



March/April 2020

**Partners  
for Success**

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## IEP Meetings

Spring is here! Do you have an IEP meeting scheduled? Partners for Success can help you review your draft IEP and/or current IEP. Did you read your child's quarterly IEP progress report? If you have questions about the report and how your child's progress is measured, we can review the information with you.

Contact us at [partnersforsuccess@aacps.org](mailto:partnersforsuccess@aacps.org) or call 410-222-3805. The Partners that work with your school will contact you!

## March 20 AACPS Family Involvement Event

### ***Stress and the Brain: Developing Resilient Brains***

Join us for an engaging and inspiring morning with Erin Walsh. Erin is a parent, speaker and educator who co-authored the 10th Anniversary Edition of the national bestseller *Why Do They Act That Way? A Survival Guide To The Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen*

**Friday, March 20, 2020  
9:30 A.M. To Noon  
Church At Severn Run  
8187 Telegraph Rd, Severn, MD**

[www.aacps.org/Page/8073](http://www.aacps.org/Page/8073)

## Spring Roundtable

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Thursday, May 7, 2020  
Carver Center  
Gambrills, MD**

Join our AACPS experts for an overview on Special Education topics:

- Psychological Services
- Early Childhood Services
- More to come

Our Partners will be available for specific concerns.

*Interpreters available*

## What is Partners *for* Success?

Partners *for* Success is a collaborative effort between AACPS and MSDE to ensure parents are informed, active participants in their child's education. The Partners for Success team proactively works to provide the tools and information necessary to empower parents to support their child's educational program. Our team assists parents with strategies to feel acknowledged, heard and respected.

## Who are **your** Partners?

### **Chesapeake, Northeast, North County, Old Mill High School Feeders**

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## Check out our Partner's Website

Find information about our mission, events and links to resources available in our community, as well as current and past newsletters online. Be sure to check out our website and add it to your favorites.

<https://www.aacps.org/partnersforsuccess>

## Helpful Organizations

**The Arc Central Chesapeake Region**

[thearcccr.org](http://thearcccr.org)

**Children and Adults with Attention**

**Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders (CHADD) of AA County**

[drcarolrobbins@gmail.com](mailto:drcarolrobbins@gmail.com)

**Children's Mental Health Matters Campaign**

[childrensmentalhealthmatters.org/parents-families](http://childrensmentalhealthmatters.org/parents-families)

**Down Syndrome Connection.** Connecting individuals to supports. [www.downsyndromeconnection.com](http://www.downsyndromeconnection.com)

**GiGi's Playhouse.** Down Syndrome Achievement Center [www.gigisplayhouse.org](http://www.gigisplayhouse.org)

**Judy Center Early Learning**

[www.judycenterbellegrove.weebly.com](http://www.judycenterbellegrove.weebly.com)

**Kennedy Krieger:** Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)

[www.kennedykrieger.org/patient-care/centers-and-programs/center-for-autism-and-related-disorders](http://www.kennedykrieger.org/patient-care/centers-and-programs/center-for-autism-and-related-disorders)

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**

[www.namiaeac.org](http://www.namiaeac.org)

**Parents' Place of Maryland** [www.ppmmd.org](http://www.ppmmd.org)

**RISE for Autism** [www.riseforautism.com](http://www.riseforautism.com)

**AA Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee**

[www.aasecac.org](http://www.aasecac.org)

**Special Olympics Maryland, Anne Arundel County**

[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

**The Autism Community in Action (TACA)**

[www.tacanow.org/localchapter/northeast/maryland](http://www.tacanow.org/localchapter/northeast/maryland)

## Happenings

*Special Education Citizens  
Advisory Committee*

### Supporting Social Emotional Learning at Home

with Ryan Voegtlin,  
AACPS Director of Student Services  
and

Meghan Murphy,  
Manager Extended School  
Year(ESY)/Emotional Support

**Thursday, March 12,  
6:30-8:30 pm**

Board of Education, Riva Road  
[info@aasecac.org](mailto:info@aasecac.org)

## 9th Annual Parent Empowerment Conference

**Managing Frustration,  
Anxiety And  
Teaching Social Skills**

with Keynote Speaker  
Jed Baker, Ph.D.,  
Director of the  
**Social Skills Training  
Project**

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

**8:30- 3:30**

Fairmont Heights High School  
Landover, MD

[www.pathfindersforautism.org/parent-empowerment-2020/](http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/parent-empowerment-2020/)