

PREP/Parent Resource Center Newsletter

Providing Information and Support to Families of Children with Disabilities
Serving Charlottesville, Albemarle, Fluvanna, and Louisa School Districts

May/June 2014

Open House! Battle Building at UVA Children's Hospital

A pediatric outpatient healthcare facility like no other in our region -

When: Saturday, June 14, 2014

Where: Battle Building at UVA Children's Hospital
Located at 1204 W. Main St. in Charlottesville

Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

What: Open House for the entire community, with special events planned for kids!

Tour the building, meet providers and learn about clinics. Enjoy magic shows, music and live entertainment, and face painting for kids! Plus a Well Bear Clinic, so kids can bring in their favorite stuffed toy for a checkup or receive a new bear, while supplies last.

Phone: 434-906-7449

Special Nights for Special Needs - Children's Museum of Richmond

Dates: March 7, 2014 - September 5, 2014 (Fridays -5:30pm-7:30pm)

Phone: (804)-474-7000

Location: Children's Museum of Richmond

Visitors enjoy all the museum has to offer and benefit from the availability of adapted materials, special activities, a cool-down space and reduced number of visitors.

These evenings are free and take place from 5:30 - 7:30pm on the first Friday of each month. Visit website for more details and information:

<http://www.c-mor.org/events/special-nights>

WVPT Festival of Family Fun

Date: June 7, 2014, Saturday - 10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Rockingham County Fairgrounds

Phone: (434) 979-7143

Free family event! Free new and used books for each child and literacy activities. Also have your children learn safety tips and participate in activities and safety demonstrations. Join you child in making a first aid kit and enjoy free healthy snacks.

Understanding Challenging Behaviors & the Need for Social Skills Training

Webcast: Understanding Challenging Behaviors and the Need for Social Skills Training

Date and Time: 6/17/2014 3:30 pm ---- 6/17/2014 4:30 pm

Contact Name: Andy Grizzard (804) 827-1434

Contact Email: grizzardaj@vcu.edu

Visit: www.vcuautismcenter.org/training/webcasts/details.cfm?webcastID=269

Description: In order to implement any strategy to help students on the autism spectrum, we first need to understand the reasons behind some of their challenging behaviors and understand the feelings those behaviors provoke in their caretakers. This session helps caregivers manage their own emotions so they can help manage those of their children or clients. Webcasts are free to Virginia residents. The presenter is Jed Baker, Ph.D. (VCU Autism Center for Excellence- ACE)

Sweet Dreams Festival - FREE Event

Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014 -- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Stuarts Draft Park, Stuarts Draft, VA

The Sweet Dreams Festival is FREE to all with fun contests for everyone including a Little Debbie® Look-A-Like, Cloud Cake Eating and Letter Writing. Families will enjoy the wide range of activities in the Children's Area that include a craft tent, rock climbing wall, laser tag, balloon twisting, inflatables, trackless train, entertainment and so much more. Other activities include: live musical entertainment, bingo, local artisans, crafters, businesses and community agencies, homemade pancake breakfast, delicious festival foods, co-ed softball tournament, 5K race and corn hole and horseshoe tournaments. For more details about the upcoming event: www.SweetDreamsDay.com. 540-245-5727

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services has posted the following notice about the Individual and Family Support Program

In order to meet demand and process applications in a timelier manner, IFSP funding will now have two funding periods. The first funding period will start September 15, 2014 (P1). Funding for this period will cover funding for supports and services that are required by individuals and families for a one year time period of September 15, 2014 through September 14, 2015. The second funding period will take place March 15, 2015(P2). Funds for the second period will cover services and supports for March 15, 2015 through March 14, 2016. It is requested that those wishing to ask for funding for summer camps wait until the second funding cycle to submit their requests. Funds for the program will be evenly split between the two funding periods. The cap for IFSP funding remains at \$3,000, so families may request funding during each cycle if the amounts for each period together do not exceed \$3,000. Additional guidance material will be posted on the DBHDS website shortly. Individuals and Family Support Program(IFSP) - Update May 19, 2014

The Individual and Family Support Program is for individuals who are on the waiting list for the DD and ID Waivers. <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/ODS-IFSP.htm>

Medicaid Home and Community-based Waivers

The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) has made a change to the financial eligibility considerations for children who use Medicaid home and community-based Waivers. The basic change is that the child may have only \$1,000 of resources and assets to be eligible for Medicaid Waivers. In the past, the resources and assets of children who use Waivers were not considered.

Information document developed by the Endependence Center, Inc. in consultation with the Medicaid Waiver Mentors and the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services. More information is available from Medicaid Waiver Mentors listed on page 35 of the Medicaid Waiver Guide located at endependence.org under publications or call 866-323-1088.

Free Seminar! Brain Training 101

Learning Rx - Thursday, June 12 from 6:00 to 7:30PM



You will be able to tour the Learning Rx Center and observe some brain training in action starting at 6:00pm, with the seminar on cognitive skill training and the brain's lifelong ability to adapt and change to follow at 6:30pm. R.S.V.P. by June 9 to charlottesville.va@learningrx.net

University of Virginia - McCormick Observatory-Public Night Program

Summer Dates: June 6, June 20, July 18, August 1, August 15

Leander McCormick Observatory is open on the first and third Friday night of each month (except holidays) for 2 hours (9 PM - 11PM). McCormick Observatory is located on the western edge of the UVA grounds and offers a chance for the public to observe the stars and planets through the McCormick telescopes and to educate the public concerning the research work and history of the observatories.

Each public night includes observing with all of the telescopes (weather permitting), audio-visual presentations, museum exhibits, and tours of the Observatory. Please call (434) 243-1885 for the Public Night Information Line.

The MOVE Institute-

**an event for rising 9th & 10th grade African-American males with disabilities
July 23rd -25th -- Charlottesville, VA**

The MOVE Institute is an Intensive Virginia Department of Education Three Day Program for African American Males with Disabilities and Their Parents. The program serves to: Empower African American Males Promote Personal Success Teach Skills for Self-Determination Expand Career Awareness and Knowledge of the World Enhance Overall Application of Academic Skills Encourage College and Career Readiness- through projects, workshops, leadership activities, tutorials and mentoring. Over the course of the event, attendees will learn to overcome barriers, become self-determined and graduate high school to be college and career ready.

This event is FREE. Mileage will be reimbursed and all meals and accommodations provided. Registration: By June 13th. The event is capped at 50 participants. Application link:

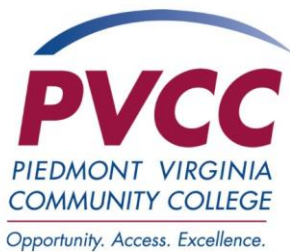
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Questions, please contact Amanda Randall, I'm Determined Co Director, JMU
TTAC randalaa@jmu.edu or call [540-568-8845](tel:540-568-8845)

Helping Hands - Community Partners Event

**August 6th - 1PM- 4PM at Health and Wellness Center of Louisa
115 Jefferson Highway, Louisa**

The entire community is invited to attend to share in fun activities for children of all ages, health information and screenings, a chance to meet neighbors and friends, and learn about area resources.



PVCC Scholarship Opportunity

PVCC has a scholarship that is geared towards students with physical disabilities who will be attending PVCC in the Fall.

Established by Buz and Sara Bishop in memory of their son, Tucker, to encourage students with disabilities to pursue their dream of college. Students must have a special need such as a physical disability and plan to be enrolled full time.

If you know any students who fit the criteria for this scholarship, please encourage them to apply. The deadline is June 13th.

Below is the link for the application. Students must register by creating an ID and password.

<https://pvcc.starsscholarshipsonline.com/STARS/default.aspx>

If they have any questions or concerns regarding applying, they can contact Sylvia Dowell here at PVCC sdowell@pvcc.edu 434-961-5204.

The PREP/Parent Resource Center provides information and support to families of children with disabilities. For information or to request PRC newsletters via email please contact:

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