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The Charles County Parent Center is a resource center for families with children with disabilities supported by 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 & youth with disabilities and professionals to partner in the educational decision-making process.

The Parent Center is staffed by parents who have a child or children with disabilities. We have been trained in the IEP process and understand the difficulties of finding information and resources to help support you and your family needs. We can set up One-to-one meetings and attend IEP meetings at your request.

The Parent Center is located in the F.B. Gwynn Center and provides newsletters, information, materials, lending library, computer stations, and a variety of free parent training workshops.



The Charles County Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC)

Currently seeking board positions!

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.

Our meeting dates for the 2018-2019 school year are:

January 15 February 19 March 19 April 16 May 14

SECAC will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. The meetings will be held in the Parent Center at the F.B. Gwynn Center, 5998 Radio Station Road, La Plata, MD 20646.

For more information: call 301-539-9102 email charlescountysecac@gmail.com or go to the website www.charlescountysecac.com

Please save the dates and make your voices heard!

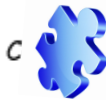
AUTISM and ADHD SUPPORT GROUP Of Charles County



Mission Statement: The mission of the Charles County Autism Support Group is to increase community awareness of autism and ADHD and provide support to families living with autism and ADHD. The group does not endorse nor dismiss any specific treatment, or professional services.

Meeting Dates are on the second Friday of each month at 6:30 at Panera in La Plata. Additionally, we plan a Moms' Night Out the fourth Friday of each month. (Location to be determined at Support Group each month.)

Jan 11, 2019 Feb 8, 2019 Mar 8, 2019 Apr 12, 2019



Information - Allysa Ware - 240-423-5757 (c); HYPERLINK "mailto:lysaware@aol.com" lysaware@aol.com <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1572901716277904/>



SAVE THE DATE

Date	Workshop Topic and Presenter	Description
Jan 9, 2019	Autism Diagnosis - Next Steps Allysa Ware	Provide an overview of autism as well as the common resources and evidence-based treatments that are effective for children with ASD.
Jan 30 & Feb 07, 2019	Tests and Measurements Missy Alexander	Understand how to read reports concerning your child's testing and measurements
Feb 8, 2019 10:00 AM	What Parents Need to Know - IEP Missy Alexander	Understanding the IEP process
Feb 22, 2019 10:00 AM	Special Ed 201 Missy Alexander	IEP myths and misconceptions
Mar 2019	American Sign Language	Basics in ASL
Mar 23, 2019	Charles County Special Education Expo	Transition Conference and Resource Fair
Apr 3, 2019	Medical vs Educational Diagnosis Allysa Ware	Understand the difference between a medical diagnosis and an educational diagnosis and services

****Please Note that any requests for special accommodations for a school sponsored workshop must be made two weeks in advance for consideration.**

****Details on how to register and information for each workshop or event will be sent out in newsletters or fliers.**

Life After an ASD Diagnosis:

Next steps after receiving an initial diagnosis



The purpose of this workshop is to provide an overview of autism, as well as the common resources and evidence-based treatments that are effective for children with autism spectrum disorders. We will review what autism is, common myths about autism, community resources and funding option, and evidence-based treatments.

Date: Wednesday January 9th, 2019
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Place: Charles County Parent Center
F. B. Gwynn Center
5998 Radio Station Rd
La Plata. MD 20646



Presenters:

Allysa Ware, MSW is a project director for Family Voices and former social worker at Children's National Medical Center's Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Yetta Myrick is a Community Outreach Coordinator with Children's National Medical Center. Both are mothers of autistic teenagers who work to link families with resources and services and to provide the best possible care for autistic youth.



The workshop is free, but registration is required. To register, please call the Parent Center at 301-934-7456 or email your name, contact information and number attending to pfs@ccboe.com

All Of Those Numbers! A Parent's Guide to Understanding Standardized Test Scores



FREE Workshop Series for Parents

WORKSHOP DETAILS

- **SPEAKER**

Missy Alexander
Parent Educator
Parents' Place of Maryland

- **DATES & TIME**

Wednesday, January 30,
2019 & Thursday, February
7, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00
p.m.

- **LOCATION**

F.B. Gwynn Center
5998 Radio Station Road
La Plata, Maryland

- **REGISTRATION**

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301-934-7456 -
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The IDEA requires parents to give informed consent to the provision of special education and related services. School systems rely upon standardized assessments and other measures that include a lot of numbers—standard scores percentile ranks, words per minute, etc. Parents are at a disadvantage for a variety of reasons, and one of them is that they don't quite understand the scoring process on these tests.

Participants must attend both sessions. Homework will be given between sessions. Parents are invited to bring the results of their children's testing to use as a sample as well.

Learn about:

- What the 'average range' means
- The variety of test instruments that can be used in evaluating children
- 'Test score discrepancy'
- Skills to develop a chart from reported test scores.

Space is limited, so register today!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Charles County Public School Department of Special
Education's Partners for Success Center





Guiding THE Journey

A TRANSITION TRAINING FOR PARENTS

Presented by: the Parents' Place of Maryland

The transition from school to adulthood for children with special needs can be challenging. It can be difficult to know where to begin or what the priorities should be.

This FREE four session training, which includes the use of Lifecourse Tools, will help parents navigate this process and develop a unique Transition Action Plan for/with their child.

During this training, parents will...

- Gain an understanding of their changing role
- Complete homework individualized to their child
- Develop a customized Transition Action Plan

Who should apply:

Parents of transition aged students (ages 14-21) who have an IEP or 504 plan. Participants must commit to attending all four sessions.

How to Apply:

Complete the online application by clicking on the link below or copying into your browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GuidingtheJourney2019>

Application Deadline is December 21, 2018 at 5:00pm.

For questions contact Missy Alexander at (301) 884-4662.

Session 1

Your Child and
Transition

Date: 2/9/2019

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Session 2

School and Transition

Date: 3/16/2019

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Session 3

Post-secondary/
Employment Options

Date: 4/6/2019

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Session 4

Life in the Community

Date: 5/11/2019

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

LOCATION

North Point HS

2500 Davis Rd.

Waldorf, MD 20603



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Save the Date

Charles County Special Education Expo: Navigating the Future for your Child with Special Needs

Helping to Improve Outcomes for Individuals with Disabilities from Birth-21 years

Presented by:

Charles County Parent Center, Charles County Public Schools
and The Parents Place of Maryland

When: Saturday March 23, 2019

Where: St. Charles High School
5305 Piney Church Rd, Waldorf MD

Time: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Growing Up



- Registration begins at 8:30 am, presentation begins at 9:00
- Conference is free but registration is required by March 8, 2019. This conference is geared toward parents or caregivers of children with special needs
- Continental Breakfast and lunch will be provided. However, we will not be able to honor any specific dietary requests.

- **Please Note that any requests for special accommodations for a school sponsored workshop must be made two weeks in advance for consideration.**
- **Information on how and when to register will be available in February. We will plan to offer an online and mail in registration. Details to follow**

- Does your child struggle with executive functioning and organizational skills?
- What type of community services are available for students with disabilities?
- What transition services are offered for children exiting the Public Schools?
- Do you understand the IEP Process?

Presenters from:

- Charles County Public Schools
- The Parent's Place of Maryland
- Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)
- Social Security Administration
- College of Southern Maryland
- Financial Planning Organizations

Over 15 Exhibitors (may include):

- DORS
- Developmental Disability Service Providers
- SECAC
- Mental Health Providers
- Special Olympics
- Southern Md. Center for Independent Living