

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 3,000 individuals with various developmental disabilities.

The Family and Children's 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::

- 2008 Camp Manual
- Baltimore CityWide Special Education Advocacy Project Calendar
- Respite Application
- Event Information

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Advocacy, resources and community for people with developmental disabilities

The Arc of Baltimore
presents the
2008
Family Support Series



FAMILY SUPPORT SERIES WORKSHOPS

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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. All workshops are held in the evenings, 6 ~ 9 pm with the exception of the networking picnic which will be held from 4 ~ 7 pm. A light dinner will be provided as well as childcare for families unable to locate someone to care for their children.

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

If you have any questions or to make a reservation, please contact: Ori Natividad at 410-296-2272 ext.. 5338 or by e-mail at onatividad@arcofbaltimore.org. If you require special accommodations, please let Ori know when registering for a workshop.

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 6 ~ 9 pm

Available Funding, Services, Resources ~ Working through the Maze

This is our kickoff workshop for 2008. Participants will learn about available resources and how to access such resources. Participants will also receive information about the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) waiting list and what is underway to help with this issue.

Wednesday, April 9, 2008 6 ~ 9 pm

Transition Services ~ How This Fits With the New Statewide IEP

Participants will learn about elements of transition and how this fits into the IEP (Individualized Education Program). Participants will get a chance to view and discuss the new state wide IEP document and also about The Arc's Project Search Program.

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 6 ~ 9 pm

Youth and Sexuality Issues

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.

Wednesday, July 16, 2008 4 ~ 7 pm

Networking Picnic

In an informal setting, family and caregivers will be able to meet new friends and share information about resources. This was a great success last year and we hope you will join us.

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 6 ~ 9 pm

Autism ~ ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis)

This workshop will involve a specific technique utilized to enhance communication and engagement skills with children who are diagnosed with Autism. Participants will learn about resources and best practices.

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 6 ~ 9 pm

Recreation for Young Children

Children need to have fun. Children need to play. Children need to be with other children. Participants will learn about various recreational resources for children with disabilities.