

PREP/Parent Resource Center Newsletter

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

Sept/Oct 2014

Special Education - Transition - Specific Disabilities - Early Intervention Resources for Families in English and Spanish

Please follow the link below for a list of useful resources.

http://wp.vcu.edu/vcucfi/wp-content/uploads/sites/1763/2014/04/resources_english_spanish1.pdf

*Who cares about **Kelsey?***

October 15th from 6:30-9pm in UVA- Ruffner Hall - Room G0008(ground floor)

The Curry School at UVA will be screening the important documentary [Who Cares About Kelsey?](#) which documents one student's struggles with emotional/behavioral challenges and shows innovative educational approaches that help students like her succeed. A 75 minute film followed by a panel discussion on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. *Parking available in the garage under the bookstore for a small fee.*

For more information, contact Shanna Hirsch at shanna.hirsch@virginia.edu

A Gathering of Connections

October 11, 2014 10 AM til 3 PM

Carver Recreation Center, 233 4th Street, NW Charlottesville, Virginia

A *resource fair* where families who have a child with a disability can see activities for their child to participate in outside of school. Co-sponsored: Chville Parks & Rec. and Heidi Hull.

Questions: Contact Heidi Hull at hullot@gmail.com or (434) 806-4759

Strategies for Supporting Positive Behaviors in Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder

On-line course designed to provide educators and family members with skills and knowledge needed to support students with ASD in the educational setting. It will provide participants with information regarding the impact core deficits of ASD have on the person and how they may lead to interfering behavior. The course will help the participant understand behavior and identify how behavior develops over time and the purpose it serves for the student. Participants will next gain knowledge of how to address interfering behavior using a positive approach. The positive approach focuses on ensuring student dignity and enhancing quality of life through the development of new skills and reduction of problem behaviors. The course will include the process of conducting a Functional Behavior Assessment, developing and implementing a Behavior Intervention Plan, and strategies for intervening when interfering behavior occurs.

<http://www.vcuautismcenter.org/training/strategies.cfm>

The Virginia Institute of Autism's Guide to Autism: Educational Series for Caregivers of Children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and Those Seeking Further Support

Understanding IEP: (Wed. Oct. 8th noon-1:15pm) The focus of this session is on what is an IEP document, how do I know if I need an IEP, rights surrounding the IEP and special education laws. For a complete list of sessions:

<http://www.viaschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/PDF-VIAs-parenting-series-2014.pdf>

Special Education Advisory Committee - October Meetings/Workshops

Albemarle SEAC: *October 28, 2014 (7:00 - 9:00 PM)*
Albemarle County Offices, 401 McIntire Rd.- Rm 320, Charlottesville

Charlottesville SEAC Workshop: *Recreational Activities for Children with Special Needs*
October 16, 2014 (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
Buford Middle School - Media Center, Charlottesville

More information: http://www.prepivycreek.com/storage/2014-10_16%20Flyer.pdf

Fluvanna SEAC: *October 24, 2014 (5:00 pm)*
Fluvanna School Board Office, 14455 James Madison Hwy, Palmyra

Louisa SEPAC: *October 2, 2014 (6:00. PM)*
Louisa School Board Office, 953 Davis Highway, Louisa

Brain Training Open House – Free Event

Monday, Oct. 13th, 6pm

1441 Sachem Place, Ste. 3 Charlottesville, VA

Evening will include a presentation on cognitive training, tours of our center, and small group demonstrations of brain training in action. This free event is open to the public, but space is limited. RSVP to charlottesville.va@learningrx.net

Trauma & Youth: Understanding the Impact of Trauma AND Shared Learning Collaborative (October 20–21, 2014) – Culpeper, VA

This training will define child traumatic stress, including types of traumatic stress that can exist among children, the impact of trauma on the developing brain across developmental stages, and behavioral manifestations related to traumatic experiences. In working with these youth, we also work with their families. Given the growing understanding of cross-generational trauma, the impact of trauma on caregivers will also be reviewed. Discussion will differentiate treatment approaches that support, rather than impede, the successful engagement of those working with youth individuals and across systems.

Details/registration: <http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/trainingEvents/juvenile/youthTrauma/2014/>

Social Skills Group - Adolescents

The UVA Speech Language and Hearing Center provides group therapy services for adolescents who have been diagnosed with social communication disorders.

- Facilitated lessons on the social use of verbal and nonverbal communication skills.
- Group interactions focused on perspective taking, improving conversation skills, interpreting social situations and building self advocacy skills.
- Skills targeted include initiating conversation, eye contact, staying on topic, asking follow up questions and using politeness markers.
- Treatment goals are tailored to each child's specific needs and targeted during group interaction

More information: <http://www.prepivycreek.com/storage/UVA%20social%20skills%20group%203.pdf>

C'ville Area Special Needs Support Group Meeting For Parents and Adult Family Members Of Special Needs Children Friday, October 10 (12:30 to 2:30 pm)

Come share with friends. Flexible and welcoming. Come late or leave early if you need to. Please drop in and check us out! More information:

<http://www.prepivycreek.com/storage/Oct%20Meeting%20Flyer%20doc%20version.pdf>

Location: First Presbyterian Church - 500 Park Street, Charlottesville (Room 215) -entrance at back



Kids Keeping in Touch Through Virginia Relay -

A FREE hearing-loss awareness program *Kids Keeping in Touch through Virginia Relay* is a fun, educational hearing-loss awareness program geared toward school-aged children. The program is available free of charge to all teachers, parents and support personnel in Virginia.

<http://www.varelay.org/kids.htm>

Free Education Symposium with speaker Rick Lavoie

**Thursday, Oct. 9th (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.)
Dickinson Center of Piedmont Virginia Community College.**

**Speaker Rick Lavoie, best-selling author and nationally-known expert on learning disabilities, and one of the country's leading special education consultants.
Sponsored by: The Little Keswick Foundation for Special Education.**

Details/registration: <http://www.lkfse.org/>



Save the Date – November 15th

Ivy Creek School, 227 Lambs Lane, Charlottesville

**Parent Resource Center "Live and Learn – Parent Workshops and Resource Fair"
A Free Event for All Families**

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