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**Partners
for Success**

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AA – SECAC

Anne Arundel County
Special Education Citizens Advisory
Committee

Advisory Committee Seeks Input

The Anne Arundel Special Education Citizen’s Advisory Committee (SECAC) is conducting an important survey about special education services which needs **your** input. This unique survey was developed by local parents of students with disabilities, and provides an opportunity for you to give direct feedback on how well you think special education services are working for your child and family. The information from the survey will be used by SECAC to advise the Director of Special Education. Please follow this link to the survey and **complete it by July 10, 2019.**

aacps.org/secacsurvey2019

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. 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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Summer at PFS

Partners for Success programs are available during the regular academic calendar, September-June. Partners for Success email, partnersforsuccess@aacps.org, will be monitored regularly during the summer months.

For urgent concerns, please call AACPS Department of Special Education, Compliance Department at 410-222-5423.

Enjoy the Summer!



Informational Workshops

During the past school year, the Partners for Success have offered 28 workshops covering topics of Understanding the IEP, School Success for the Anxious Student, Advocating for Your Child and Transitioning to Middle School & Transitioning to High School throughout the County. We appreciate this opportunity to help you be a partner in your child's educational success.

Helpful Organizations

The Arc Central Chesapeake Region

Provides support, solutions and advocacy for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

thearcccr.org

Children and Adults with Attention

Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders (CHADD) of AA County

drcarolrobbins@gmail.com

Children's Mental Health Matters Campaign

childrensmentalhealthmatters.org/parents-families

Center of Help

www.centerofhelp.org

Down Syndrome Connection. Connecting individuals to supports. www.downsyndromeconnection.com

GiGi's Playhouse. Down Syndrome Achievement

Center www.gigisplayhouse.org

Kennedy Krieger: Center for Autism and Related

Disorders (CARD) www.kennedykriegercard.evetnsbrite.com

Kinera Foundation www.kinera.org

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

www.namiaeac.org

Parents' Place of Maryland www.ppmmd.org

RISE for Autism www.riseforautism.com

AA Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee

www.aasecac.org

Special Olympics Maryland, Anne Arundel County

www.soaand.org

The Autism Community in Action (TACA)

www.tacanow.org/localchapter/northeast/maryland

Happenings

Success for the 'Meet the Partners . . . Special Education and You'

Thank you for joining the Partners for Success Team for an evening of guidance and encouragement. Parents and Partners shared information, snacks and connection at the Carver Center in Gambrills for our first **Meet the Partners** event on April 25. We hope the attendees enjoyed themselves and found the event as productive as the Partners did.

RISE for Autism's 4th Annual iCan! Shine Bike Camp Seeks Volunteers

Camp teaching individuals with disabilities to ride a conventional two wheel bike. Requires just one 75-minute session for 5 consecutive days.

Looking for volunteers to join in helping participants to learn this life-long skill.

Must be at least 15 years old. Service hours available.

<https://riseforautism.org/ican-shine-bike-camp>