

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

(Sept. 2011- June, 2012, updated 09/18/11)

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Also at: <http://www.mccpta.com/speeedCal.pdf>

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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2nd and 4th Tues., 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Pro Bono Legal Clinic. Montgomery County residents can obtain free legal advice on civil cases. First come, first served, until full. Upcounty Recreation Services Center Site, 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown. Offered the Montgomery County Bar Foundation, 301-424-7651 or 301-414-7652 or 301-414-7633.

Ongoing. Citizenship Help. Need help with citizenship application? Call for an appointment. Upcounty Recreation Services Center Site, 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown. Sponsored by the Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity, Patty 240-777-6950, [patricia.larson@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:patricia.larson@montgomerycountymd.gov).

LOCATE: Child Care. A free service available to parents who have children with special needs and are looking for childcare. Will refer you to childcare providers and programs that are willing and able to accommodate your child's individual needs. Offered by Maryland Family Network, Inc. through funding from the Maryland State Department of Education, 1-800-999-0120, [specialneeds@mdchildcare.org](mailto:specialneeds@mdchildcare.org). Forms to request LOCATE services in Montgomery County are available in English & Spanish at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhstmpl.asp?url=/content/hhs/cyf/CCRRC/forms/ccforms.asp>

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)

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 - call Dara Baylinson to schedule your very own presentation. 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@naimimc.org](mailto:dbaylinson@naimimc.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).

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).

FALL 2011, PMs. Family to Family. 12-week education program that helps family members understand and support their mentally ill relatives while maintaining their own well-being. Bethesda, Silver Spring, Gaithersburg. Sponsored NAMI of MC, pre-registration required, 301-949-5852, ext. 101, [f2f@namimc.org](mailto:f2f@namimc.org).

Sept. 2011 - May 2012, TBA. Monthly For Our Kids, For Ourselves - Northwest DC, \$250. Parents of children with ADHD, sensory processing disorder, or other related diagnosis and who want to connect with other parents who share similar experiences are invited to join this group facilitated by Michelle Buzgon, certified life coach and group facilitator. Sunrise Senior Living, 5111 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. Sponsored by For Our Kids, For Ourselves, Jaime Selvin, [adhdparentsforum@yahoo.com](mailto:adhdparentsforum@yahoo.com),  
[http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ForOurKids\\_ForOurselves/](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ForOurKids_ForOurselves/).

Sept. 2011 - May 2012, TBA. Monthly For Our Kids, For Ourselves - Woodmoor Support Group, \$250. Parents of children with ADHD, sensory processing disorder, or other related diagnosis and who want to connect with other parents who share similar experiences are invited to join this group facilitated by Dr. Judith Glasser, . Woodmoor/Indian Springs (location TBA). Sponsored by For Our Kids, For Ourselves, Jaime Selvin, [adhdparentsforum@yahoo.com](mailto:adhdparentsforum@yahoo.com), [http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ForOurKids\\_ForOurselves/](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ForOurKids_ForOurselves/).

Sept. 2011 - May 2012, TBA. Monthly For Our Kids, For Ourselves - Parents of Teens Support Group, \$250. Parents of teens with ADHD, sensory processing disorder, or other related diagnosis and who want to connect with other parents who share similar experiences are invited to join this group. Location TBA. Sponsored by For Our Kids, For Ourselves, Jaime Selvin, [adhdparentsforum@yahoo.com](mailto:adhdparentsforum@yahoo.com),  
[http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ForOurKids\\_ForOurselves/](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ForOurKids_ForOurselves/).

Sept. 19 & Dec. 13, 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Getting an Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnosis: Where Do I Go From Here? A free introductory STAR (Sharing Treatment and Autism Resources) training for parents. Cathy Croschan, LCSW-C, will lead this discussion and take your questions. 3901 Greenspring Ave., Creamer Bldg., 3rd Floor, Large Conference Room, Baltimore. Hosted by The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) at Kennedy Krieger Institute,  
[http://starintroductorytraining.eventbrite.com/?ref=enivtefor&invite=MTA1MzEzMS9tb3VzZXRYyYXBsaXpAZWFydGhsaW5rLm5ldC8w%0A&utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=inviteformal&utm\\_term=attend](http://starintroductorytraining.eventbrite.com/?ref=enivtefor&invite=MTA1MzEzMS9tb3VzZXRYyYXBsaXpAZWFydGhsaW5rLm5ldC8w%0A&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformal&utm_term=attend).

Sept. 19 & 20, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Orientation - English Class for Adults. Class levels will vary according to enrollment - you must attend the orientation to enroll in class that will be Mon., Tue. & Thurs. Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Rd., Silver Spring. Offered by the Literacy Council of Montgomery County, 301-610-0030.

Sept. 19, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (Part 2 of 4). Learn about the special education process and how to advocate for your child. Topics include IDEA, IEP, resolving issues, community resources and support. Galway Elementary School, 12612 Galway Dr., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Sept. 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Security and Safety Codes. Thomas W. Pyle Middle School, 6311 Wilson Ln., Bethesda. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

Sept. 19, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Promote Honesty: Dealing with Lying, Stealing and Sneaky Behavior, donation accepted. How can parents deal with the seriousness of these behaviors without losing their cool, shutting down communication or being manipulated? Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Potomac. Sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, register with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

Sept. 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Superintendent - "Listen and Learn" Town Hall Meeting. Superintendent Joshua Start will meet with school system stakeholders to introduce himself and to seek their observations and perspectives about the school system. Albert Einstein High School, 11135 Newport Mill Rd., Kensington. Sponsored by MCPS, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/superintendent/>.

Sept. 20 & 21, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. \*PODDs Communication Workshop for Rett Syndrome and Other Multiple Involvements, \$295/before Aug. 26. Series will take a practical look at the issues of apraxia and neurological stereotypes that prevent children from demonstrating intent and what can be done to provide the means for indicating choices, reading subtle nonverbal communication and creating co-planned sequenced social scripts. Linda Burkhart presents. AT:LAST, Inc., 7050 Oakland Mills Rd, Suite 160, Columbia. Offered by AT:LAST, Inc., Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, 410-381-2662, look for registration information and more details soon, <http://www.matcoop.org/training/training.html>. Register by Sept. 15

Sept. 20, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Choose Your Plate. A free STAR (Sharing Treatment and Autism Resources) training for parents. Liz Enagonio, Clinical Nutritionist at Kennedy Krieger presents. 3901 Greenspring Ave., Creamer Bldg., 3rd Floor, Large Conference Room, Baltimore. Hosted by The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) at Kennedy Krieger Institute, <http://starjuly2011-eorg.eventbrite.com/>

Sept. 20, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar- Is It Adoption or Something Else: Anxiety in Adopted Children and Teens, \$25. Dr. Berman, NIMH, and Ms. Riley, C.A.S.E, team up to address what parents need to know about the complex dynamic of adoption and anxiety. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionssupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

Sept. 21, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) Program: Medical Assistance for Workers - Webinar. Michael Dalto, the work incentives project director of MD DD, will present information about SSI, Medical Assistance and employment. Offered by MD DD, registration deadline Oct. 19, <https://mdod.webex.com/mw03061c/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=mdod>. For more information contact Michael Dalto, [mdalto@mdod.state.md.us](mailto:mdalto@mdod.state.md.us), 443-514-5922, 800-637-4113. Registration deadline: Sept. 14 (Also Sept. 29, 2011)

Sept. 21, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Help! My Child Is Disorganized! Learn skills that you can teach your child to be organized for success in school. Argyle Middle School, 2400 Bel Pre Rd., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

Sept. 22, 1:00 - 2:30 PM. ASD and Setting Health Limits on the Virtual World - Brown Bag Seminar Series. Dr. Ed Spector will present. Howard County Autism Society, 10280 Old Columbia Rd., #215, Columbia. Co-

sponsored by Pathfinders for Autism and Howard County Autism Society, Trish Kane, 443-330-5341, tkane@pathfindersfor [autism.org](http://autism.org), <http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/newsItem.aspx?id=270>.

Sept. 22, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Citizenship Preparation Classes (Thurs/8 weeks). Intermediate-level English required. Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown. Offered by the Gilchrist Center, 240-777-6950.

Sept. 22, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. EFMP Parent Support Group Meeting - TRICARE/Other Benefits and Safety Issues for Military Parents of Children with Autism and Other Cognitive Disabilities. LTC Scott Campbell will discuss. Meeting is open to all military families with special needs, health care providers and case managers. ACS EFMP (Bldg. 200), 9800 Belvoir Rd., Fort Belvoir. Sponsored by the EFMP, Marcia O'Connor, 703-696-8467.

Sept. 22, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Curriculum 2.0 - Info Night. Come and learn about this curriculum, which blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art and physical education. Gaithersburg Elementary School, 25 North Summit Ave., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Sept. 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Updates on Summer Professional Development; New Reading Interventions in Elementary Learning Centers; Universal Design for Learning Professional Development Academy Summer 2011; Adequate Yearly Progress and Support to Schools for 2011 - Monthly MCPS Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting (SEAC)- (usually 4th Thurs., 7:00-7:30 PM, open forum; 7:30-9:30 PM, speakers). These monthly meetings consist of period of public comments, Dept. of Special Education updates, and a speaker or discussion on various special education issues. These meetings are open to the public and baby-sitting 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](mailto:VALNTINE20@aol.com), Laura Swerdlin, [lauraswerdlin@verizon.net](mailto:lauraswerdlin@verizon.net) or Anne Turner, [adturn88@verizon.net](mailto:adturn88@verizon.net). (Fall 2009)

Sept. 22, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Munch on a Healthy School Lunch. Presentation by Kaiser nutritionist presented in English and Spanish. Kaiser Permanente Germantown Medical Center, 20407 Seneca Meadows Pkwy, Germantown. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

Sept. 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Ending Power Struggles Without Casualties. Come and learn new approaches that will change the patterns of interaction and develop cooperation within the family. Long Branch Library, 8800 Garland Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

Sept. 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Monthly MCPS Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting (SEAC)- (topic of discussion to be announced) (usually 4th Thurs., 7:00-7:30 PM, open forum; 7:30-9:30 PM, speakers). These monthly meetings consist of period of public comments, Dept. of Special Education updates, and a speaker or discussion on various special education issues. Gwen Mason, MCPS Director of Special Ed and Chris Richardson attend meetings. These meetings are open to the public and baby sitting 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](mailto:VALNTINE20@aol.com), Laura Swerdlin, [lauraswerdlin@verizon.net](mailto:lauraswerdlin@verizon.net), and Anne Turner, [Adturn88@verizon.net](mailto:Adturn88@verizon.net).

Sept. 22, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Why Don't My Kids Listen to Me? For parents of children ages 2.5 - 18. This is a free program for parents who are looking to increase cooperation in their home. Temple Micah, 2829 Wisconsin

Ave., Washington, D. C. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

Sept. 22, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. \*Where is My Child's Self-Control - Understanding the Relationship of ADHD to Executive Functioning and What It Means for Managing, \$40/by Sept. 6; \$55 thereafter. Dr. Russell Barkley will present. He will discuss the causes of ADHD, dispel many myths, and describe effective treatments for managing the executive deficits that ADHD produces along with a list of treatments to avoid. Universities at Shady Grove, Bldg. II, 9630 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by Alvord, Baker & Associates, LLC and the Weinfeld Education Group, LLC as their 2011 Speaker Series, Dr. Mary Alvord, 301-593-6554, ext. 14, <http://barkley1.eventbrite.com/>.

Sept. 23, 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM. \*ADHD, Self-Regulation and Executive Functioning - Implications for Management and Life Course Outcomes, \$120/by Sept. 6; \$145 thereafter; CEUs. Dr. Russell Barkley will present. This presentation targeted to professionals is drawn from Dr. Barkley's latest book on the life outcomes of children and adults with ADHD. Universities at Shady Grove, Bldg. II, 9630 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by Alvord, Baker & Associates, LLC and the Weinfeld Education Group, LLC as their 2011 Speaker Series, Dr. Mary Alvord, 301-593-6554, ext. 14, <http://barkley2.eventbrite.com/>.

Sept. 24, 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM. \*Project ACT's Early Childhood Conference - Putting It Together: The Past, The Current and the Future View on Autism Spectrum Disorders, \$45/person by Aug. 28, \$55/thereafter. Dr. Annemiek Wilms-Floet will present the keynote address. Abilities Network Training Institute, 8503 LaSalle Rd., Towson, Sponsored by the Abilities Network's All Children Together (ACT) Project, 410-828-7700, ext. 1274, [http://www.abilitiesnetwork.org/\\_assets/media/pdf/Early%20Childhood%20Conference/Childhood%20Confere.html](http://www.abilitiesnetwork.org/_assets/media/pdf/Early%20Childhood%20Conference/Childhood%20Confere.html), registration deadline - Sept. 12.

Sept. 24 & 25, 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM. National Book Festival. The Festival brings more than 75 writers and illustrators to the Mall to talk about their work and autograph their books. Children authors Tomie dePaola, William Joyce, Jack Gantos, Susan Cooper and Fredrick L. McKissack, Jr. are just a few of those who will be on hand for this family event. The National Mall, Washington, D.C. Co-sponsored by the Washington Post and Book World and organized by the Library of Congress, <http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>.

Sept. 24, 11:00 AM. National Book Festival - Overdrive. Come explore one of the book downloading services the Montgomery County Library offers at the National Book Festival. Their Digital Bookmobile with staff who will do mini-presentations and demos. This will be this month's Saturday Adaptive Technology Session. The National Mall, Washington, D.C. MCPL SAT, contact Francie Gilman, 240-777-0959, [Francie.gilman@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Francie.gilman@montgomerycountymd.gov), if you want to meet up.

Sept. 24, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration. Free outdoor activities for children and adults: fly fishing, fly tying, archer, trap shooting, turkey shoot, teddy bear hunt, conservational activities and environmental exhibits. 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.

Sept. 24 - May 19, 5:00 -7:00 PM. Saturday Night Alive, \$7. All young families (special needs individuals 15years & younger) are welcome for games, arts & crafts, adapted sports, pizza, making new friends, dance, optional simple bible teaching and lots more. Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Offered by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanski, 301-841-7412, [http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page\\_id=113429](http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429) (Also Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 24, Apr. 28).

Sept. 26, 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM. \*MCPS - School-Community United in Partnership: Violent Youth: Prevention, Intervention and Suppression. This year's MCPS/SUP conference will feature Dr. Mary Ellen O'Toole and

Douglas Gansler who will address state's and county's efforts to address the issue of youth violence. Universities at Shady Grove, Rockville. Co-sponsored by MCPS, the Mental Health Association, City of Gaithersburg, and the Montgomery Collaboration Council, email [Larry.epp@guideprogram](mailto:Larry.epp@guideprogram) to reserve a table to share your community resources, <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/hhs/scup/index.asp>.

Sept. 26, 2:00 - 3:00 PM. College Application Process for Homeschoolers. A college admissions officer from the University of Maryland will be on hand to talk about UMD's application process, honors college options, merit and need-based financial aid and other admissions issues, especially as they apply to home schooled applicants. Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Organized by Christine K of the Montgomery Home Learning Network, RSVP required with the number of adults and students attending, [keenteam@live.com](mailto:keenteam@live.com).

Sept. 26, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (Part 3 of 4). Learn about the special education process and how to advocate for your child. Topics include IDEA, IEP, resolving issues, community resources and support. Galway Elementary School, 12612 Galway Dr., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Sept. 26, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 1 of 5). Explore the MCPS website, learn about Microsoft Office programs in this beginning level class. 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>.

Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. \*Family Treatment Program, \$300, 12 CEUs. Participants will learn which family therapy concepts and techniques can serve as powerful tools for assessing and working with families. Training designed for social workers, psychologists, counselors, education professionals and psychiatric nurses. JSSA, 6123 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, Susan Loughman, LCSW-C, 301-816-2617, [traininginstitute@jssa.org](mailto:traininginstitute@jssa.org).

Sept. 26, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. What To Do When Kids Fight: Sibling Rivalry, donation accepted. Parents will learn strategies to lessen the intensity of the conflict and unhappy feelings. White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring. Sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, register with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

Sept. 27, 8:45 - 9:30 AM. \*Executive Function Dysfunction: Why Some Children Struggle in School. Presented by Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy. The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. Offered by the Summit School, 410-798-0005, [www.thesummitschool.org](http://www.thesummitschool.org).

Sept. 27, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. \*Understanding the Way People with Autism Spectrum Disorders See the World: Lessons from Brain Science and Neuropsychology, \$25, CEUs. Dr. David Black presents. Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Model Asperger Program Fall Lecture Series, <http://www.ivymount.org/aspergers.cfm>.

Sept. 27, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. "But What Can I Do At Home?". Maureen Martindale will teach parents academic coaching strategies. Ellicott City Senior Center, 9401 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City. Sponsored by Howard County CHADD, Krys Renzi, [krys879092@aol.com](mailto:krys879092@aol.com)

Sept. 29, 12:00 - 1:00 PM. \*Webinar - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Drs. Trent-Watson and Gohar Choudhary will discuss effective treatments, both environmental and pharmacological. Offered by the Maryland Coalition of Families, <https://um.webex.com/mw03061c/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=um&service=7>.

Sept. 29, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. The Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) Program: Medical Assistance for

Workers - Webinar. Michael Dalto, the work incentives project director of MD DD, will present information about SSI, Medical Assistance and employment. Offered by MD DD, registration deadline Oct. 19, <https://mdod.webex.com/mw0306lc/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=mdod>. For more information contact Michael Dalto, [mdalto@mdod.state.md.us](mailto:mdalto@mdod.state.md.us), 443-514-5922, 800-637-4113. Registration deadline: Sept. 22.

Sept. 30, 12:30 - 4:30 PM. \*Creating Financial Contracts and Policies & Procedures Documents, \$120, discounted rate for members of AET, LDAMC & ASDEC . A professional and practice development workshop for individuals in private practice in education related fields. Learn the basics of starting a private practice in an education-related field. Olney. Offered the Learningwise Strategies, LLC, <http://learningwise.org/professionaldev.html>.

Oct. 2011 - June 2012, Saturdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Leadership, Empowerment and Action Program (LEAP). Free program for Montgomery County adopted middle school children or those in foster care with an adoption plan. Program includes door-to-door transportation, cooking, photography, field trips, service learning projects, dance and monthly parent workshops. Location to be announced. A collaboration of the Center for Adoption Support and Education, Brainfood, JCA's Heyman Interages Program, MC Recreation Department and other community -based organizations, Denise Wilson, [wilson@adoptionssupport.org](mailto:wilson@adoptionssupport.org) or Danielle Wollner, [wollner@adoptionssupport.org](mailto:wollner@adoptionssupport.org), 301-476-8525.

Oct. Leadership Training for Southern Maryland Parents. Free six-session training sponsored by the Parents' Place of Maryland for the families of children with disabilities, covers topics such as record keeping, evaluation and assessments, effective IEPs, dispute resolution, etc.. Sponsored by Parents' Place of Maryland, Missy Alexander, [Alexander@md.metrocast.net](mailto:Alexander@md.metrocast.net), 301-884-4662. Registration deadline Sept. 29.

Oct. 1, 10:00 AM. MOVIE - Dolphin Tail, \$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](http://www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms).

Oct. 2, 7:00 - 9:30 PM. Why Don't My Kids Listen to Me? For parents of children ages 2.5 - 18. This is a free program for parents who are looking to increase cooperation in their home. Crossing Center for Healing Traditions, 8505 Fenton St., Suite 202, Silver Spring. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, [www.parentencouragement.org/](http://www.parentencouragement.org/).

Oct. 3 - 7, 5:00 - 8:20 PM. Learner Permit Prep Course, \$104/10 hours. Designed for students with mild to moderate learning disabilities, but open to all to prepare for and pass the Maryland Learner Permit quiz. Montgomery College, Takoma Park/Silver Spring. Offered by the Montgomery College, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Course CRN# 26322, <http://montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/bits/driversafety.html>, 240-567-1895.

Oct. 3, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (Part 4 of 4). Learn about the special education process and how to advocate for your child. Topics include IDEA, IEP, resolving issues, community resources and support. Galway Elementary School, 12612 Galway Dr., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 3, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. \*Maximizing Success: Using Task Sequence for Independence, \$15 pre-register; \$25/at the door; CEUs. This workshop will cover how to break down tasks sequences into component parts to establish skills and increase independence. Fairlington Community Center, Room 100, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington. Co-sponsored by the Organization for Autism Research and Behavioral Directions, LLC, <http://www.researchautism.org/news/otherevents/TaskSequences.asp>.

Oct. 3, 7:00 - 8:15 PM. Support Group for Parent of Children Across the Autism Spectrum, (Mon., 7:00 - 8:15 PM). Group shares coping strategies and community resources, develops networks, and provides mutual support. 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, call Jamell White, 301-610-8361. (Also Nov. 7, Dec. 5, 2011). Participants must register monthly!

Oct. 3, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Superintendent - "Listen and Learn" Town Hall Meeting. Superintendent Joshua Start will meet with school system stakeholders to introduce himself and to seek their observations and perspectives about the school system. Watkins Mill High School, 10301 Apple Ridge Rd., Gaithersburg. Sponsored by MCPS, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/superintendent/>.

Oct. 3, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Activities to Improve Your Child's Fitness and Strength - Seminar on Developmental Coordination Disorder. Monthly parent seminar held the 1st or 2nd Monday for anyone interested in learning more about Developmental Coordination Disorder. Supervised activities for children provided. School of Public Health Bldg., University of Maryland, College Park. Offered by Cognitive Motor Neuroscience Lab, University of Maryland, Melissa Pangelinan, 301-405-6872, <http://www.sph.umd.edu/KNES/faculty/jclark/research/seminars.htm>.

Oct. 3, 7:30 PM. MCCPTA Special Education Committee Kick-Off Meeting. Meet other advocacy groups and MCPS Special Education Directors. BOE Special Population Committee members are invited to attend. Carver Educational Services Center, Cafeteria, 850 Hungerford Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor, [FRTJMT@aol.com](mailto:FRTJMT@aol.com), <http://www.mccpta.com/specneeds.html>.

Oct. 4 - Jan. 10, 3:00 - 5:00 PM. \*Coaching Teens & College Students with ADHD, \$1,800, 30 hr. For non-coaches and coaches in training. JST Coaching, Ilc, 1702 Builders Ct., Herndon. Offered by Jodi Sleeper-Triplett Coaching, Ilc, 703-437-1256, <http://www.jstcoach.com/training>.

Oct. 4 - Jan. 10, 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Cool, Calm and Connected: Young Adult Social Skills Therapy Group, (Tues. 6:00 - 7:00 PM), \$65/session (may be insurance-reimbursable). For young adults who may have Asperger's Syndrome or related challenges, ages 19 -29 and need support in developing and maintaining positive social interactions. Participants will learn to manage stress, anxiety, disappointment and anger while also building confidence. JSSA, 3018 Javier Rd., Fairfax. Offered by JSSA, Michal Berkson, LCSW, 703-896-7918, [http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning/autism-spectrum-disorders#Adult\\_Cool\\_Calm](http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning/autism-spectrum-disorders#Adult_Cool_Calm).

Oct. 4 - 12, 6:30 - 9:40 PM. \*ECH229: What Is The Out-Of-Sync Child?, \$150/12 hours. Course provides an introduction to Sensory Processing Disorder with practical applications for teachers and parents to assist children. Montgomery College, Rockville. Offered by the Montgomery College, CRN# 25728, <http://aceitoc.montgomerycollege.edu/course/CourseView.aspx>, 240-567-1895.

Oct. 4 - Dec. 13, 7:00 - 7:50 PM. Cool, Calm and Connected: Young Adult Social Skills Therapy Group Focusing on Relationships, (Tues., 7:00 - 7:50 PM), \$65/session (may be insurance-reimbursable). For young adults who may have Asperger's Syndrome or related challenges, ages 18 -30. This group will focus on building and maintaining healthy relationships with classmates, teachers, peers, parents, co-workers, siblings and significant others and on appropriately managing feelings such as anger, frustration, anxiety, jealousy, and disappointment. George Mason University, 4409 Dr., Student Union Bldg. 1, Room 3313, Fairfax. Offered by JSSA, Dawn Kaye, LCSW, pre-screening appointment required, 703-896-7918, [http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning/autism-spectrum-disorders#Adult\\_Cool\\_Calm](http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning/autism-spectrum-disorders#Adult_Cool_Calm).

Oct. 4, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Estate Planning for the Special Needs Family. Tanya Harvey, Esq. covers the ins and outs of estate planning for the special needs family. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at [www.specialneedsplanning.net](http://www.specialneedsplanning.net), 202-841-8362.

Oct. 4, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Employment, Volunteer and Other Vocational Options for Adults with Disabilities, \$10/session. JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA as a Community Seminar, 301-610-8414.

Oct. 5. Application Deadline: Grassroots Advocacy Training of Trainers Initiative. Purpose of training is to expand advocacy at the state and local level. Only 10 participants will be accepted. National PTA Headquarters, 1250 N. Pitt St., Alexandria. Sponsored by National PTA, <http://www.pta.org/4763.asp>, Tiffany Knight, [tknight@pta.org](mailto:tknight@pta.org), 703-518-1200, ext. 3349.

Oct. 5 -6, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. \*World of Possibilities Expo, \$2. Provides a little bit for everyone. Come and check out the latest products, services, technology, and resources for those with disabilities - lots of freebies. Free wheelchair rental and repair. Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium. Presented by Caring Communities, 866-227-4644, <http://expo.caringcommunities.org/>.

Oct. 5, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. 2011 Howard County Transition Fair. More than 30 agencies and organizations that provide services to individuals with disabilities are invited to help families discover the resources that are available. Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Rd., Columbia. Sponsored by HCPSS Special Education Department, 410-313-5640.

Oct. 5 - Dec. 14, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Peer to Peer. 10-week education program that helps people living with mental illness. NAMI, 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Sponsored NAMI of MC, Rose Halper, pre-registration required, 301-949-5852, ext. 105, [P2P@namimc.org](mailto:P2P@namimc.org).

Oct. 5, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Parenting Without Threats and Bribes. Facilitated by the YMCA Youth and Family Services. Montgomery Knolls Elementary School, 807 Daleview Dr., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 5, - Nov. 9, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Y's Words: Parenting Children, req. text: \$20; class fee: \$30. Parents learn to identify the purpose behind misbehavior and develop effective discipline and encouragement strategies. YMCA Ayrilawn 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).

Oct. 5, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. \*Who's Ready for College? How to Tell When Your Kid is Worth the Investment, FREE. Presentation by Dr. Stixrud. Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, [claire.menegus@labschool.org](mailto:claire.menegus@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/lectures>.

Oct. 6, 27, Nov. 17, Dec. 8, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. \*Understanding and Treating ADHD, \$200, 8 CEUs. Dr. Larry Silver will present this workshop whereby the participants will learn the neuro-chemical basis of ADHD, how to establish the diagnosis of ADHD, the use of medication to treat ADHD and the need for comprehensive psychosocial treatment plan for ADHD. Training designed for social workers, psychologists, counselors, education professionals and psychiatric nurses. JSSA, 6123 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, Susan Loughman, LCSW-C, 301-816-2617, [www.traininginstitute@jssa.org](mailto:www.traininginstitute@jssa.org).

Oct. 6, 4:00 - 7:00 AM. Ask MCPS: Drop In for Coffee and Conversation. Carver Educational Services Center, Rm. 50, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 6 - Dec. 15, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Peer to Peer for Young Adults. 10-week education program that helps people living with mental illness ages 18 to 28. Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Sponsored NAMI of MC, Rose Halper, pre-registration required, 301-949-5852, ext. 105, [P2P@namimc.org](mailto:P2P@namimc.org).

Oct. 6, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Curriculum 2.0 - Info Night. Come and learn about this curriculum, which

blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art and physical education. Bells Mill Elementary School, 8225 Bells Mill Rd., Potomac. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 6, 7:00 - 8:30 AM. Drive Smarter: Teens Behind the Wheel. Clarksburg High School, 22500 Wims Rd., Clarksburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 6 – Nov. 10, 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).

Oct. 8, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. \*5th Annual "Restore the Joy" Domestic Violence Empowerment Luncheon, \$50 in advance; %55 at the door. Barbara Talley, poet and author, will give keynote address. MD Lt. Governor, Anthony Brown, will join her. There will be a resource fair, a discussion on various issues related to domestic violence and vendor information. Holiday Inn, 2 Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg. Sponsored by the Women Who Care Ministries and the Victims' Rights Foundation and the City of Gaithersburg, Judith Clark, 301-351-8588 or Greg Wims, 301-351-7028, [www.womenwhocareministries.org](http://www.womenwhocareministries.org).

Oct. 10, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Einstein High School College Fair. Fair is open to all students. Einstein High School, 11135 Newport Mill Rd., Kensington. Sponsored by the Einstein HS PTSA.

Oct. 10, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 2 of 5). Explore the MCPS website, learn about Microsoft Office programs in this beginning level class. 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. 10, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. MCPS Superintendent - "Listen and Learn" Town Hall Meeting. Superintendent Joshua Start will meet with school system stakeholders to introduce himself and to seek their observations and perspectives about the school system. Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East-West Hwy, Bethesda. Sponsored by MCPS, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/superintendent/>.

Oct. 11, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. \*Understanding and Treating Addiction in Adolescents and Adults, \$65, 3 CEUs. Training for mental health professionals lead by Robert H. Roth where participants will learn what drugs young people are using the difference between adolescents and adult substance use and motivational enhancement and harm reduction. The Ina Kay Bldg., 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, Ju Liu, 301-610-8384, [jliu@jssa.org](mailto:jliu@jssa.org), <http://www.jssa.org/traininginstitute>.

Oct. 11, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Snapshot: Capture...Connect...Create. This event celebrates Maryland Disability History and Awareness Month & National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Silver Spring Civic Bldg., Veterans Plaza, 8525 Fenton St., Silver Spring. Co-sponsored by Independence Now, MCDHHS, Commission on People with Disabilities, Prince George's County Government, Dept. of Family Services Commission for Individuals with Disabilities and MD DORS, registration required by Sept. 27, 301-277-2839.

Oct. 11 - Dec. 13, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Raising Your Challenging Child: A Parent Training Program with Dan Shapiro, \$750/family. A 10 session interactive program that helps parents of ages preschool through elementary school identify the source of their child's behavior and what they can do about it. 11705 Magruder La., Rockville. Presented by Dr. Dan Shapiro, 301-881-6855, [drdanschapiro@gmail.com](mailto:drdanschapiro@gmail.com).

Oct. 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Understanding the Maryland School Assessment (MSA). Rosa Parks Middle School, 19200 Olney Mill Rd., Olney. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100,

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 11, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Smart Kids with Learning Difficulties. Rich Weinfeld presents. Luther Jackson Middle School, entrance 1, Auditorium, 3200 Gallows Rd., Falls Church. Hosted by Fairfax County Public School Parent Resource Center, <http://www.fcps.edu/ccp/prc/workshops.htm>.

Oct. 11, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Academic Success and Executive Functioning Differences - Extraordinary Parents Night, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. These meetings are for parents to support each other, share experiences, solve problems to improve the educational experiences and outcomes of students on the autism spectrum. Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Sponsored by Extraordinary Minds, [www.xminds.org](http://www.xminds.org), 301-444-5225. (Nov. 10 - Parent Panel On Working with Your School to Enhance Social Opportunities and Success; Dec. 7 - How Students Can Benefit From Well-Written Behavior Intervention Plans).

Oct. 12, 9:30 AM. Lab School Open House. Learn more about this school, which serves students grades 1 - 12 with language based learning differences. The Reservoir Campus serves students 1 - 4th. Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Alexandra Freeman, 202-944-3077, [alexandra.freeman@labschool.org](mailto:alexandra.freeman@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/openhouses>.

Oct. 12, 6:30 PM. Town Hall Meeting for Students. All elementary, middle and high school students in the count at both public and private schools are invited to attend. This event will encourage students to talk about their concerns and issues affecting them in a organized yet informal setting. County Council Bldg., 3rd floor, 100 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Montgomery County Council, RSVP, 240-777-7931, [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=7815](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_details.asp?PrID=7815).

Oct. 12, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Munch on a Healthy School Lunch. Presentation by Kaiser nutritionist presented in English and Spanish. Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, 12201 Plum Orchard Rd., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

Oct. 12, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Phonetic Methods for Teaching Reading, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. Presented by Janice Jones for pre-school to elementary school level. TLC, 2029 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, <http://www.ttlc.org/community.htm#registration>.

Oct. 13, 7:15 PM. Supported Employment - NAMI Educational Meeting (2nd Thurs., 7:15 PM). NAMI, 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Montgomery County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; 301-949-5852.

Oct. 14 - 15. Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities - 2011 NAMI Maryland Education Conference, \$125/members; \$165/non-members, CEUs. Workshops for local NAMI affiliate leaders, consumers and family members, mental health service providers and individuals working in criminal justice settings. The Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt, 6501 North Charles St., Baltimore. Sponsored by NAMI of Maryland, Karin Kramer, 410-884-8691, [kkramer@namimd.org](mailto:kkramer@namimd.org), <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e4eem2zxc775e22b&llr=bog8aicab>.

Oct. 15, 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. Judy Bass will be presenting a workshop on how to find the best college match for your student with learning disabilities. 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, [www.specialneedsplanning.net](http://www.specialneedsplanning.net), [transitionworkgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:transitionworkgroup@yahoo.com).

Oct. 16 - 17, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. \*2011 Maryland Transition Conference: Mapping Futures, \$. Conference to enhance the skills and abilities of professional staff, families, students with disabilities and other community partners to promote the successful transition of youth/young adults with disabilities to post school outcomes. Ocean City. Co-sponsored by the Governor's Interagency Transition Council for Youth with Disabilities and the Maryland Rehabilitation Association, Adele Connolly, [aconnolly@dors.state.md.us](mailto:aconnolly@dors.state.md.us), <http://www.mdtransition.org/>. A limited number of scholarships are available, [kmarchman@msde.state.md.us](mailto:kmarchman@msde.state.md.us)

Oct. 16, 12:00 - 5:00 PM. World of Montgomery Festival. Festival celebrates the cultural and ethnic diversity of Montgomery County with music and dance performances, international food and craft vendors and a health fair. There will be an International Village with hands on education are for families and children. Wheaton Triangle, Grandview Ave. & Reddie Dr. Sponsored by Montgomery County Government, <http://www.worldofmontgomery.com/>.

Oct. 18, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. \*Positive Discipline, \$45, COK: Child Development/Level I-II. One of the core of knowledge for Child Care Providers that will define positive discipline and identify strategies for using positive discipline with preschool-aged children in a group setting. The Ina Kay Bldg., 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, Ju Liu, 301-610-8384, [jliu@jssa.org](mailto:jliu@jssa.org), <http://www.jssa.org/jssa-training-institute/core-of-knowledge>.

Oct. 18, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Helping Children Solve Their Own Problems, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. Dr. Beverly Celotta will present a specific technique that can be used to teach children to solve their own personal, social and academic problems in and out of the classroom. TLC, 2029 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, <http://www.ttlc.org/community.htm#registration>.

Oct. 18, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. \*Promoting Resilience in Children with Asperger's Syndrome, \$25, CEUs. Dr. Mary Alvord presents. Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Model Asperger Program Fall Lecture Series, <http://www.ivymount.org/aspergers.cfm>.

Oct. 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Superintendent - "Listen and Learn" Town Hall Meeting. Superintendent Joshua Start will meet with school system stakeholders to introduce himself and to seek their observations and perspectives about the school system. Long Branch Community Center, 8700 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by MCPS, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/superintendent/>.

Oct. 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Adolescence 101: What Is Going On? Facilitated by Family Support Center. Newport Mills Middle School, 11311 Newport Mill Rd., Kensington. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 19, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. \*Preventing and Solving Common Behavioral Concerns for Students with Learning Disabilities and Attention Issues: Practical Strategies that Work, FREE. Presentation by Dr. Elisabeth Rice. Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, [claire.menegus@labschool.org](mailto:claire.menegus@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/lectures>.

Oct. 20 - 21, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. \*11th Annual Autism Conference - Autism Through the Lifespan, \$150/1 day; \$275/2 days before Aug. 1. This conference brings together national recognized experts to address critical topics for autism professionals, educators and family members, including early diagnosis, the latest intervention strategies, and issues of management across the lifespan. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2004 Greenspring Dr., Timonium. Hosted by The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) at Kennedy Krieger Institute, Joy Johnson, [johnsonjoy@kennedykreiger.org](mailto:johnsonjoy@kennedykreiger.org), <http://www.cvent.com/events/11th-annual-autism-conference/invitation-badf73829a5140ddb1b8a8654e8cb807.aspx?i=bdcba401-80ed-496d-be5e-f00f3063435b>.

Oct. 20, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Failure to Launch: Recognizing and Preventing the Lost Boy Syndrome - 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 - Dr. Ken Stefano will present. Maris Stemple will provide information and answers questions about MCPS MS and HS application/magnet programs. Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Dr., Bethesda. Sponsored by The Gifted with Learning Differences Educational Network, Joan Wittan, [jomada@verizon.net](mailto:jomada@verizon.net), <http://www.gtldnetworkmc.org/>.

Oct. 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Navigating the College Application Process. Savena Allen present evaluating your candidacy, school selection, creating an application that will stand out and writing an effective essay. Reid Temple AME Church North, 12101 Tech Rd., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Curriculum 2.0 - Info Night. Come and learn about this curriculum, which blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art and physical education. Sherwood Elementary School, 1401 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd., Sandy Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Pediatric Anxiety Seminar - Is Your Child Anxious? What Parents Need to Know. Dr. Erin Berman will discuss common signs and symptom of anxiety in your, what parents can do to help, understanding treatment options and current research in pediatric anxiety conducted at NIHM. Johns Hopkins University, Montgomery County Campus, A&R Bldg., Rm. 106/8/10, 9601 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Offered the National Institute of Mental Health, reservations required, 301-402-8225, TTY: 1-866-411-1010 by Oct. 14.

Oct. 20, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. \*Honey, I Wrecked the Kids, \$15/person; \$25/couple, \$10 for CEUs. Alyson Schaefer presents with visual props and humor how parents can use a four-step method to move from conflict to cooperation. 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, [soc@suburbanhospital.org](mailto:soc@suburbanhospital.org).

Oct. 21, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. \*Honey, I Wrecked the Kids - Workshop for Professionals, \$15/person; \$25/couple, \$10 for CEUs. Alyson Schaefer presents with visual props and humor how parents can use a four-step method to move from conflict to cooperation. Suburban Hospital Auditorium, 8600 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Co-sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services and the Suburban Hospital, register at 301-229-1347, [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org).

Oct. 22, TBA. Apps I Know and Love - or Not!. An informal roundtable for people to learn about and to show off apps and a good way to narrow down phone and tablet purchasing decisions. Rockville Library. MCPL Saturday Adaptive Technology Session, Francie Gilman, 240-777-0959, [Francie.gilman@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Francie.gilman@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Oct. 22 - 23. 3rd Annual Great Wolfe Type 1 Friends Weekend (special discounted rate/ night plus nominal registration fee). Join other families who have children with type 1 diabetes. There will be a reception and Cabanas. Great Wolfe Lodge, Williamsburg. Sponsored by Type 1 Friends, contact Connie Smith, [connie@type1friends.com](mailto:connie@type1friends.com) by Sept. 10 for more information and availability, <http://type1friends.com/>.

Oct. 23 - Nov. 20, 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 [www.chadd.net/100](http://www.chadd.net/100) or call Asha, 301-643-5207, [ashasciezo@gmail.com](mailto:ashasciezo@gmail.com).

Oct. 24, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. \*Revitalizing Respite - Respite Care Conference, \$60/family caregivers; \$125/professional, CEUs. Conference featuring Lon Kieffer, as keynote speaker. The Conference Center at the Maritime Institute, 692 Maritime Blvd., Linthicum Heights. Sponsored by Maryland Respite Care Coalition, <http://www.respitecoalition.org/conference>.

Oct. 25, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Working with Overextended Families, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. Dr. Beverly Celotta will present this workshop for professionals working with children in preschool - elementary school settings. TLC, 2029 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, <http://www.ttlc.org/community.htm#registration>.

Oct. 24, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 3 of 5). Explore the MCPS website, learn about Microsoft Office programs in this beginning level class. 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. 26, 8:45 - 9:30 AM. \*Assessing Children Who Struggle in School. Presented by Dr. Michael Castleberry. The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. Offered by the Summit School, 410-798-0005, [www.thesummitschool.org](http://www.thesummitschool.org).

Oct. 26, 10:00 AM. Lab School Open House. Learn more about this school, which serves students grades 1 - 12 with language based learning differences. The Foxhall Campus serves students 5 - 12th. Lab School, 1550 Foxhall Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Alexandra Freeman, 202-944-3077, [alexandra.freeman@labschool.org](mailto:alexandra.freeman@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/openhouses>.

Oct. 26, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM. \*Maryland Community of Care Consortium for Children with Special Health Care Needs - Quarterly Meeting. The Maryland Community of Care Consortium is a working group of diverse stakeholders committed to improving systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs in Maryland. The Consortium is open to anyone with interest in improving systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs. The Meeting House, 5885 Robert Oliver Pl., Columbia. Offered by the Parents Place of Maryland, Kelly Meissner, 410-768-9100, ext. 107.

Oct. 26, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. When Is It Due? Come to this workshop facilitated by Project Management Institute and learn some techniques to help your children meet their deadlines and get a good night's sleep. 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>.

Oct. 26, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Korean Parent Information Night. Presentation in Korean will give helpful information about navigating the school system. Festival Training Center, 311 Muddy Branch Rd., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 27, 12:30 - 2:00 PM. Making Social Skills Less Frustrating for People with Autism - Brown Bag Seminar Series. Dr. Heather Hinkle will present. The Arc of Frederick County, 620-A Research Dr., Frederick. Co-sponsored by Pathfinders for Autism and Frederick County Public Schools' Partners for Success and Infants and Toddlers Programs and the Arc of Frederick, Trish Kane, 443-330-5341, [tkane@pathfindersforautism.org](mailto:tkane@pathfindersforautism.org), <http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/newsItem.aspx?id=265>.

Oct. 27, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Curriculum 2.0 - Info Night. Come and learn about this curriculum, which blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art and

physical education. College Gardens Elementary School, 1700 Yale Pl., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Oct. 27, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Book Talk & Signing - Priscilla Gilman. The author of "The Anti-Romantic Child" will recount the challenges of raising a son with hyperlexia, a developmental disorder neurologically counterpoint to dyslexia. Auburn School, Baltimore Campus, 1710 Dulaney Valley Rd., Lutherville. Offered as the Auburn School Author Lecture, RSVP Lauren Anderson, [landerson@theauburnschool.org](mailto:landerson@theauburnschool.org), 410-321-4455.

Oct. 27, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar- Talking with Children About Adoption, \$25. Ellen Singer, LCSW-C, presents. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionssupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

Oct. 30, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. \*Red Flags in Development, \$60. Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=691>.

Nov. 1, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. \*Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) with Adolescents: Strategies for Dealing with High Risk Youths, \$65. Training for mental health professionals lead by Britt Rathbone where participants will learn to identify the four sets of skills taught to adolescents, how to utilize DBT strategies that are effective for reducing high-risk behaviors in adolescents, and the format of effective DBT for high-risk youth. The Ina Kay Bldg., 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, Ju Liu, 301-610-8384, [jliu@jssa.org](mailto:jliu@jssa.org), <http://www.jssa.org/traininginstitute>.

Nov. 1, PM. 5 Proven Strategies for Raising An Academically Successful Student, \$30/prepaid. Ann Dolin will teach parents how to implement 5 proven methods to raise academically successful students. Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by Parent University, <http://parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343.

Nov. 1, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Navigating the Financial World of the Special Needs Family. Tanya Harvey, Esq. covers the ins and outs of estate planning for the special needs family. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at [www.specialneedsplanning.net](http://www.specialneedsplanning.net), 202-841-8362.

Nov. 1, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Superintendent - "Listen and Learn" Town Hall Meeting. Superintendent Joshua Start will meet with school system stakeholders to introduce himself and to seek their observations and perspectives about the school system. Damascus High School, 25921 Ridge Rd., Damascus. Sponsored by MCPS, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/superintendent/>.

Nov. 2, 9:30 AM. Lab School Open House. Learn more about this school, which serves students grades 1 - 12 with language based learning differences. The Reservoir Campus serves students 1 - 4th. Lab School, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Alexandra Freeman, 202-944-3077, [alexandra.freeman@labschool.org](mailto:alexandra.freeman@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/openhouses>.

Nov. 2, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. \*The Neurobiology of ADHD: Understanding the Brain-Behavior Relationship, FREE. Presentation by Dr. Lance Clawson. Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, [claire.menegus@labschool.org](mailto:claire.menegus@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/lectures>.

Nov. 3, 8:00 AM - 4:15 PM. \*Children, Adolescents and Adults with Atypical Gender Behaviors: Clinical Understanding and Best Practices, \$155/before Oct. 27; \$165 after, 6 CEUs. Annual mental health symposium featuring Dr. Edgardo Menvielle, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Gender and Sexuality Development Program, Children's National Medical Center, Dr. Greg Lehne, Deborah Rudacille and

Dr. John Strang. National 4-H Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase. Offered by the Jewish Social Service Agency Training Institute, 301-610-8384, [symposium@jssa.org](mailto:symposium@jssa.org), <http://www.jssa.org/jssa-training-institute/symposium>.

Nov. 3, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. \*Wrightslaw Special Education One-Day Conference, \$145/person, \$165/couple before Oct. 21; \$195/person, \$225/couple after Oct. 21. Conference focuses on IEP statutes, regulations and commentary on the regulations, recent IEP case law and drafting of SMART IEPs. George Mason University (Fairfax Campus, Dewberry Hall), 4400 University Dr., Fairfax. Sponsored by the Autism Society of Northern Virginia, Kymberly DeLoatche, 703-495-8444, [http://support.autism-society.org/site/Clubs?club\\_id=1200&sid=8290&pg=event](http://support.autism-society.org/site/Clubs?club_id=1200&sid=8290&pg=event).

Nov. 3, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. \*Life On and Slight to the Right of the Autism Spectrum, \$25, CEUs. Dr. Stephen Shore shares his autobiographical experiences of non-verbal childhood days and challenges as an adult with Asperger's. Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Model Asperger Program Fall Lecture Series, <http://www.ivymount.org/aspergers.cfm>.

Nov. 3, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Salutes: A Special Evening for Military Families. Military Service members, school personnel and community agencies will be on hand to assist military families with their needs and help answer their questions. Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Nov. 4. \*MANSEF Conference, \$. Break out workshops and guest speakers. Topics include: "Asperger's Syndrome and Nonverbal Learning Disorder: Similarities, Differences and Strategies That Work", "School Success for Kids with Asperger's Syndrome" and much more, Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt St., Baltimore. Sponsored by MANSEF, 410-938-4413, <http://www.mansef.org/events.php>

Nov. 5, 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM. \*Executive Function and Working Memory - Annual The Zelma Wynn Symposium, \$, CEUs. Featured speakers Dr. William Stixrud and Dr. Honi Bamberger. The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. Offered by the Summit School, 410-798-0005, [www.thesummitschool.org](http://www.thesummitschool.org).

Nov. 5, 10:00 AM. MOVIE - Puss in Boots, \$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](http://www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms).

Nov. 5, 12:30 - 4:30 PM. Building Blocks for Success through the Life Span. Keynote speaker, Dr. Lance Clawson, will be speak on "The Neurobiology of ADHD and LD: Understanding the Brain=Behavior Relationship". Participants can then pick tow of the following sessions: "Ready for Take-Off: Preparing Your Child With ADHD or LD for Life", Dr. Patricia Quinn; "Self-Advocacy Skills for Students: What, Why, and How to Succeed", Marisa Stemple; "Stay Motivated: Change What Your Can, Accept the Rest", Dr. Ari Tuckman. McLean School of Maryland, 8224 Lochinver La., Potomac. Cosponsored by LDAMC, CHADD of MC and the GT/LD Network, 301-933-1076.

Nov. 6, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Issues Impacting Individuals with Disabilities: Workshop 1- Educational Advocacy, Special Education Process and Programing; Workshop 2 - Access to Health Care; Workshop 3 - Transition Services and Educational Options Post-High School, \$10/session. JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA as a Community Seminar, 301-610-8414.

Nov. 7 - 11, 5:00 - 8:20 PM. Learner Permit Prep Course, \$104/10 hours. Designed for students with mild to moderate learning disabilities, but open to all to prepare for and pass the Maryland Learner Permit quiz.

Montgomery College, Rockville. Offered by the Montgomery College, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Course CRN# 26324, <http://montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/bits/driversafety.html>, 240-567-1895.

Nov. 7, 6:30 -8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 4 of 5). Explore the MCPS website, learn about Microsoft Office programs in this beginning level class. 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>.

Nov. 7, 7:00 - 8:15 PM. Support Group for Parent of Children Across the Autism Spectrum, (Mon., 7:00 - 8:15 PM). Group shares coping strategies and community resources, develops networks, and provides mutual support. 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, call Jamell White, 301-610-8361. (Also Dec. 5, 2011). Participants must register monthly!

Nov. 7, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Superintendent - "Listen and Learn" Town Hall Meeting. Superintendent Joshua Start will meet with school system stakeholders to introduce himself and to seek their observations and perspectives about the school system. Wheaton High School, 12601 Dalewood Dr., Silver Spring. Sponsored by MCPS, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/superintendent/>.

Nov. 8, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Helping the Young Child Behave in the Classroom, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. Sally Neuberger will present this workshop. TLC, 2029 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, <http://www.ttlc.org/community.htm#registration>.

Nov. 10, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Recognizing, Diagnosing & Treating ADHD, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. Dr. Lisa Lenhart will present this workshop. TLC, 2029 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, <http://www.ttlc.org/community.htm#registration>.

Nov. 10, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Beyond Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. Amy Gardiner will present this workshop that explores song ideas and activities that promote learning and development in children aged 2 -6. Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, <http://www.ttlc.org/community.htm#registration>.

Nov. 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Parent Panel On Working with Your School to Enhance Social Opportunities and Success - Extraordinary Parents Night, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. These meetings are for parents to support each other, share experiences, solve problems to improve the educational experiences and outcomes of students on the autism spectrum. Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Sponsored by Extraordinary Minds, [www.xminds.org](http://www.xminds.org), 301-444-5225. (Dec. 7 - How Students Can Benefit From Well-Written Behavior Intervention Plans).

Nov. 10, 7:15 PM. Brain Biology and Mental Illness - NAMI Educational Meeting (2nd Thurs., 7:15 PM). NAMI, 11718 Parklawn Dr., Rockville. Montgomery County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; 301-949-5852.

Nov. 10, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar- Too Many Losses Too Soon: Loss and Grief in Adopted Children, \$25. Madeleine Krebs will address the four psychological tasks of grief work, as well as effective parenting strategies and healing therapies for adopted children and teens. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionssupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

Nov. 14, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. \*What Is This Thing Called Dyslexia. Presented by Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy. The Severna Park Community Center, 623 Baltimore Ave., Severna Park. Offered by the Summit School, 410-798-

0005, [www.thesummitschool.org](http://www.thesummitschool.org).

Nov. 15, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. What is Augmentative and Alternative Communication Intervention and How Can It Benefit Children on the Autism Spectrum? A free introductory STAR (Sharing Treatment and Autism Resources) training for parents. Dr. Pamela Mathy, Director of the Achievements Therapeutic Day Program and Speech-Language Pathologist at CARD, and Emily Watkins. Lead teacher in the CARD's 1-year-old program, will present. 3901 Greenspring Ave., Creamer Bldg., 3rd Floor, Large Conference Room, Baltimore. Hosted by The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) at Kennedy Krieger Institute, <http://kennedykriegercard.eventbrite.com/>.

Nov. 16, 10:00 AM. Lab School Open House. Learn more about this school, which serves students grades 1 - 12 with language based learning differences. The Foxhall Campus serves students 5 - 12th. Lab School, 1550 Foxhall Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Alexandra Freeman, 202-944-3077, [alexandra.freeman@labschool.org](mailto:alexandra.freeman@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/openhouses>.

Nov. 16, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Social Bullies: Dealing with Exclusion and Cliques. Facilitated by the YMCA Youth and Family Services. Benjamin Banneker Middle School, 14800 Perrywood Dr., Burtonsville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Nov. 16, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Issues Impacting Individuals with Disabilities, \$10. Participants can choose among three workshops: Educational Advocacy, Special Education Process and Programming; Access to Health Care; Transition Services and Educational Options Post-High School. Deaf interpreter available with one-week prior notice. 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, as a Community Seminar, pre-registration required, Jamell White, 301-610-8414, [http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning/family-parenting#Comm\\_Seminars](http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning/family-parenting#Comm_Seminars).

Nov. 17, 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Sensory Processing Disorder: Signs, Symptoms, Strategies- Brown Bag Seminar Series. Ida Zelaya will present. Howard County Autism Society, 10280 Old Columbia Rd., #215, Columbia. Co-sponsored by Pathfinders for Autism and Howard County Autism Society, Trish Kane, 443-330-5341, [tkane@pathfindersforautism.org](mailto:tkane@pathfindersforautism.org), <http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/newsItem.aspx?id=270>.

Nov. 17, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Grades Tanking? Hating Edline? Don't Panic...Make a Plan - 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 will cover Text-to-Speech and back again technology until 7:30 PM. 7:30 PM - Marisa Stemple and Joan Wittan will lead the discussion. Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Dr., Bethesda. Sponsored by The Gifted with Learning Differences Educational Network, Joan Wittan, [jomada@verizon.net](mailto:jomada@verizon.net), <http://www.gtldnetworkmc.org/>.

Nov. 17, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. \*Working with Parents: Getting Ready for Conferences, \$60. Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=691>.

Nov. 17, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Curriculum 2.0 - Info Night. Come and learn about this curriculum, which blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art and physical education. Arcola Elementary School, 1820 Franwall Ave., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Nov. 18 - 20. \*8th National Mental Health on Campus Conference, \$65/non-member; \$45/member before Oct. 12. Conference addresses college student mental health and young adult advocacy. University of Maryland, College Park. Sponsored by Active Minds: [http://www.activeminds.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=65&Itemid=101](http://www.activeminds.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=65&Itemid=101).

Nov. 19, 8:00 AM - 2:40 PM. \*Future Quest - 2011 Resource Fair, \$97 (early registration); \$225. A biennial career and college symposium for students with disabilities with keynote speaker and over 25 workshops. George Mason University Johnson Center, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax. Co-sponsored by the VA Dept. of Education, Training & Technical Assistance Center and the No VA Transition Coalition, <http://www.novatransition.org/future.html>, <http://www.vacollegequest.org/>.

Nov. 19, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. 15th Annual Kids Adoption Network (KAN) Conference & Carnival: The Amazing Race: The Lifelong Journey of Adoption, \$50/person- adult/child/teen; \$25/childcare. For adopted children/teens (grades 1-12) and their parents. Includes interactive workshops for adopted kids, teens and their parents. National 4-H Center Youth Conference Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, 301-476-8525, [caseadopt@adoptionsupport.org](mailto:caseadopt@adoptionsupport.org), <http://www.adoptionsupport.org/cal/index.php>.

Nov. 21, 6:30 -8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 5 of 5). Explore the MCPS website, learn about Microsoft Office programs in this beginning level class. 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>.

Nov. 21, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Superintendent - "Listen and Learn" Town Hall Meeting. Superintendent Joshua Start will meet with school system stakeholders to introduce himself and to seek their observations and perspectives about the school system. Sherwood High School 300 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd., Sandy Spring. Sponsored by MCPS, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/superintendent/>.

Nov. 22, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. \*Classroom Management: Strategies to Work with Challenging Behaviors, \$45, COK: Child Development/Level I-II. One of the core of knowledge for Child Care Providers that will discuss the factors contributing to challenging behaviors and identify misconceptions about misbehavior. The Ina Kay Bldg., 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, Ju Liu, 301-610-8384, [jliu@jssa.org](mailto:jliu@jssa.org), <http://www.jssa.org/jssa-training-institute/core-of-knowledge>.

Dec. 1, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Understanding Severe Irritability and Bipolar Disorder in Children & Youth. Dr. Kenneth Towbin, will present. Westland Middle School, 5511 Massachusetts Ave., Bethesda. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Dec. 1, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Curriculum 2.0 - Info Night. Come and learn about this curriculum, which blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art and physical education. Sligo Creek Elementary School, 500 Schuyler Rd., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Dec. 3, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. W.I.S.E UP!sm for Children and Parents, \$15/person, \$65/family. Learn how to address those intrusive and unwanted questions and comments about adoption. C.A.S.E., 4000 Blackburn La., Suite 260, Burtonsville. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, 301-476-8525, [caseadopt@adoptionsupport.org](mailto:caseadopt@adoptionsupport.org), <http://www.adoptionsupport.org/cal/index.php>.

Dec. 4 - 18, 1:00 - 4:20 PM. Learner Permit Prep Course, \$104/10 hours. Designed for students with mild to moderate learning disabilities, but open to all to prepare for and pass the Maryland Learner Permit quiz. Montgomery College, Germantown. Offered by the Montgomery College, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Course CRN# 26326, <http://montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/bits/driversafety.html>, 240-567-1895.

Dec. 5, 7:00 - 8:15 PM. Support Group for Parent of Children Across the Autism Spectrum, (Mon., 7:00 - 8:15

PM). Group shares coping strategies and community resources, develops networks, and provides mutual support. 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, call Jamell White, 301-610-8361. Participants must register monthly!

Dec. 6, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. \*The Healing Potential of Group Therapy: Theoretical and Technical Considerations, \$65. Training for mental health professionals lead by Dr. David Cooper. The Ina Kay Bldg., 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, Ju Liu, 301-610-8384, [jliu@jssa.org](mailto:jliu@jssa.org), <http://www.jssa.org/traininginstitute>.

Dec. 6, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar- Building Self-Esteem and Racial Identity in Transracially Adopted Youth, \$25. Dr. Leigh Leslie and Debbie Riley will present. A follow-up webinar in 2012 will include a panel of teens, adults and their families. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionssupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

Dec. 6, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Red Flags in Fine Motor Skills Development, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. Presented by Brigid Baker., OTR/L, with a discussion of typical fine-motor skills development and motor milestones for preschoolers. Practical strategies and activities will be addressed. TLC, 2029 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, <http://www.ttlc.org/community.htm#registration>.

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Dec. 7, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Overview of the Residential Options & How to Plan Financially. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at [www.specialneedsplanning.net](http://www.specialneedsplanning.net), 202-841-8362.

Dec. 7, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Is This The Right School For My Child? Mary Alvord, Jenny Wilder and Dave Mullen will explore educational alternatives for high school students who have not thrived in traditional, large school settings. Nora School, 955 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring. Offered as part of the Nora School Parent Lecture Series, Janette Patterson, 301-495-6672, <http://www.nora-school.org/public-events/lecture-series/>.

Dec. 7, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. How Students Can Benefit From Well-Written Behavior Intervention Plans - Extraordinary Parents Night, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. These meetings are for parents to support each other, share experiences, solve problems to improve the educational experiences and outcomes of students on the autism spectrum. Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Sponsored by Extraordinary Minds, [www.xminds.org](http://www.xminds.org), 301-444-5225.

Dec. 7, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. \*First, Do No Harm: Repairing the Student Ego Through the Performing Arts, FREE. Presentation by Shaun Miskell, coordinator Lab School performing arts. Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, [claire.menegus@labschool.org](mailto:claire.menegus@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/lectures>.

Dec. 8, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. \*The ABC's of Behavior: How to Manage Challenging Behaviors and Nurture Socially Appropriate Behaviors in Early Childhood Classrooms, \$60. Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=691>.

Dec. 10 & 11, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Grassroots Advocacy Training of Trainers Initiative. Purpose of training is to expand advocacy at the state and local level. Only 10 participants will be accepted. National PTA

Headquarters, 1250 N. Pitt St., Alexandria. Sponsored by National PTA, <http://www.pta.org/4763.asp>. Tiffany Knight, [tknight@pta.org](mailto:tknight@pta.org), 703-518-1200, ext. 3349.

Dec. 12, 8:45 - 9:30 AM. \*Strategies to Make Sense of Mathematics for Students Who Learn Differently. Presented by Dr. Honi Bamberger. The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. Offered by the Summit School, 410-798-0005, [www.thesummitschool.org](http://www.thesummitschool.org).

Dec. 12, 7:30 PM. MCCPTA Special Education Committee Meeting. Superintendent Dr. Starr is invited to attend. JR Marghi will also present.. Carver Educational Services Center, Cafeteria, 850 Hungerford Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor, [FRTJMT@aol.com](mailto:FRTJMT@aol.com), <http://www.mccpta.com/specneeds.html>.

Dec. 13, 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Getting an Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnosis: Where Do I Go From Here? A free introductory STAR (Sharing Treatment and Autism Resources) training for parents. Cathy Croschan, LCSW-C, will lead this discussion and take your questions. 3901 Greenspring Ave., Creamer Bldg., 3rd Floor, Large Conference Room, Baltimore. Hosted by The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) at Kennedy Krieger Institute, [http://starintroductorytraining.eventbrite.com/?ref=enivtefor&invite=MTA1MzEzMS9tb3VzZXRYyXBsaXpAZWFydGhsaW5rLm5ldC8w%0A&utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=inviteformal&utm\\_term=attend](http://starintroductorytraining.eventbrite.com/?ref=enivtefor&invite=MTA1MzEzMS9tb3VzZXRYyXBsaXpAZWFydGhsaW5rLm5ldC8w%0A&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformal&utm_term=attend).

Dec. 13, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. \*Teachable Moments: Building Positive Relationships and Conflicts Resolution, \$45. A core of knowledge workshop for childcare providers. Help children learn how to express their emotions and recognize the emotions of others enabling them to resolve problems together. JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA Training Institute , Ju Liu, 301-816-2645, [jliu@jssa.org](mailto:jliu@jssa.org), <http://www.jssa.org/jssa-training-institute/core-of-knowledge>.

Dec. 14, 10:00 AM. Lab School Open House. Learn more about this school, which serves students grades 1 - 12 with language based learning differences. The Foxhall Campus serves students 5 - 12th. Lab School, 1550 Foxhall Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School, Alexandra Freeman, 202-944-3077, [alexandra.freeman@labschool.org](mailto:alexandra.freeman@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/openhouses>.

Dec. 14, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Camps and Other Recreational Programs for Children and Adults with Disabilities, \$10. Deaf interpreter available with one-week prior notice. 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, as a Community Seminar, pre-registration required, Jamell White, 301-610-8414, [http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning/family-parenting#Comm\\_Seminars](http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning/family-parenting#Comm_Seminars).

Dec. 15, 12:30 - 2:00 PM. Behavioral Issues in Autism: Why Do They Do That? - Brown Bag Seminar Series. Dr. Steven Lindauer will present. The Arc of Frederick County, 620-A Research Dr., Frederick. Co-sponsored by Pathfinders for Autism and Frederick County Public Schools' Partners for Success and Infants and Toddlers Programs and the Arc of Frederick, Trish Kane, 443-330-5341, [tkane@pathfindersforautism.org](mailto:tkane@pathfindersforautism.org), <http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/newsItem.aspx?id=265>.

Dec. 15, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Curriculum 2.0 - Info Night. Come and learn about this curriculum, which blends reading/language arts and mathematics instruction with lessons in science, social studies, music, art and physical education. Roscoe R. Nix Elementary School, 1100 Corliss St., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>.

Jan. 7 - Mar. 31, 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM. \*Study Skills, \$750. For teachers, parents and tutors who want to assist students using strategies to improve executive functioning, test-taking skills and comprehension. ASDEC, 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://asdec.publishpath.com/Default.aspx?shortcut=courses>.

Jan. 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Is There A College For My Child? Judy Bass will cover how to successfully transition your child toward self-advocacy and independence in preparing for a smooth transition to college. Nora School, 955 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring. Offered as part of the Nora School Parent Lecture Series, Janette Patterson, 301-495-6672, <http://www.nora-school.org/public-events/lecture-series/>.

Jan. 18, PM. Help Your Child To Start Thinking Organized, \$30/prepaid. Rhona Gordon will help parents understand how to help their disorganized thinkers break down common difficulties in schoolwork, homework and daily activities. Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by Parent University, <http://parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343.

Jan. 18, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. \*Respect, Empathy, & Diversity: A School-wide Approach to Tolerance, FREE. Presentation by Dr. Douglas Fagen. Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, [claire.menegus@labschool.org](mailto:claire.menegus@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/lectures>.

Jan. 24, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. \*Effective Communication Skills Between Child Care Providers and Families: Help Parents Help You, \$45, COK: Community/Level I-II. One of the core of knowledge for Child Care Providers that will help participants identify ways to maintain ongoing communication with families, as well as address communication roadblocks. The Ina Kay Bldg., 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, Ju Liu, 301-610-8384, [jliu@jssa.org](mailto:jliu@jssa.org), <http://www.jssa.org/jssa-training-institute/core-of-knowledge>.

Feb. 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. SAT/ACT Prep for Students (and for Parents). Olivia Ellis will offer parents information about the SAT/ACT test and how they may support their students in achieving the best score. Nora School, 955 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring. Offered as part of the Nora School Parent Lecture Series, Janette Patterson, 301-495-6672, <http://www.nora-school.org/public-events/lecture-series/>.

Feb. 13, 7:30 PM. MCCPTA Special Education Committee Meeting - Chair Networking. PTA Special Education chairs are invited to network. Carver Educational Services Center, Cafeteria, 850 Hungerford Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor, [FRTJMT@aol.com](mailto:FRTJMT@aol.com), <http://www.mccpta.com/specneeds.html>.

Feb. 15, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. \*Utilizing Educational Technology for School Success: Digital Tools for Supporting Students with Learning Differences, FREE. Presentation by Jennifer Sherman and Daniel Hartman, Lab School technology specialists. Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, [claire.menegus@labschool.org](mailto:claire.menegus@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/lectures>.

Mar. 5, PM. The Healthy Use of Technology: Setting Limits on the Virtual World, \$30/prepaid. Dr. Edward Spector will discuss the healthy use of video games, the internet and smart phones. Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by Parent University, <http://parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343.

Mar. 6, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Medication for ADHD? Dr. Shira Rubenstein will present the variety of medications, preparations and innovations that are available for pharmacological treatment of ADHD. Nora School, 955 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring. Offered as part of the Nora School Parent Lecture Series, Janette Patterson, 301-495-6672, <http://www.nora-school.org/public-events/lecture-series/>.

Mar. 7, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. \*How to Help Your Child with Executive Dysfunction Become More Independent and Effective, FREE. Presentation by Dr. Lauren Kensworthy. Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, [claire.menegus@labschool.org](mailto:claire.menegus@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/lectures>.

Mar. 18, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. \*D.C. Area's Special Learning Needs Sampler, \$. A day of seminars and resources especially for families of children and young adults with special learning needs. Universities of Maryland at Shady Grove, Bldg. III, 9630 Gudelsky Dr., Gaithersburg. Offered by the Weinfeld Education Group, 301-681-6233, register at: to be announced, more information at:

<http://www.weinfeldeducationgroup.com/parent-education.html>.

Mar. 28, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. \*Resilience Builders: Helping Children and Teens Cope with Life's Stressors, FREE. Presentation by Dr. Mary Alvord. Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, [claire.menegus@labschool.org](mailto:claire.menegus@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/lectures>.

Mar. 29, 1:00 - 2:30 PM. What Special Education Can (and Can't) Do For Your Child - Brown Bag Seminar Series. Julie Foley and Kim McKay present. Howard County Autism Society, 10280 Old Columbia Rd., #215, Columbia. Co-sponsored by Pathfinders for Autism and Howard County Autism Society, Trish Kane, 443-330-5341, [tkane@pathfindersforautism.org](mailto:tkane@pathfindersforautism.org), <http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/newsItem.aspx?id=270>.

April 5, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. \*Red Flags in Fine Motor Skills Development, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. Presented by Brigid Baker., OTR/L, with a discussion of typical fine-motor skills development and motor milestones for preschoolers. Practical strategies and activities will be addressed. 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 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Social Perception and Social Thinking in Autism Spectrum Disorders. Dr. David Black will explore how differences in social perception and cognition impact educating and raising children on the autism spectrum. Nora School, 955 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring. Offered as part of the Nora School Parent Lecture Series, Janette Patterson, 301-495-6672, <http://www.nora-school.org/public-events/lecture-series/>.

April 11, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. \*Helping Children with Attentional, Organizational and Learning Problems: Can We Train the Brain? FREE. Presentation by Dr. Barbara Ingersoll. Lab School, the Commons, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Claire Menegus, 202-454-2294, [claire.menegus@labschool.org](mailto:claire.menegus@labschool.org), <http://www.labschool.org/lectures>.

April 26, 12:30 - 2:00 PM. Effective Strategies for Managing Challenging Behaviors in Children with ASD - Brown Bag Seminar Series. Tracey Frank, Autism Teacher Specialist, will present. The Arc of Frederick County, 620-A Research Dr., Frederick. Co-sponsored by Pathfinders for Autism and Frederick County Public Schools' Partners for Success and Infants and Toddlers Programs and the Arc of Frederick, Trish Kane, 443-330-5341, [tkane@pathfindersforautism.org](mailto:tkane@pathfindersforautism.org), <http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/newsItem.aspx?id=265>.

May 7, 7:30 PM. MCCPTA Special Education Committee Awards Ceremony. Educators, parents, programs and students are recognized for their contribution to children in our community. Location TBA. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor, [FRTJMT@aol.com](mailto:FRTJMT@aol.com), <http://www.mccpta.com/specneeds.html>.

May 7, PM. Social Thinking and Social Perception in Autism Spectrum Disorder, \$30/prepaid. Dr. David Black will discuss the latest research in social perception and social cognition in ASD. Har Shalom ECEC, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by Parent University, <http://parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343.

May 9, 7:30 PM. MCCPTA Special Education Committee Awards Ceremony. Educators, parents, programs and students are recognized for their contribution to children in our community. Light refreshments begin at 6:30 PM - come and meet some of the wonderful honorees and their students. Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor,

[FRTJMT@aol.com](mailto:FRTJMT@aol.com), <http://www.mcepta.com/specneeds.html>.

May 31, 1:00 - 2:30 PM. ASD: Sexuality and Social Boundaries - Brown Bag Seminar Series. Janet Palmer will present ways to protect and promote appropriate social behavior in `tweeners, teenagers and adults. Howard County Autism Society, 10280 Old Columbia Rd., #215, Columbia. Co-sponsored by Pathfinders for Autism and Howard County Autism Society, Trish Kane, 443-330-5341, tkane@pathfindersfor [autism.org](http://autism.org), <http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/newsItem.aspx?id=270>.

June 18 - 29, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. \*Language 2: Advanced Multisensory Structured Language Education, \$850. Course builds on skills learned in Language 1. The emphasis will be on higher-level linguistic concepts as well as fluency. ASDEC, 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://asdec.publishpath.com/Default.aspx?shortcut=courses>.