

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

For nearly 60 years, The Arc of Baltimore has assisted families of children with disabilities in the Baltimore area. What began as a small support group for just a couple of parents is now a community advocacy and support system for nearly 4,000 individuals with various developmental disabilities and their families.

The Family and Children Services Division continues to offer educational opportunities to families and caregivers of children with special needs. Staff are available to help with questions about Individual Education Programs (IEP), assistive technology that can benefit your child, respite providers available in your area and funding that may be available to you and your family.

Join us for one or all of our Family Support Series Workshops, or call our division to get more information and resources.

The Arc of Baltimore Mission

To ensure that people with developmental disabilities have maximum opportunities to actively participate in all aspects of community life, and to offer programs and services that support them in doing so.

Please visit our website at www.arcofbaltimore.org for information about::

- 2009 Camp Manual
- Baltimore CityWide Special Education Advocacy Project Calendar
- Respite Application
- Event Information
- Sign up for our e-newsletter to stay abreast of Arc news and resources

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Advocacy, resources and community for people with developmental disabilities

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FAMILY SUPPORT SERIES WORKSHOPS

The Arc of Baltimore is pleased to offer six support workshops this year for families and caregivers to gain a deeper understanding of various topics regarding children with special needs.

Each workshop includes special guest speakers to discuss the workshop topic, as well as an opportunity for participants to share or ask questions. A light dinner will be provided as well as childcare for families unable to locate someone to care for their children. All workshops are held in the evening, 6 ~ 9 pm at our Seton facility, 6151 Metro Drive, with the exception of the networking picnic which will be held from 4 ~ 7 pm behind our York Road office, 7215 York Road.

To sign up for future mailings and meeting information, or to register for one of the workshops listed, please contact the Family and Children Services Division.

If you have any questions or to make a reservation, please contact Becky Hartnett at 410-296-2272 ext. 5351 or bhartnett@arcofbaltimore.org. If you require special accommodations, please let Becky know when registering.

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 6 ~ 9 pm

Futures Planning

The future is coming fast! This evening will help you consider what you may need to have in place so there can be supports and services available for your child in adulthood. Please join us even if your child has already reached adulthood. It's never too late to make the best plan for your particular situation.

Wednesday, March 25, 2009 6 ~ 9 pm

In-Home Supports, Advocacy and the DDA Waiting List

Participants will explore the array and availability of in-home supports, the importance of advocacy and how to be an effective self advocate. We will also address the DDA waiting list and actions we can take to reduce it.

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 6 ~ 9 pm

Infants and Toddlers

Infants and Toddlers is a system of early intervention and supports offered by public and private agencies to young children with developmental delays and their families. This evening will supply information about services available in Baltimore City and County through this program and how to access them.

Wednesday, July 15, 2009 4 ~ 7 pm

Networking Picnic

Enjoy a picnic supper and fun for the kids in an informal setting. Family and caregivers will be able to meet new friends and share information about resources. This was a great success the last two years and we hope you will join us this year!

Wednesday, September 23, 2009 6 ~ 9 pm

Transition from Pediatric Healthcare to Adult Healthcare

How will you ever find someone to replace that trusted pediatrician that has taken your family through so much? How will your child be treated in the adult healthcare system? What should you look for in a provider? Participants will get a chance to explore these issues with the guidance of professionals.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 6 ~ 9 pm

Sexuality and Relationships

Generally considered a sensitive topic, participants will be able to discuss sexuality issues relevant to youth with disabilities. Participants will also learn about community resources and are urged to bring their questions, concerns and stories. This is also a much requested topic.

