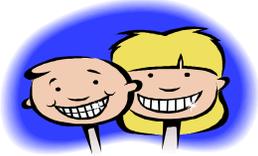


PARENT CENTER

Supporting Children and Youth with Disabilities from Birth to 21 and their Families



We understand the difficulties of finding help and information for children with disabilities---all staff members of the Center are parents who have children with disabilities. Contact us by phone, fax, or email for more information.

Please give us a call or drop by for more information on how we can help you. During off-hours, you can leave a message on the Center's voice mail or contact us via email.

The Charles County public school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability in its programs, activities or employment practices. For inquiries, please contact Keith Grier, Title IX Coordinator, or Patricia Vaira, Section 504 Coordinator (students), or Keith Hettel, Section 504 Coordinator (employees/adults), at Charles County Public Schools, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, P.O. Box 2770, La Plata, MD 20646. 301.932.6610/870.3814. For special accommodations call 301.934.7230 or TDD 1.800.735.2258 two weeks prior to the event.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PARENT CENTER

The Parent Center is conveniently located in the center of Charles County, just beside the Jesse L. Starkey Building (Charles County Board of Education) on Radio Station Road in La Plata.

From Route 5/Leonardtwn Road: take Route 488 to Radio Station Road. Turn right onto Radio Station Road — the Gwynn Center is approximately 1 mile from the intersection on your right across from La Plata High School.

From Route 6: take Route 488 to Radio Station Road. Turn left onto Radio Station Road — the Gwynn Center is approximately 1 mile from the intersection on your right across from La Plata High School.

From Route 301 South: turn left onto Washington Ave., turn left onto Rosewick Road, and then turn right onto Radio Station Road — the Gwynn Center will be on the left across from La Plata High School.

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A Resource Center Supporting the Needs of Children and Youth with Disabilities and their Families



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Welcome to THE PARENT CENTER

The Parent Center is a resource center for families and schools in partnership with the Maryland State Department of Education. The main purpose of the center is to provide the skills, resources and knowledge that will enable families of children and youth with disabilities and professionals to partner in the educational decision-making process. In addition, the Parent Center provides information, materials, and support in the community.



As you look for ways to help your child, turn to the Parent Resource Center to:

- ❖ Give you support, information, and resources on disabilities and available community services.
- ❖ Help you make good choices about your child's education.
- ❖ Address your concerns about your child's disability and how best to meet them.
- ❖ Help you cooperate and join forces with other families and professionals.

SERVICES OF THE PARENT CENTER

We are here to support you, your child, your family, teachers and other professionals.

- ❖ Information and referral services
- ❖ Parent Support Groups
- ❖ Monthly newsletter
- ❖ Training workshops for parents and educators, promoting active parent involvement and parent/professional partnership

CONTACT US!

We are ready to help you!

Please contact us at:

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Our email is pfs@ccboe.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

FEATURES OF THE PARENT CENTER

The Parent Center provides a number of training sessions and informational services.

- ❖ **Multi-Media Lending Library-** our center houses a large collection of books, guides, pamphlets, videos and tapes on a variety of topics ranging from child development to preparing your child for life after high school.
- ❖ **Computer Lab Stations-** our center has three computer stations with Internet access and Boardmaker programs for use by parents, families, and professionals.
- ❖ **Sponsored Training Workshops** for parents and educators on a variety of topics:

Some topics include:

- Advocacy
- Autism
- Disability Benefits
- Transitions
- Understanding Special Education
- Understanding IEP's & IFSP's