



Family Support Resource Center

FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK, PRESCHOOL PARTNERS
AND PARTNERS FOR SUCCESS

Serving Families and Educators of Children with Disabilities in Kent County

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*Kent County **Family Support Network** helps families meet the needs of infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays, birth to age three, by providing parent support as well as practical information about the benefits of early intervention services*

*Kent County Public Schools' **Pre-school Partners/Partners for Success** helps families of school age children and youth with disabilities or delays, ages 3 to 21, gain the skills and knowledge that will enable them to function as equal partners in the educational decision making process; as well as parent support.*

Back-to-School **2022-2023**



Welcome students and educators may approach a new school year with different expectations, but we all see the coming year as an opportunity to gain knowledge and explore new horizons.

Regular communication with your child's teachers and staying involved can go a long way to ensuring a successful year. Join the PTA/PTSA, visit classrooms during back to school nights and Parent-Teacher Conference Day, if you have time, volunteer in the classroom or for a class project. If you have a concern, meet with your child's teacher(s) and take advantage of the resources we offer in the Family Resource Support Center. Come on out and attend one of our monthly parent workshops, which are opened to the community. (see back side for list of workshops)

This sample newsletter is being distributed to all Kent County Public Schools families and educators; future issues will be mailed to families of children who receive special education or related services. If you would like to sign up for email newsletters and updates, please email me at fsupport@kent.k12.md.us



Elizabeth Proffitt
Parent Coordinator

Workshops & Events

DATE	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
SEPT 21 5PM-7PM	Rethinking ADHD	Frank Kros will be joining us to discuss Rethinking ADHD and How to Enhance the Foundational Strengths of the ADHD Brain.
OCT 26 5PM-7PM	IEP Understanding	You'll learn the ins and outs of navigating the IEP process. You will receive a binder to keep you organized for your next IEP meeting.
NOV 16 5PM-7PM	Student's Mental Health	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will be presenting awareness on your student's mental health.
DEC 14 5PM-7PM	Annual Sensory Holiday Party	Join us and surprise guest Santa, as we enjoy some holiday treats, play games and make a special craft.
JAN 18 5PM-7PM	Navigating the World of Special Education	Let us help you navigate the world of Special Education and learn more about each member of the IEP/IFSP team.
FEB 22 5PM-7PM	Understanding Dyslexia	Let us help you get a deeper understanding of what dyslexia is, how to identify the signs and symptoms and learn strategies to help.
MAR 22 5PM-7PM	Understanding Autism	Pathfinders for Autism will be joining us to give us information about autism, sensory processing and so much more!
APRIL 26 5PM-7PM	Community Resource Fair	Join us for our annual community resource fair. Look for services, products and agencies that serve Kent County Families.
MAY 24 5PM-7PM	Recognition Award Ceremony	We will review legislation that has passed, along with Special Education Data, ending with a celebration!

*Meetings are held the at the Kent County Middle School's Media Center with a virtual option available. Contact fsupport@kent.k12.md.us or call 410-778-5708 for more information

What is the family Support Resource Center?

We are an information and support resource for families and educators of children who receive special education services through Kent County Public Schools, including infants and toddlers, preschoolers, and students who remain in high school until age 21. We are part of a network of centers around the state, supported by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Who are the children?

About 16% of Kent County students receive special education services. Their disability may be obvious, such as physical disability, or hidden, such as a learning disability like dyslexia. The majority spends most of their time in a general education classroom but may spend varying amounts of time each week with one or more specialists - for occupational therapy or extra reading help, for example. Other specialists may visit the home of an infant experiencing developmental delays or the preschool of a toddler who has difficulty speaking.

The Family Support Resource Center assists families of these children by offering programs, resources, and other assistance that can help them to become effective partners with specialists and teachers in the education decision-making process.

Family Support Resource Center's Lending Library

All parents, caregivers, and educators are invited to stop by our office and browse our collection of books covering diverse topics - from ADHD, autism and other learning disabilities, to dealing with bullying, parenting, and teaching children with special needs. We also have advice and resources to guide you through the sometimes confusing IEP process.

Schedule your appointment today:
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