



Charles County Parent Center Newsletter

September 2023

Welcome back to a new school year! We are glad to have back those who are returning and thrilled to have new people joining us. We at the Charles County Parent Center are here to support families of children with disabilities enrolled in Charles County Public Schools. We are available to provide information to assist you in making informed decisions about your child's education. We offer trainings throughout the year on various topics, including our annual transition conference, which will be held in the Spring of 2024. We also have several free resources for you to access through our website and lending library. <https://www.cboc.com/parents/parent-center>

Upcoming Workshop at the Parent Center

2-Part IEP Clinic

Presented by Missy Alexander
Director of Learning and Development
The Parents' Place of MD

This **two workshop mini-series** will help parents to gain a better understanding of the IEP process and the IEP document itself.

Participants **must attend both sessions**. Homework will be given between sessions

DATES: Part 1: September 28, 2023 5 - 8 p.m.
Part 2: October 12, 2023 6 - 8 p.m.

LOCATION: Charles County Parent Center
F. B. Gwynn Educational Center
5998 Radio Station Rd
La Plata MD 20646

Click here to register: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5085942>

Please call Debbie Gilley at 301-934-7456 or email pfs@ccboe.com for more information

Upcoming Workshops

St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS)
Partners for Success Presents

Virtual Cyberbullying Workshop for Parents

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Tuesday September 26th, 2023
6:00 - 8:30 PM

The workshop is free but registration is required.

For more information and to register
please contact Robyn Roberts at
partnersforsuccess@smcps.org

St. Mary's County Public Schools (SMCPS) Partners for
Success Presents

"BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES"

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

This class is *virtual*, links will be delivered via email 3
days prior to the class

Wednesday, September 27th, 2023
6:00 to 8:00 PM

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SOCIAL
SECURITY VISIT WWW.SOCIALSECURITY.GOV

The workshop is free but registration is required

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St. Mary's and Charles County Family Support Services present: a Parent Workshop

Rethinking ADHD: What Works, What Doesn't and Why

Presented By: Frank Kros, MSW, JD

Tuesday Oct 3, 6:00-8:00 PM
Focusing on kids Grades K-5

Thursday Oct 5, 6:00-8:00 PM
Focusing on kids Grades 6-12



Forrest Career & Tech Center
24005 Point Lookout Rd
Leonardtown, MD 20650



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Helpful Resources



The Charles County Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC) needs parent and community participation. This group enables the Director of Special Education to seek meaningful input from parents, community partners, service providers, and school administrators on local issues relative to the provision of a free and appropriate public education and the achievement of students with disabilities.

(301) 539-9102 / charlescountysecac@gmail.com / www.charlescountysecac.com



The Parents' Place offers a variety of programs and services that continue to support families of children with disabilities and special health care needs. Serving as Maryland's Parent Training and Information Center and Family-to-Family Health Information Center, Parents' Place supports thousands of Maryland families each year. Parents' Place, staffed primarily by parents who have faced these challenges, believes that experienced parents are a key source of knowledge and support to help other families become effective voices for their own children. 1-800-394-5694 / <https://www.ppmmd.org/>



The Charles County Autism & Developmental Disabilities Parent Support Group is a local community support group with the intention of providing a safe, supportive space for parents of autistic & developmentally disabled kids. Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Come together monthly for mutual support, connection, & resource-sharing. You can also join their private Facebook group for ongoing community and support. If you have additional questions, feel free to connect with them via email at ccparentgroup@gmail.com.

Facebook Group URL: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/373251254508748>



Wrightslaw offers a variety of special education law and advocacy programs taught by nationally-recognized experts in the field of special education law and advocacy. Wrightslaw special education law and advocacy programs are designed to meet the needs of parents, advocates, educators, attorneys, and health care providers who represent children with disabilities. <https://www.wrightslaw.com>



Since 2014, Understood has served millions of families of kids who learn and think differently. Our programs for Families, Educators, and Young Adults focus on empowering people who learn and think differently and those who support them, offering customized, accessible resources and a compassionate community. We work with educators, health care professionals, researchers, and human resource professionals to provide proven, vetted information. <https://www.understood.org/>



Maryland Learning Links is the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services' (DEI/SES) online portal providing educators and leaders with the special education resources, guidance, and professional learning resources they need to improve outcomes and narrow the gap for students with disabilities. <https://marylandlearninglinks.org/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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