FAMILY SUPPORT

Critical Resources For Anne Arundel County Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic

MARCH 9, 2021

Almost exactly one year ago, our lives & the world changed forever. What we thought of as normal life ceased to be, and everything started to flip upside down. Do you remember where you were as you began to hear rumblings about a deadly virus, possible stay-at-home orders, and the dreaded term "pandemic"? A year later, we are still making sense of our "new normal".



Anne Arundel County Food Bank



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Anne Arundel County Public Schools



Food giveaways for the month of March will take place at libraries across the county. Pre-registration for COVID vaccines also available during these events. Text 410.384.8200 for more info.

Eastport Public Library (269 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis) Friday, March 12th 3pm—4:30pm while supplies last



Edgewater Public Library (25 Stepneys Lane, Edgewater) Friday, March 19th 3pm—4:30pm while supplies last

Annapolis Public Library (1410 West Street, Annapolis) Friday, March 26th 3pm—4:30pm while supplies last

Free Legal Services—"Lawyer in the Library"



Families and others needing free legal support for civil concerns can meet for an attorney free of charge during the library's weekly Lawyer in the Library program on Wednesdays from 11am—1pm and every third Wednesday of the month from 4:30pm—6:30pm. Volunteer attorneys will provide guidance and resources during these online events.

For more information or to register, visit http://circuitcourt.org/ legal-help/lawyer-in-the-library or call 410.222.1387.

Renter Eviction Avoidance Program (REAP)



Families living in Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA) housing properties facing the threat of eviction may be eligible for financial counseling, legal assistance, and other supports through the new Renter Eviction Assistance Program. Eligible participants will be assigned a case manager dedicated to assisting them solve their immediate eviction emergencies while simultaneously providing them long-term financial education, training and resources to help with budgeting and planning for the future.

Call 443.582.3598 for more information on this free service.

Mental Health & You: A Community Conversation



Families interested in learning more about the mental health resources available in the county for children and adults can watch the Community Conversation that took place on Tuesday, March 9th. To learn more about the available supports for children and youth and their parents, view the presentation in its entirety on YouTube here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jx2NMTHeMvY

Other Resources:

The Social Security Administration has created a new website and resource to help families and others understand how to navigate, apply for, and advocate on behalf of those eligible to receive social security & disability benefits. This critical new website includes detailed information and tips on how the application process works, eligibility requirements, etc. For more information, visit https:// www.ssa.gov/thirdparty/

⇒ Don't forget about our AACPS Partners for Success staff, who can help parents and caregivers understand the details of their child's IFSP & IEP. PFS members are available free-of-charge and are knowledgeable in all areas of the special education process. Visit www.aacps.org/partnersforsuccess for more info!