

PREP/Parent Resource Center Newsletter

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

SERVICES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

April/May 2015



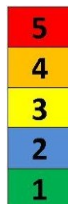
MOVE is a Virginia Department of Education Youth & Parent Institute for African-American Males with Disabilities from across the Commonwealth. Empowering African American Males with Disabilities to Overcome Barriers, Become Self-Determined, Graduate High School & College and be Career Ready.

Date: July 12-14, 2015

Location: Charlottesville, VA

Application Due Date: May 8, 2015

More info/apply: <http://www.imdetermined.org/youth/move/>



Free "Make-and-Take" Visual Supports Workshop and Dinner
Parents & Educators are Invited

Tuesday, May 19th (5:30pm - 7:30pm)

Albemarle County Resource Center (Murray High School)
1200 Forest Street, Charlottesville, VA

Unique opportunity to work with PREP Autism and Behavior Specialists to create visual supports for your child that you will take with you at the end of the evening to use at home.

Space is limited for this workshop – sign up early!!

Please call or email today to reserve your space:

Deborah Anama, Parent Resource Center Coordinator
434-975-9400 or danama@k12albemarle.org

We hope you will join us! PREP Autism and Behavior Specialists and PREP Parent Resource Center



Celebrating Special Children

*Information and Resources for
Virginia's Disability Community*

Information that connects individuals with disabilities to the wealth of services available in the Commonwealth is compiled, maintained and made available through an internet accessible resource database. More information: <http://www.celebratingspecialchildren.org/>

My Child was Just Identified with an Autism Spectrum Disorder: Now What Do I Do?



This free self-paced on-line course is designed to introduce families to the characteristics, needs and services for young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This course provides a brief description of the defining characteristics of an autism spectrum disorder and focuses on effective services, supports and strategies. More information/registration: <http://www.vcuautismcenter.org/te/parents.cfm>

Special Education Advisory Committee - May Meetings

Albemarle SEAC: May 26(7:00-9:00 pm) Albemarle Co Offices, 401 McIntire Rd., Rm. 320

Accessible Virginia

Accessible Virginia gives extraordinarily detailed descriptions of Virginia attractions, lodging, bed and breakfasts, restaurants, outdoor recreation and shopping facilities that meet the needs of travelers of varied abilities. This web site provides comprehensive information such as locations and measurements of doors, aisles, stairways and bathroom facilities, as well as listings of dialysis centers, equipment repair locations and even veterinarians for assistance animals. More information: www.accessiblevirginia.org/

2014 -2015 Parent Involvement Survey



All parents of school-aged children and youth who receive special education services in Virginia are encouraged to complete the Virginia Department of Education's annual Parent Involvement Survey. If you have any questions concerning the survey please contact Hank Millward, 804-371-0525 or Hank.Millward@doe.virginia.gov.

Encuesta para padres de niños con discapaci

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VDOEParentInvolvementSurvey2014-2015>



VIRGINIA FAMILY
SPECIAL EDUCATION CONNECTION

A website designed to provide families with critical and practical information regarding special education services in Virginia. The site contains local, state and national special education and support topics. Virginia Department of Education funded. More info: www.vafamilysped.org



Camping For All - Opens the world of camp to people with special needs- helping find camps that accommodate their needs and provides training and support to camps that are interested in increasing inclusion of people with special needs.

camping4all@earthlink.net 434-806-8835

Charlottesville Therapeutic Parks and Rec - Therapeutic Youth Day Camp and Summer Inclusion Program. For individuals, ages 8 and up, with physical and or mental disabilities. Contact Sarah Blech at blechs@charlottesville.org or call 434-970-3264

Camp Easter Seals offers Summer Programs, Weekend Respite Programs, Therapy Camps and Specialty Camps. www.easterseals.com/NCVA 866-874-4153

Camp Holiday Trails - A Camp for Children with Special Health Needs.

www.campholidaytrails.org 434-977-3781

Children with special medical needs or chronic illnesses 6/21-26, 6/28-7/10, 7/12-24
Children with bleeding disorders July 26-31, Families of children with special medical needs and chronic illnesses August 2-5, Children on the autism spectrum August 9-14

Adventure Camp - A Camp for children and adolescents with limb loss.

www.adventurecampinc.org 434-293-7830

The Enrichment Alliance - Summer Inclusion Program places skilled, trained mentors within camps to assist with the inclusion of children with special needs.

www.enrichmentalliance.org 434-295-1002 staff@enrichmentalliance.org

Oakland School and Camp - Five week summer program well suited for children ages 6 - 14 with dyslexia, dysgraphia, social communication disorder, ADHD and processing and organizational difficulties. www.oaklandschool.net 434-293-9059

Signs of Fun Camp 2015 - for all children ages 3 - 18 who are deaf or hard of hearing. August 3 - 7, 2015. Cost: \$25 www.signsoffuncamp.org

Abemarle Kids - Summer Camp Fair - Arts/ Outdoor/Traditional/ Special interest/ Sports/ etc. www.abemarlekids.com/dir_campfair.htm

Special Needs Summer Camps - Comprehensive list throughout Virginia, etc.

www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/resources/additional/summer_camps/documents/2015SpecialNeedsSummerCampGuide_000.pdf

Low Vision Support Group Free Monthly Seminar

Join us for this free monthly seminar and discussion group. Find out about new treatments, research and resources and get support. Free parking and refreshments. No reservations needed.

When: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., third Monday, March - November

Where: Westminster-Canterbury, 250 Pantops Mountain Rd., Charlottesville
For details, call 434-982-0377 or go to www.uvahealth.com/services/eye-care

Parent Support Group for Spanish Speakers

¡Les Invitamos!

Reunión para padres de niños con necesidades especiales.

Dónde: Northside Library -- 705 W. Rio Road, Charlottesville
(donde la carretera '29' cruce la calle 'Rio')

Cuándo: martes, 19 de mayo de 2015 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM
Llame Kathryn al 434-924-0225 para más información
Sponsored by Blue Ridge Care Connection for Children



C'ville Special Needs Support Group Meeting

For Parents and Adult Family Members Of Special Needs Children

Friday, May 8, 2015 -- 12:30 pm to 2:30pm

First Presbyterian Church - 500 Park Street, Charlottesville VA

Preschool entrance at the back of the parking lot, then first room on the right

We're flexible and welcoming. Come late or leave early if you need to.

Please drop in and check us out! Adults only please: we are not able to provide childcare.

For information, please contact:

Jess at CRAAG1@gmail.com Carol at ch2xa@virginia.edu or 434-924-8685

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