

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

(April - Sept. 2011, updated 04/21/11)

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Also at: <http://www.mccpta.com/specedCal.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.

Spring 2011. Youth M.O.V.E. National Youth Advocacy Training Webinar Series. *Four part web-based training for youth who have experience in foster care, juvenile justice and/or mental health systems to learn to tell their stories in a way that changes policy and improves outcome for children, youth and young adults.* Sponsored by the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, <https://www4.georgetown.edu/uis/keybridge/keyform/form.cfm?FormID=3867>. For more information contact Eric Lulow, 240-403-2529, elulow@ffcmh.org.

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.

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. 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. (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. 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@namimc.org, 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.



Spring 2011. Family to Family. 12-week education program that helps family members understand and support their ill mentally ill relatives while maintaining their own well-being. 3 classes - Takoma Park, Olney & Rockville. Sponsored NAMI of MC, Hilary, pre-registration required, 301-949-5852, ext. 100, f2f@namimc.org.

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.

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.

April 23, 1:00. Camp Sequoia Open House. Learn more about this overnight summer camp for children and teens ages 8 - 18 with learning differences, NLD, Asperger's Syndrome, ADD/ADHD and high functioning Autism. The Hill School, 717 East High St., Pottstown. Offered by Camp Sequoia, Ryan Wexelblatt, office@camp-sequoia.com, 610-771-0111.

April 23 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Saturday Adaptive Technology Workshop - Microsoft Windows, Office 2010 and Internet Explorer 8/9. Learn about the accessibility features available in these programs for people with visual, learning or mobility disabilities. Rockville Library, Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Sponsored by the Montgomery County Libraries, Disability Resource Center Library Advisory Committee, krasul1974@gmail.com.

April 25 - 28, 9:00 AM. *Council for Exceptional Children National Conference, \$287/member; \$464/non-member before Jan. 12, CEUs. Details on the website. National Harbor, Fort Washington. Sponsored by Council for Exceptional Children, <http://www.cec.sped.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ProfessionalDevelopment/ConventionExpo/default.htm>.

April 25, 4:00 - 6:30 PM. Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Senior Scientists and Engineers (SSE) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Volunteers. Educators, parents and PTA members are invited to come and learn more about these programs for improving K-12 science education and the science of learning. There will be presentations by the director of the program, volunteers with the teachers they work with at the elementary, middle and high schools levels. AAAS Headquarters, 1200 New York Ave., Washington D.C. RSVP, Robert Thomas, robert.james.thomas@verizon.net.

April 26 - 27, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. *Social Thinking Workshop, \$150/day; \$280/2 days by April 11 for parents; \$170/day; \$315/2 days for professionals. Michelle Garcia Winner will be the featured keynote speaker at this workshop. Learn the inner mind of persons high on the autism spectrum., with ADHD, non-verbal learning disability or who fit the clinical picture. IEP goals will be addressed and much more. **April 26 - Social Thinking Across the Home and School Day: The ILAUGH Model of Social Cognition.** **April 27 - Thinking About YOU Thinking About ME.** Baltimore Marriott Hunt, 245 Shawan Rd., Hunt Valley. Offered by Social Thinking, <http://www.socialthinking.com/workshops/403-baltimoreworkshops42011>.

April 26, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *Teaching Tolerance, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. Presented by Dr. Beverly Celotta for professionals at the preschool - elementary level with information to help children in classroom to understand and appreciate the uniqueness of children. 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.

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April 26, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. *Maximizing Success: Outcome-Based IEP Goals, \$15 pre-register, \$25/at the door. *Workshop will present a brief overview of the IEP process, address the importance of and provide guidance on writing measurable goals and offer an interactive writing exercise. Dinner provided.* George Mason University, Psychological Services Center, 10340 Democracy Lane, suite 202, Fairfax. Co-sponsored by the Behavioral Direction, LLC and the Organization for Autism Research, <http://researchautism.org/news/otherevents/IEPSeminar.asp>.

April 26, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. TACA Coffee Talk (last Tues. of the month, 8:00 - 9:30 PM). *Come and receive extra support and talk about topics related to autism and meet other TACA families.* Lilit Cafe, 7921 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Sponsored by Talk About Curing Autism, Alison Hoffman, Alison.hoffman@tacanow.org or Katherine O'Brien, Katherine.obrien@tacanow.org, <http://www.tacanow.org/local-chapters/maryland/montgomery-countywashington-d-c/>. (Also May 31, June 28, 2011).

April 26, 7:30 PM. How to Talk to Your Child About Autism. *Questions and Answers with local experts.* Aurora School, 601 Catocin Circle, Northeast, Leesburg.

April 27, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Smart College Financial Planning. *Learn how to planning for increasing college costs with this presentation by the Foundation for Financial Aid.* Lakelands Park Middle School, 1200 Main St., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

April 27, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Bright Futures for Students With Learning Differences and Significant Disabilities. *Learn about high school choices to help students succeed.* Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

April 27, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Transition Times For Parents of Young Adults Leaving High School - Transition Issues Updates (usually 3rd. Wed., 7:30 - 9:00 PM). *Shawn Lattanzio, of MC HHS, will present information and updates on the transition process. Transition Times is a group for parents seeking information regarding the process of transitioning from high school to young adulthood.* The Arc of MC, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the Arc of MC, Haydee DePaula, 301-984-5777 ext. 265, and Potomac Community Resources, Abby Lubran, abby@pcr-inc.org, 301-365-0561. Register on line: <http://www.pcr-inc.org/calendardetails.asp?ITEMID=432&date=09%2F15%2F2010> (Also, May 18, 2011).

April 28, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Writing MCPS Style - 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 - Jim Fliakas, MCPS supervisor of secondary English, will present.* Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Dr., Bethesda. Sponsored by The Gifted with Learning Differences Educational Network, Joan Wittan, jomada@verizon.net, www.gtlidnetwork.org.

April 28, 7:00 PM. Transition Services - Monthly MCPS Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting (SEAC)-(usually 4th Thurs., 7:00-7:30 PM, open forum; 7:30-9:30 PM, speakers). *Kathy Kolan, MCPS Transition Services, will be on hand for questions and answers about the MCPS Transition process. These meetings are open to the public and babysitting is offered with advance notice of child's age and needs.* Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rm. 127, Rockville. Community members (parents) who wish to be included in the open forum email Joan Sabaka, VALNTINE20@aol.com, Laura Swerdlin, lauraswerdlin@verizon.net or Anne Turner, adturn88@verizon.net.

April 28, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. *An Evening with Thomas West: Dyslexia Talents - Engines of Discovery, \$30. *Thomas West, author of "In the Mind's Eye - Creative Visual Thinkers" and of "Gifted Dyslexics and the Rise of Visual Technologies" will present.* Siena School, 9727 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by the Siena School as part of the Siena School Educational Workshop Series, 301-592-0567, ext. 12, www.thesienaschool.org.

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April 28, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Can We Talk? Speaking Up For Your Children to Help Them Succeed. *Learn how to talk to teachers and principals to advocate for your children.* Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East-West Hwy., Bethesda. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

April 28, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Middle School Science: Preparing Our Future Citizens. *Come and ponder the problems posed to students, see examples of instructional activities and learn about the curriculum..* Forest Oak Middle School, 651 Saybrooke Blvd., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

April 28, 7:15 - 9:15 PM. The Treatment of ADHD with Emphasis on Medication, (4th. Wed., 7:15 PM, registration; 7:30 - 9:15 PM, Speaker Meeting). *Dr. Navenna Hemanth will discuss current findings and on-going studies about the role of medications in the treatment of ADHD.* Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by CHADD of MC as the monthly Speaker Program Meeting, www.chadd-mc.org, chadd100@gmail.com.

April 28 - May 5, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Backtalk: How Dare You Speak to Me That Way! \$57/person, \$99/couple; \$51/PEP member, \$90/PEP couple. *For parents of children ages 5 - 18.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, www.parentencouragement.org/.

April 29, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. *Working with Social/Emotional/Learning Issues - LDA of NJ Annual Conference, \$130/LDA members, \$165/non-members, \$100/students; CEUs. *Ron Goldoski will be the keynote speaker. Breakout sessions will include: Motivating the Unmotivated Student, Biofeedback and the Student with LD/ADHD, Executive Function, RTI, Behavior Intervention Plans and much more.* Sheraton Hotel, Rte. 35, Eatontown, NJ. Sponsored by the Learning Disabilities Association of New Jersey, <http://www.idanj.org/2011ConfBrochure.pdf>, 973-265-4303, ldanj@optonline.net.

April 29, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Homeschool Craft Fair. *Come and buy the many craft items for sale by homeschoolers. Bring your own bags and small bills.* Ridge Road Recreational Park - Playground, 21155 Frederick Rd., Germantown. Organized by the Montgomery Home Learning Network, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MHLNnet/message/6764>.

April 29, 7:00 PM. Music in Motion, \$/donations accepted. *Don't miss this unique opportunity to "hear" this talented sign language performance by hearing students who interpret music with motion, lights and emotion.* Quince Orchard High School, 15800 Quince Orchard Rd., Gaithersburg. Offered by the Sign Language Classes of QOHS as part of their community outreach program and performances for elementary schools.

April 29, 7:00 - 10:00 PM. Bright Solutions for Dyslexia - with Susan Barton. *National expert will discuss why bright children might struggle with reading, writing and spelling and what can be done to help them.* Highland School, Rice Theater, 597 Broadview Ave., Warrenton. Co-sponsored by the Virginia Branch of IDA and Highland School, Mary Chrisinger, 540-878-2714.

April 30, May 14 & 21, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. *Building Blocks of Reading Workshop Series, \$360, CEUs. *18 hour Saturday workshop offers teachers, special education teachers, reading specialists and tutors a comprehensive Orton-Gillingham based approach to the basics of reading instruction.* ASDEC, 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://asdec.publishpath.com/courses>.

April 30, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. *Risks and Rewards: Treatment and Parenting Strategies for the Drug Exposed Child, \$35, CEUs. *Dr. Ira Chasnoff is the keynote speaker, along with Janice Goldwater, Juli Alvarado and Lori Thomas at this conference for foster/adoptive parents, parents of children with attachment problems, case workers, therapists, teachers and other professionals.* Fairfax County Government Bldg. Conference Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax. Co-sponsored by the Association for Treatment and Training in Attachment of Children (ATTACH) and Hope Villages, 866-453-8224,

<http://www.attach.org/2011spring.html>, <http://www.attach.org/risksandrewards.pdf>, registration deadline April 15.

April 30, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Maryland Day - Explore Our World, FREE, rain or shine. *The perfect way to get to know the University of Maryland - activities for children and prospective students. There will be a musical instrument zoo, an agriculture day, arts alley, global village, sports and recreation row and much more.* University of Maryland, College Park. Offered by the University of Maryland, <http://www.marylandday.umd.edu/>.

April 30, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Great and Small Therapeutic Riding Open House. *Special day demonstrating a new program that is being developed which incorporates Floor Time concepts into therapeutic riding. Activities include: pet and groom a horse, watch riding demonstrations, create an art project, ride the vaulting barrels and hobby horses and learn about Barn Time.* The Rickman Farm Horse Park, 17320 Moore Rd., Boyds. Offered by Great and Small, 301-349-0075, www.greatandsmallride.org.

May 1, 1:00 PM. 15th Annual Shelter Walk 'n Roll, \$25/adult, \$15/under 18 & students with ID. *Fun filled day with games, raffle giveaways and live entertainment raising awareness about homelessness.* Rockville Town Square. Sponsored by the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, <http://mcch.net/events/overview.html>.

May 1, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Montgomery County Health and Resources Fair. *Come learn about resources available for children, adults and seniors. Areas covered include mental health, youth services, health, housing and much more.* County Executive Bldg., Cafeteria, 101 Monroe St., Rockville. Co-sponsored by Montgomery County and the Coordination Council of Chinese American Associations.

May 2, 6:30 -8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 1 of 3). *Explore the MCPS website, set up an Ed-line Account and learn about Microsoft Word in this beginning level workshop.* Earle B. Woods Middle School, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 2 - 16, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Putting the Genie Back in the Bottle: Teaching Our Children To Respect Sexual Boundaries & Limits, \$92/person, \$155/couple; \$81/PEP member, \$140/PEP couple. *For parent of children ages 8 - 18.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, www.parentencouragement.org/.

May 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Understanding Your Child's Personality Type. *A certified Myers-Briggs Type Indicator practitioner will improve your effectiveness as a parent by understanding your child's learning style, ways of working with others and more.* Newport Mill Middle School, 11311 Newport Mill R., Kensington. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 3, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. *Assessment, Research Update and Treatment of Anxiety Disorders in Adults, \$65, 3 CEUs. *Dr. Elizabeth Winter will present this training session for mental health professionals.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA Training Institute , Barbara Higdon, 301-816-2645, traininginstitute@jssa.org.

May 3, 5:30 - 8:30 PM. *Classroom Management: Strategies to Work with Challenging Behaviors, \$40. *A core of knowledge workshop for child care providers.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA Training Institute, Ju Liu, 301-816-2645, jliu@jssa.org.

May 3, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *Supporting Friendship Development in Young Children, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. *Presented by Sally Neuberger, LCSW, giving an overview of how and why children make friends and the important role that friendship plays in a child's development.* 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.

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May 3 - June 7, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Parenting Teens, req. text: \$20; class fee: \$30. *Down to earth and practical strategies to parent teens.* 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.

May 4 - 25, 9:45 - 11:45 AM. Raising Children to Be Resilient (\$95/person; \$60/couple; \$85/PEP member; \$145/PEP couple - 4 sessions). *For parents of all children. Learn how to help your child develop resilience.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, www.parentencouragement.org/.

May 4, 6:45 - 8:45 PM. Guardianship. *One of the Educational Seminars for Family Members Caring for Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Barry Fierst will speak on the topic of guardianship and Yolanda Mazyck will speak on guardianship and future planning.* Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. Sponsored by the Collaborative Outreach & Training Committee - JSSA, Mont. Co. Dept. of HHS Aging and Disability & the Arc of MC, register at 240-777-1216.

May 4, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Cybersafety. *Learn about the most common websites used by children and the safety issues related to computer and cell phone use.* Roberto W. Clemente Middle School, 18808 Waring Station Rd., Germantown. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 4, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Conquista tus Sueños (primero de tres partes). Parkland Middle School, 4610 West Frankfort Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 5 - June 9, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Parenting Children, req. text: \$20; class fee: \$30. *Down to earth and practical strategies to parent children.* 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.

May 5, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Bright Futures for Students With Learning Differences and Significant Disabilities. *Learn about high school choices to help students succeed.* Cabin John Middle School, 6300 Tilden Ln., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 7, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. *School IEPs and Advocacy: How to Get the Help Your Child Deserves. *Free workshop for parents, teachers and professionals will take the mystery out of the IEP process by presenting, 10 secrets to create an effective IEP or 504 Plan, 10 accommodations to improve focus, behavior and grades, 10 myths about the IEP (like my child is too smart to qualify) and 5 mistakes to avoid.* Crossroads United Methodist Church, 43454 Crossroads Dr., Ashburn. Offered by Kirk Martin, <http://www.celebratecalm.com/Events.html>.

May 7, 10:00 AM. Movie - African Cats, \$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, est. 115, www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms.

May 7, 10:00 -11:30 AM. Reach for the Stars at the Shafer Center - Puppet Theater, \$35/session; \$120/4 sessions. *Saturday morning program for children with autism ages 4 - 8. Stories, puppets, poetry and more.* The Shafer Center for Early Intervention, 132 Business Center Dr., Reistertown. Offered by the Shafer Center, Courtney Martin, 410-517-1113, ext. 101, Courtney.martin@shafercenter.com.

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May 7, 12:00 - 3:00 PM. Free Yoga Workshop for Special Needs Children & Adults and Their Caregivers. *Bring your own mat or towel to spread on the floor and learn some techniques to help your loved ones from Shaye Moore, a licensed "Yoga for the Special Child Instructor".* Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by OASIS (Organization for the Advancement of and Services for Individuals with Special Needs, registration information with Chitra Vijay, 301-385-6131, srividyalaya@yahoo.com.

May 7, 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Therapeutic Art Class for Children with Disabilities. *Children ages 7 and up are invited to create a surprise gift for mother's day.* Hadley Farms Community Center, 7420 Hadley Farms Dr., Gaithersburg. Co-sponsored by VSA DC and the Lollipop Kids, reserve your child's spot at debbie@lollipopkidsfoundation.org.

May 7, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Open Forum Counseling - Creating a More Hopeful Family (\$11/person; \$16/couple; \$5/9 & up, childcare available). *For all family members ages 9 and up.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, www.parentencouragement.org/.

May 9, 7:15 - 8:30 PM. First Impressions Count, \$30. *Cynthia Lett presents how you can help your child navigate their social world.* Har Shalom Early Childhood Education Center, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac. Offered by the Parent University(\$30/sessions, \$20/sessions registering for 4 or more, \$120/7 sessions), <http://www.parentuniv.org/workshops.html>, 301-468-9343, ext. 2, aries453@aol.com.

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, <http://www.mccpta.com/specneeds.html>.

May 10, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. *Language Processing Disorders, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. *Presented by Torie Rodriguez helping teachers profile the different types of language processing problems.* 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.

May 10, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Writing Your Own Letter of Intent, \$65 for CD. *Hands on seminar. Bring your laptop and a CD will be provided so you can start filling our your letter of intent created for the future caregiver for your special needs child.* Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at www.specialneedsplanning.net, 202-841-8362.

May 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Diagnosing Asperger's Understanding the Story Behind the Test Data. *Dr. Rachna Varia will present.* Auburn School, 13525 Dulles Technology Rd., Herndon. Sponsored by the Auburn School Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/forms.cfm?myForm=11022>.

May 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Helping Children Deal With Anger. *Learn about high school choices to help students succeed.* 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>

May 11, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Conquista tus Sueños (segundo de tres partes). Parkland Middle School, 4610 West Frankfort Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The Teen Years: Effective Parenting Skills (presentation in English and Spanish). *GUIDE Youth Services will present the tools parents need to develop effective parenting skills.* Rosa M. Parks Middle School, 19200 Olney Mill Rd., Olney. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

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May 11, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Childhood Anxiety Disorders: Diagnosis and Interventions, \$10/advance, \$15/at the door. *Special event commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Katherine Thomas School. Speakers Dr. Lawrence A. Brain, Dr. Kristin Olsen and Sally Neuberger will provide an overview of the more common anxiety disorders including separation anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder and post-traumatic stress, along with different interventions that can be helpful in treating children and adolescents.* Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by TLC's Katherine Thomas School, Bonnie Lawhorn, 301- 424-5200, ext. 138, <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=6w7anrcab&oeidk=a07e3ms9c169a9d06ac>.

May 11, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Sibling Rivalry, \$30/person, \$55/couple; \$25/PEP member, \$45/PEP couple. *For parents of children ages 1 - 14.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, www.parentencouragement.org/.

May 11, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. You Are Making Me Gray: Managing Anger for Parents of Teens, \$30/person, \$55/couple; \$25/PEP member, \$45/PEP couple. *For parents of teens who have completed Thriving With Teens.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, www.parentencouragement.org/.

May 12, 1:00 PM. Norbel School Open House. *School serves students grades 1 thorough 12 with learning differences.* Norbel School 6135 Old Washington Rd., Elkridge, 410-796-6700, www.norbelschool.org.

May 12, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. ADHD and Executive Function in Middle and High School Students. *Dr. Martha Denckla will present.* PrepMatters, 5001 Cordell Ave., Bethesda. Sponsored by PrepMatters, RSVP required to 301-951-0350, <http://prepmatters.com/>.

May 12, 4:30 - 8:30 PM. Annual Wellness and Recovery Resource Fair. *Service providers will be on hand to discuss their programs and services provided to those living with mental illness and their families. There also will be a crafts and arts fair created by mental health consumers through some of the programs.* Executive Office Bldg., 101 Monroe St., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Mental Health Advisory Committee, Dept. of Health and Human Services/Behavioral Health & Crisis Services, 240-777-1662.

May 12, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Elementary Integrated Curriculum. *Learn how this will help children become better thinkers and prepare them for the MCPS middle and high school expectations.* Rock Creek Elementary School, 8330 Grubb Rd., Chevy Chase. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 12, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Preparando a su hijo para la universidad. *Aprenda como apoyar a su hijo prepararse para la universidad y sacarse el diploma de high school.* Montgomery Blair High School, 51 University Blvd., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 12, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. *Enhancing Resilience and Stress Management in Parents and Children, \$25/by April 28; \$35 thereafter. *Dr. Mary Alvord, co-author of "Resilience Builder Program for Children and Adolescents" will present.* 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://alvordweinfeld3.eventbrite.com/>.

May 13 - June 6, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Managing Anger: A Parent's Guide, \$81/person, \$139/couple; \$70/PEP member, \$129/PEP couple. *For all parents.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, www.parentencouragement.org/.

May 14, 10:00 -11:30 AM. Reach for the Stars at the Shafer Center - Puppet Theater, \$35/session; \$120/4 sessions. *Saturday morning program for children with autism ages 4 - 8. Stories,*

puppets, poetry and more. The Shafer Center for Early Intervention, 132 Business Center Dr., Reistertown. Offered by the Shafer Center, Courtney Martin, 410-517-1113, ext. 101, Courtney.martin@shafercenter.com.

May 14, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. W.I.S.E. UPI, \$65/family. *Workshop for parents and children (grades 1-6) to learn how to manage the questions and comments of others about their adoption.* CASE Offices, Springdale Professional Center, 5101-H Backlick Rd., Annandale. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, 301-476-8525, caseadopt@adoptionsupport.org, <http://www.adoptionsupport.org/cal/index.php>. Registration required.

May 14, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Family Day - Homestead Farms. *Families with special needs children can come enjoy an afternoon of hayrides and farm animal visits with their children.* Homestead Farms, 15604 Sugarland Rd., Poolesville. Co-sponsored by Homestead Farms and the Lollipop Kids, RSVP debbie@lollipopkidsfoundation.org.

May 14, 5:00 -7:00 PM. Saturday Night Alive, \$5. *All are welcome for games, arts & crafts, adapted sports, pizza, making new friends, dance, optional simple bible teaching and lots more.* Cabin John Middle School, 6300 Tilden La., Rockville. Offered by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanski, 301-841-7412, http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429.

May 16, 6:30 -8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 2 of 3). *Explore the MCPS website, set up an Ed-line Account and learn about Microsoft Word in this beginning level workshop.* Earle B. Woods Middle School, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 16, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Financiamiento para los estudios universitarios. *Consiga consejos de como pueden pagar para los estudios universitarios de sus hijos.* Col. Zadok Magruder High School, 5939 Muncaster Mill Rd., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 17, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. *Developing Social Language Skills in a Multi-Cultural Classroom, \$60. Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=691>.

May 17, 24 & 24, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Parent Toolbox for Pre-Schoolers, \$30/person/session; \$75/person/3 sessions; \$110/couple/3 sessions. *This 3-session interactive workshop enables parents of young children to understand and manage their children behaviors.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, 301-610-8332, <http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning/family-parenting>.

May 18 - June 15, 9:00 AM. *Relationship Development Intervention (RDI) Informational Series. *RDI is a framework for working with families to help children with autism learn to develop true connections and meaningful relationships with their parents. Sessions will be 45 min and in small group discussion format.* The Shafer Center 132 Business Center Dr., Reisterstown. RSVP 410-517-1113, cmaccardo@yahoo.com, by May 11, space is limited.

May 18, TBD PM. MCCPTA Presidents & Principals Dinner, \$50-65. Bethesda North Marriott, 5701 Marinelli Rd., Bethesda. Sponsored by MCCPTA, Dale Ryan, dalejryan@yahoo.com.

May 18, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Key Topics for the Newly Diagnosed and Veteran Caregivers. *Seminar reviews checklists of what parents and caregivers.* Queen Anne's Public Library Centreville Branch, 121 S. Commerce St., Centreville. Offered as a Brown Bag seminar by Pathfinders for Autism, 443-330-5370.

May 18, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Conquista tus Sueños (tercero de tres partes). Parkland Middle School, 4610 West Frankfort Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

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May 18, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Common Core State Standards. *Learn about the standards and how they will affect the MCPS curriculum.* Briggs Chaney Middle School, 1901 Rainbow Dr., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 18, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Extraordinary Parents Nights - Succeeding in General Education. *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 , 301-444-5225.

May 18, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Planning for Safe Teen Driving, \$30/person, \$55/couple, \$15/teen; \$25/PEP member, \$45/PEP couple. *For parents of children ages 1 - 14.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, www.parentencouragement.org/.

May 19, 1:00 PM. News You Can Use: Family Engagement and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - A Webinar. *Webinar will focus on family involvement for families of children with disabilities or at-risk children with an emphasis on IDEA and how families can work with schools.* Offered by the US Department of Education, <https://tadnet.ilinc.com/> and click on "Public Sessions".

May 19, 6:30 PM. College Life: An Inside Peek on Handling Your Child's First Year in College. *Recent RMHS graduates and their parents share their college experiences and offer tips. Presentation in Spanish will be given in Room 156.* Richard Montgomery High School, Cafeteria, 250 Richard Montgomery Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the RMHS PTSA, Jeanine Gould-Kostka, jgkostka@hotmail.com.

May 19, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Choosing Quality Child Care. *Presented by the Montgomery County Child Care and Resource Center.* Kingsview Middle School, 18909 Kingsview Rd., Germantown. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 19, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Tweens & Screens: Monitoring the Use of Electronic Media, \$30/person, \$55/couple; \$25/PEP member, \$45/PEP couple, \$10/PEP teen. *For parents with or without their teens ages 14 & up.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, www.parentencouragement.org/.

May 19, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. The Experience of Search and Reunion in Domestic and International Adoption, \$25. *This webinar is for parents.* Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionssupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

May 20, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. *Evidenced Based Treatment of Challenging Behaviors in Individuals with Autism, \$69, CEUs. *Conference for professionals featuring Dr. Michael Powers, Psychologist and Director of the Center for Children with Special Needs, Glastonbury, Connecticut.* Robinwood Professional Center, Conference Rm. 142, 11110 Medical Campus Rd., Hagerstown. Co-sponsored by Brook Lane and Meritus Medical Center as a Brook Lane Seminar, 301-733-0331, ext. 189, [http://www.brooklane.org/uploads/pdf/Evidence-based%20Treatment%20Autism%20doc%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.brooklane.org/uploads/pdf/Evidence-based%20Treatment%20Autism%20doc%20(2).pdf)

May 20 & 21, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. *Autism Training Seminar - Autism: Understanding Challenging Behaviors. *Two-day intensive training seminar for parents, educators, and direct support professionals on the unique needs of individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities.* Montgomery College, Germantown Campus, 20200 Observation Dr., Germantown. Co-sponsored by Montgomery College, Montgomery County HHS/Community Support Network, Community Support Services and Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children, RSVP by May 6, 240-777-1216, Voice MD relay - 1-800-201-7165, TTY MD Relay - 1-800-735-2258. Registration Deadline May 6. FREE, first come, first registered.

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May 20, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Open Forum Counseling - Getting Out of the House in the Morning (\$11/person; \$16/couple; \$5/9 & up, childcare available). *For all family members ages 9 and up.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, www.parentencouragement.org/.

May 21, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. 2nd Annual Gaithersburg Book Festival. *Will include authors of both local and national acclaim. Writers' workshops and fun activities for children.* Gaithersburg City Hall Grounds, 31 S. Summit Ave., Gaithersburg. Sponsored by City of Gaithersburg, Carolyn Crosby, 301-258-6350, ext. 173, <http://www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org/default.htm>.

May 21, 6:15 - 8:15 PM. *Language Processing Disorders, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. *Presented by Torie Rodriguez helping teachers profile the different types of language processing problems.* 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org.

May 24, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Let's Give Them Something to Talk WITH - An Augmentative Alternative Communicative (AAC) Expo, FREE for individual with oral communication disorder, \$35. *Opportunity to see learn more about the available AAC applications available.* Allegany College, Cumberland. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative in collaboration with Connections Beyond Sounds and Sight, Susan Garber, 410-381-2667, <http://www.matcoop.org/training/training.html>. Registration information on-line NOW.

May 25, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Everyday Reading During the Summer. *For parents of pre-k through 5th grade students learn how to make reading part of your child's everyday routine.* Arcola Elementary School, 1820 Franwall Ave., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 25, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Autism - Overview and Supports. *Learn how to help your children and find out about supports available to them.* Robert Frost Middle School, 9210 Scott Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

May 25, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. The Truth About Consequences: Effective Discipline Without Punishment, \$30/person, \$55/couple; \$25/PEP member, \$45/PEP couple. *For parents of children ages 4-14.* PEP, 10100 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. Offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP), registration required, 301-929-8824, www.parentencouragement.org/.

May 26, 7:15 - 9:15 PM. Strategies to Handle the Hard to Manage Child, (4th. Wed., 7:15 PM, registration; 7:30 - 9:15 PM, Speaker Meeting). *Dr. Georgia DeGangi will discuss strategies for working with children who are inattentive, hyperactive, anxious, overstimulated and overwhelmed.* Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by CHADD of MC as the monthly Speaker Program Meeting, www.chadd-mc.org, chadd100@gmail.com.

May 26, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. The College Admissions Game: The Rules Have Changed. *For parents and students planning for college, Shirley Levin, College Consultant will cover how the admissions process has changed and how to navigate through the process of finding the best fit and how to finance college.* Jules West Middle School, 51 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by the Gifted & Talented Association of Montgomery County and MCCPTA, Sharon Goodall, sharon.goodall@gmail.com.

May 31, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. TACA Coffee Talk (last Tues. of the month, 8:00 - 9:30 PM). *Come and receive extra support and talk about topics related to autism and meet other TACA families.* Lilit Cafe, 7921 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Sponsored by Talk About Curing Autism, Alison Hoffman, Alison.hoffman@tacanow.org or Katherine O'Brien, Katherine.obrien@tacanow.org, <http://www.tacanow.org/local-chapters/maryland/montgomery-countywashington-d-c/> . (Also June 28, 2011).

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June 1, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Welcome to Kindergarten! *Workshop presented in English and Spanish.* Rosemont Elementary School, 16400 Alden Ave., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

June 1, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Transitioning to Middle School. *For parents of incoming 6th graders to learn how you and your child can stay engaged in school and focused on learning.* Eastern Middle School, 300 University Blvd., East, Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

June 2, 6:30 - 9:30 PM. *Wondrous Two's Formally Known as Terrible Two's, \$60. Ivymount School, 11614 Seven Locks Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Ivymount School Outreach Program, <http://www.ivymount.org/Outreach.cfm?subpage=691>.

June 2, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Summer Safety. *Topics include sun protection, heat/humidity safety, pool and bike safety, along with insect bites and more.* South Lake Elementary School, 18201 Contour Rd., Gaithersburg. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

June 2, 7:00 -8:30 PM. Transitioning to High School. *For parents of incoming 9th graders.* John F. Kennedy High School, 1901 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

June 4, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Talking With Children About Adoption, \$35/person; \$50/couple. *Parents learn about what children think and feel about adoption at different developmental stages.* CASE, 4000 Blackburn La., Suite 260, 4000 Blackburn La., Suite 260, Burtonsville. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionssupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

June 6, 6:30 -8:30 PM. Computer Smart (Part 3 of 3). *Explore the MCPS website, set up an Ed-line Account and learn about Microsoft Word in this beginning level workshop.* Earle B. Woods Middle School, 14615 Bauer Dr., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

June 6, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. MCCPTA Spring Training. Opportunity for PTA officers and members to brush up on their skills and network. There will workshops for new and returning Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries, MCCPTA Delegates, Area Vice Presidents, Cluster Coordinators, and Chairs for the Reflections Program, Bylaws, FLES and Hands on Science. Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Training Committee, please RSVP by May 27, 301-208-0111, office@mccpta.com.

June 7, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. APPSolutely Hot - Explore the World of Downloadable Apps!, \$79/parents & students; \$99/professionals until April 30. *A comprehensive look at apps for communication that supports learning, behavior management, independent living and much more.* Loyola University, Columbia Campus. Offered by The Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative in collaboration with Connections Beyond Sounds and Sight, Susan Garber, 410-381-2667, <http://www.matcoop.org/training/training.html>.

June 7, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. *Ethics and Boundaries in Transference and Countertransference, \$65, 3 CEUs. *Frances Forstenzer, LCSW-C, will present this training session for mental health professionals.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA Training Institute , Barbara Higdon, 301-816-2645, traininginstitute@jssa.org.

June 10, 6:00 -8:00 PM. Ask MCPS - Night on the Town. *Join MCPS staff in downtown Silver Spring for an evening of information and family fun. Entertainment provided by Washington Talent Agency.* Downtown Silver Spring, 908 Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy>

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June 14, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM. *Cause, Diagnosis and Treatment of Common Mental Disorders in Foster and Adopted Youth, 4.5 CEUs. *Child welfare and adoption workers as well as other mental health professionals are invited to earn what current research shows regarding mental health disorders in this population.* Executive Office Bldg., 101 Monroe St., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the Center for Adoption Support & Education, Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human Services/Child Welfare Services, National Institute of Mental Health and Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children Youth and Families, RSVP, Clare Farrell, 301-476-8525, farrell@adoptionsupport.org.

June 14, 5:30 - 8:30 PM. *Teachable Moments: Building Positive Relationships and Conflicts Resolution, \$40. *A core of knowledge workshop for child care providers.* JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA Training Institute , Ju Liu, 301-816-2645, jliu@jssa.org.

June 15, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. Webinar-Creating Our Families Through Adoption: Real Strengths and Challenges of the LGBT Family, \$25. *This webinar is for parents.* Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://www.adoptionsupport.org/cal/index.php>, 301-476-8525.

June 20 - 24, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. *Communication Development and Instructional Strategies for Students with Deaf-Blindness and/or Severe Disabilities, 2 CEUs. *Summer program, which covers instructional techniques for children who are deaf-blind.* University of Maryland, College Park. Offered by the University of Maryland, Department of Special Education and sponsored by Connections Beyond Sight and Sound, the Maryland Project for Children who are deaf-blind, contact Diane Kelley (dmkelly@umd.edu) or Donna Riccobono (donnaric@umd.edu), <http://www.education.umd.edu/EDSP/news/Summer2011brochure.pdf>.

June 20 - July 1, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. *Language I: Sounds in Syllables Sandra Dillon, \$850 includes materials. *50-hour course presented by Sandra Dillon using her SIS Orton-Gillingham method .* 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://asdec.publishpath.com/courses>.

June 20 - July 1, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. *Language 2: Advanced Multisensory Structured Language Education, \$850 includes materials. *50-hour course presented by ASDEC clinical director, Merida Hurkett with emphasis on higher-level linguistic concepts as well as fluency.* 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://asdec.publishpath.com/courses>.

June 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Affordable Technology Tools to Enhance Learning at Home - Parent Session. *Presentation by Joan L. Green, CCC-SLP of Innovative Speech Therapy. Learn to improve reading, writing, learning, organization and executive functioning with the help of technology for students in middle, high school and college. Student sessions June 21, 22 & 23.* Summerville at Potomac, 11215 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac. Register at www.ittguides.com/store

June 21, 22, 23, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Affordable Technology Tools to Enhance Learning at Home - Parent Session, \$200. *Presentation by Joan L. Green, CCC-SLP of Innovative Speech Therapy. Learn to improve reading, writing, learning, organization and executive functioning with the help of technology for students in middle, high school and college. Participants are encouraged but not required to bring a laptop.* Summerville at Potomac, 11215 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac. Register at www.ittguides.com/store

June 23 - 25, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. K.A.N. (Kids Adoption Network) Express (\$75 pre-group assessment fee; \$250 before May 23, \$300/after May 23). *Program for children entering 4th, 5th and 6th grades this fall who were adopted. Topics include: adoption story, identity, birth family, WISE UP! And other adoption related issues.* CASE, 5101-H Backlick Rd., Annandale. Offered by Center for Adoption Support and Education, Mari Itzkowitz, 703-256-3820, itzkowitz@adoptionsupport.org.

June 27 - July 1, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. *Multisensory Math I, \$675 includes materials. *30-hour course based in the Orton-Gillingham method .* ASDEC, 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://asdec.publishpath.com/courses>.

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June 28, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. TACA Coffee Talk (last Tues. of the month, 8:00 - 9:30 PM). *Come and receive extra support and talk about topics related to autism and meet other TACA families.* Lilit Cafe, 7921 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Sponsored by Talk About Curing Autism, Alison Hoffman, Alison.hoffman@tacanow.org or Katherine O'Brien, Katherine.obrien@tacanow.org, <http://www.tacanow.org/local-chapters/maryland/montgomery-county-washington-d-c/> .

July 5 - 29, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Reach For Success Summer Program - Elementary Level, \$. *Program for elementary school students grades 1-5 with intensive instruction in reading writing, spelling and handwriting. There will be lessons on mathematics, keyboarding skills and verbal expression based on an Orton Gillingham approach.* ASDEC, 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://asdec.publishpath.com/summer-program>.

July 5 - 22, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM. Reach For Success Summer Program - Middle School Level, \$. *Program for elementary school students grades 6 -9 with intensive instruction in reading writing, spelling and handwriting. There will be lessons on mathematics, keyboarding skills and verbal expression based on an Orton Gillingham approach. The program assists students who function two years below grade level.* ASDEC, 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://asdec.publishpath.com/summer-program>.

July 5 - 15, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM. Writing Program for Grades 10-12, \$. *Course offers a multisensory approach to writing at the secondary level. Great emphasis on persuasive writing.* ASDEC, 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://asdec.publishpath.com/summer-program>.

July 5, 6, 7 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 4:00 - 5:30 PM. Algebra Tune-Up, \$. *Course for students grades 8 - 10 will offer multisensory solutions to algebra for students struggling to understand linear, quadratic and polynomial functions as well as variables, constants and coefficients..* ASDEC, 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://asdec.publishpath.com/summer-program>.

July 18 - 22, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. SISTER - Summer Institute in Science, Technology, Engineering and Research. *Summer program for middle school girls (entering grades 7 & 8) with at least a B average in science or math. Program increases awareness of and provides the opportunity to explore non-traditional career fields with research scientists, mathematicians and engineers.* Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt. Offered by the Goddard Space Flight Center, Terri Patterson, 301-286-4398 or Marion Carson, 301-286-0658, <http://education.gsfc.nasa.gov/sister/>. Application Deadline April 15.

Sept. 18 - Dec. 18, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. *Neuropsychology of Learning Differences and Disorders, \$750. *Students will learn the research findings in brain functions underlying learning, strategies for interventions, and how to read/analyze neuro-psychological testing to designate the most effective interventions.* ASDEC, 22 West Jefferson St., Suite 307, Rockville. Offered by the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center, 301-762-2414, <http://asdec.publishpath.com/courses>.

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 Aug. 31; \$55 thereafter. *Dr. Russell Barkley will present. He will discuss the causes of ADHD, dispel many myths, 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, \$105/by June 10; \$120/by Aug. 31; \$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/>.
