Works, What is Response to Intervention, ABA Therapy for the Child with Autism, Understanding Tests and Measurements, Conflict Resolution and much more. Frostburg University, Frampton Hall, Frostburg. Co-sponsored by The Parents Place of Maryland, Allegany Count Service Coordination and the Family Network, and the Gallagher Group, Llc, Debbie DiPaolo, dkmc1999@comcast.net, 301-689-3113, www.ppmmd.org. Registration is required.

Oct. 25, 5:00 - 8:30 PM. IDEA: Fall Kick-Off - Letting Go: A Focus on Transitions. *Join us for 3 workshops to sharpen your skills as your child's best advocate.* Cork Gallery, 302 East Federal St., 4th floor, Baltimore. Offered by The Parent Place of Maryland, Charvette Barfield, charvette@ppmd.org, www.ppmmd.org, 410-768-9100, ext. 106.

Oct. 27, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Special Education: The IEP Process and Special Education Law (Part 2 Of 4). Forest Oak Middle School, 651 Saybrooke Oaks Blvd., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 28 - 29. *10th Annual Autism Conference: New Advancements in Autism Diagnosis and Intervention, \$125/250/students; \$150/\$275/family member and \$200/365/professionals. *Conference for family members, educators, health professionals and policy makers will cover research, core symptoms and practical information regarding intervention for children with autism spectrum disorders.* Sheppard Pratt Conference Center, 6501 N. Charles St., Baltimore. Offered by the Center for Autism & Related Disorders at Kennedy Krieger Institute, Joy Johnson, 443-933-7632, www.cardconference.kennedykrieger.org.

Oct. 28, 7:15 - 9:15 PM. From Speakers to Self-Motivated. How De We Inspire Our Children To Become Life Long Learners? - Speaker Meetings for Adults with and Parents of Children with ADHD, (4th. Wed., 7:15 PM, registration; 7:30 - 9:15 PM, Speaker). *Join Kate Rizzi and Dr. Sheryl Frank in a discussion that will focus on what parents and teachers can do to help motivate students with ADHD, increase their desire to learn and support them in their learning experiences.* Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by CHADD of MC, www.chadd-mc.org.

Oct. 29 - 30, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. *2010 Applied Autism Research and Intervention Conference, \$100/person/day, \$175/person/2 days (by Sept. 29). *Over 22 leading autism professionals, researchers and experts will cover various subjects related t education and intervention across the lifespan for individuals with autism and their families.* Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington. Sponsored by Organization for Autism Research, www.researchautism.org/news/conference, 703-243-9710, 866-366-9710, Alyssa Kruszyna, akruszyna@researchautism.org. Fees waived for persons with autism and for RUN FOR AUTISM participants who have raised more than \$250.

Nov. TBA, 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Maryland's Autism Waiver: Home and Community Based Resources. *WebCafé presentation by Marjorie Shubank and Karla Saval.* Offered by the Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health, Carol Callenza, 888-607-3637, callenza@mdcoalition.org, www.mdcoalition.org. 10 days before the seminar register at: www.mdcoalition1.webex.com.

Nov. 1, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Reading Strategies for Middle School Students. Neelsville Middle School, 117700 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Nov. 3, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Special Education: The School System and Solving Disputes (Part 3 Of 4). Forest Oak Middle School, 651 Saybrooke Oaks Blvd., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Nov. 3, 6:45 - 8:45 PM. Accessing Income Support and Medical Assistance. *Yvonne Carbaugh from DHHS will present information on the eligibility criteria and the application process for income, food and medical assistance support.* Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave., 2nd floor meeting room, Rockville. Sponsored by Montgomery County Government Community Support Network and the Collaborative Outreach and Training Committee, RSVP by Nov. 2, 240-777-1216.

Nov. 3, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The Successful Journey of an Adult Dyslexic: A Well Told Story That Will Make You Laugh, Cry, and Give You All the Hope You Need, \$15/person, \$20/couple; series of 8, \$100/person, \$150/couple. *Presentation by Pritchard Garrett.* Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Kaiser Permanente Lecture Series, Carrie Hurd, 202-454-2343, carrie.hurdi@labschool.org, <http://www.labschool.org/lectures>.

Nov. 6, 10:00 AM. MOVIE - Megamind, \$6. *Opportunity for families with special needs children who seek a sensory-friendly movie. Lights and sound will be adjusted and sensory breaks encouraged.* AMC Rio Cinemas 18, 9811 Washington Ctr., Gaithersburg. Co-sponsored by the Autism Society of America and AMC Theaters, 301-948-6673. For more information on the Sensory Friendly Film program call 301-657-0881, www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms.

Nov. 6, 1:30 - 4:30 PM. Executive Functioning and Organizational Skills - Emotional Resilience and Motivation & Using Learning Style to Improve Learning and Study Skills. *Choose 2 of these topics of interest to attend.* McLean School, 8224 Lochinver La., Potomac. Co-sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County (LDAMC), 301-933-1076, ldamc@ldamc.org, CHADD of MC and the GTLD Network.

Nov. 9, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *The ABC's of ADHD: Helping the Young Child, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. *Workshop for early childhood educators and clinicians given by Dr. Beverly Celotta.* 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.

Nov. 10, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Special Education: Monitoring Your Child's Progress and Finding Support (Part 4 of 4). Forest Oak Middle School, 651 Saybrooke Oaks Blvd., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Nov. 10, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. *He Can Hear...Why Doesn't He Listen? - A Workshop Describing Problems in Audio Processing And Strategies to Support Children in the Classroom, \$60. Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=691>.

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