

**Live and Learn - connecting families, schools, and communities**

**Information and Resource Fair**

**Saturday, November 11th - (9:00am - 12:30pm)**

**PVCC Main Building, 501 College Drive, Charlottesville**

**A PREP/Parent Resource Center Free Event for parents, students, and educators**



*Please Join Us!*

**Presentations, Resource Fair, Food, & Door prizes**

Coffee, pastries, bagels, & fruit will be provided at no cost

**Free Gift for the first 50 families:**

**Education Record Keeper - personalize your heavy-duty 10-pocket organizer**

**Information sessions at include:**

- 9:15 ✓ Understanding Social Security Disability Claims
  - ✓ Navigating Medicaid Waivers
  - ✓ Guardianship: What is it and what are my other options?
  - ✓ A Glimpse into Your Child's AD/HD Brain
  
- 10:30 ✓ IEP Meetings: Ins and Outs
  - ✓ Gateway to Services & Case Management
  - ✓ Successful Transition from High School to College
  - ✓ Legal Ways to Manage Money for Loved Ones Who Need Some Help (Special Needs Trusts and ABLE Accounts)
  
- 11:45 ✓ Guardianship: What is it and what are my other options?
  - ✓ Legal Ways to Manage Money for Loved Ones Who Need Some Help (Special Needs Trusts and ABLE Accounts)
  - ✓ Understanding Social Security Disability Claims
  - ✓ The ABCs of ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis): Facts and Fallacies

*Registration is not required, but will help us with planning.*

**For more information/registration, contact:**

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**See you on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> !**

**The ABCs of ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis): Facts and Fallacies:**

*Einar T. Ingvarsson, PhD, BCBA-D, LBA Director of Clinical Services - Virginia Institute of Autism*

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) has profoundly influenced intervention and education for individuals with ASD in recent decades. Yet, misconceptions about the nature of ABA abound. In this presentation, I will give a brief overview of the practice of ABA and address some of the common misconceptions that surround it.

**Social Security Disability Benefits:**

*Melissa Phillips, Virginia Disability Determination Services*

The Virginia Disability Determination Services (DDS), a division within DARS, works in partnership with the Social Security Administration and the Virginia Department of Social Services to make decisions on disability claims for benefits under the Social Security Disability Insurance, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicaid Programs. In this session, we will discuss the definition of disability according to SSA Standards & the case adjudication process.

**Making a Successful Transition from High School to College**

*Susan Hannifan, Disability Services Counselor - Piedmont Virginia Community College*

In this session, students will learn about self-advocacy skills, the differences in disability services in high school and college, and what you can do now while you are still in high school to prepare for college.

**Guardianship: What is it and what are my other options?**

*Chuck Collins, Attorney - Consultant ARC of the Piedmont*

Although guardianship may be appropriate for some families, the law provides a variety of other ways to delegate decision-making authority. This presentation will cover the basics of guardianship and its alternatives. Participants will learn about the procedure for obtaining guardianship and other decision-making powers, as well as considerations to make when comparing the different options.

**Gateway to Services & Case Management**

*Lisa Hearl, Program Manager-ID Case Management Services-Region Ten Community Services*

*Hollis Nicholas, Region Ten Community Services*

Region Ten Community Services Board will present an overview of Case Management Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to include information about Wavier Services. This informal presentation highlights the 5 W's of services: WHO is eligible for services, WHAT services are available, WHEN to apply for services, WHERE to begin the process for services, and WHY services are important.

**Legal Ways to Manage Money for Loved Ones Who Need Some Help-Special Needs Trusts & ABLE Accts**

*Holly Hilton, Attorney - Hilton and Associates*

Discussion of ways to arrange the management of funds that go to your children who may not be able to manage money independently, or who may need to manage their income and assets or an inheritance from family members in a way that preserves their federal and state benefit eligibility (i.e. Medicaid and Supplemental Social Security Income). My purpose is to demystify the confusing law and reveal your options and your loved one's options with regard to their savings or inheritances so they can maintain benefit eligibility and still enhance their quality of life.

**IEP Meetings: Ins and Outs**

*Courtney E. Pugh, Family Support Specialist - Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)*

This presentation will help prepare parents of what to expect in the IEP meeting, to have a productive student-focused meeting. From preplanning before the meeting to working together afterwards, this presentation will build relationships and self-advocacy skills of the parents while focusing on the needs of the student.

**A Glimpse Into Your Child's AD/HD Brain**

*Brice Jackson, DC FACFN FABBIR -Clinical Director, Connections Achievement & Therapy Center*

Attention problems are complex and can interfere with all aspects of a child's life - academic, social, family, athletic . . . . In this session, we will discuss different types of inattentiveness ("Why can my son pay attention to video games for hours, but can't listen when I'm talking!?!"), areas of the brain that influence attention, and evidenced base therapeutic strategies that can help.

**Navigating Medicaid Waivers - EDCD Waivers and DD Waivers**

*Mona Holmes, Division 5 Manager - Moms in Motion/At Home Your Way*

Medicaid waivers have undergone massive changes lately. The process can be overwhelming. We will give an overview of what Medicaid waivers offer to individuals. We will help attendees learn how to access waiver services. We will address Medicaid's roll in these services and direct attendees how to start the approval process.