



The Scoop

AACPS Special Education Family Support Newsletter

Partners for Success is a partnership between Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and Anne Arundel County Schools (AACPS) to provide the tools and information necessary to empower parents to support their child's educational program.

Resources

PFS website:

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

MSDE Parent Information Series: These booklets provide essential information for families of students with disabilities from ages 3 through 21.

<https://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/Special-Education/FSDR/ParentInformationSeries-2.aspx>

MD Autism Waiver:

<https://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/Special-Education/autismfactsheet.aspx>

Coming Soon

December 5

Unity Day - 2 Hour Early Dismissal

Thursday, December 14

AA-SECAC Meeting

6:30pm-8:30pm

AACPS Board of Education

2644 Riva Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401

www.aasecac.org for more information

December 25-29

Winter Break

IEP Facilitation by the Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center

Having an IEP team meeting facilitated by a neutral 3rd party can smooth communication to help achieve a more productive IEP meeting. Schools or parents can initiate a Facilitated IEP meeting.

When the relationship between parents and school personnel become strained or better yet, before the relationship has the opportunity to fray, parents and school personnel can use independent facilitators to assist the IEP team process.

An independent facilitator may help parents and school personnel avoid misunderstandings or disagreements when it is believed that discussions at the meeting may become challenging. Using a trained, independent facilitator has been found to be an effective means to keep IEP teams focused on the development of the educational program for the student while addressing some of the conflicts and disagreements that may arise from miscommunication. The independent facilitator will utilize skills that create an environment in which the IEP team members; school personnel and parents, can listen to each other and work together to develop high quality education programs for students suspected of, or identified as disabled.

-Excerpt from MSDE's "FACILITATED IEP TEAM MEETINGS IN MARYLAND"

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