

Resources Shared from 3/13/15 Meeting



- Project ACTION! Meet and Greet to celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month – **Saturday, March 21, 2015** from 11am-12:30pm at Kennedy Institute, 801 Buchanan Street NE, Washington, DC 20017
- The Guardianship Conference is being held on **Friday, March 27, 2015** from 8:30am-1:30pm at the DC Court of Appeals, Historic Courthouse, 430 E St. NW, Washington, DC 20001 – sign up online at www.dccourts.gov/guardianshiptraining or call 202-879-9407 or 202-879-9452. See attached flyer for more details.
- DC Youth Leaders Network is going to the International Spy Museum on **Saturday, March 28, 2015**. Support for transportation and lunch will be provided. Contact sarah.grime@schooltalkdc.org for more information!
- Epilepsy Foundation Walk, **Saturday, April 11, 2015** – Supporting Families Community of Practice member, Tiffany Smallwood, will be walking with her daughter Khyia Smallwood and they are raising money! To learn more or donate, visit their page at <https://getinvolved.epilepsy.com/fundraise/team?ftid=44161> and see the attached message from Tiffany Smallwood.
- Players Unlimited and members of Project ACTION! will be performing a play at the Atlas Theater on **Saturday, April 25, 2015**. Further details are not available yet.
- Project ACTION! Conference, **Saturday, June 13, 2015**, contact diego@2gether-international.org for more information!
- HSCSN Annual June Fair – food, fun and information – contact swright-james@hscsn.org for more information!
- Family Voices of DC is launching the Family Mentoring Wisdom Resource Advocacy Support Project (FM WRASProject) and is hiring part-time Family Resource Specialists. See the attached job announcement for more information!
- Parents Advocacy Leaders Support Group (PALS) meets the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10am-3pm at the HSC Pediatric Center, 1731 Bunker Hill Rd., NE, Washington, DC 20017 – See attached flyer or contact cdoggette@hscsn.org or 202-580-6485 for more information! Para información en Español favor de llamar a Patricia Ortez al 202-580-6487.
- Male Caregivers Support Group meets every Wednesday from 6-9pm at the Health Services for Children with Special Needs (HSCSN) office at 2124 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20020. See attached flyer or contact cdoggette@hscsn.org or 202-580-6485 for more information! Para información en Español favor de llamar a Patricia Ortez al 202-580-6487.
- Young Adult Support Group! meets the 4th Saturday of every month from 12-2:30pm. See attached flyer or contact cdoggette@hscsn.org or 202-580-6485 for more information!
- National Rehabilitation Hospital has a Adaptive Fitness Classes for free on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm, Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm and Saturdays from 10am-2pm at 102 Irving St. NW, Washington, DC 20010. See attached flyer or contact harsh.v.thakkar@medstar.net or 202-877-1859 for more information!

- Ivymount Outreach Programs has a new Saturday ABA Language Program. See the attached flyer or contact outreach@ivymount.org or 301-469-0223 for more information!
- Empowering Males of Color Initiative has been launched by DC Public Schools and Mayor Bowser and they are looking for mentors! See the attached flyer or visit <http://bit.ly/EMOCsignup> for more information!
- University Legal Services Listserv – email sullman@uls-dc.org to join!
- Big Brothers Big Sisters – visit <http://bbbsnca.org/> for more information!
- The Transition Community of Practice has put together a video about talking to children about their disabilities and they are looking for organizations to host screenings of the video. Contact leila.peterson@schooltalkdc.org or nate.dearden@dc.gov to host a screening!
- Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is organizing the “It Takes a City” LEA (local education agency, i.e., school district) Institute on May 1-2, 2015. See the attached Call for Proposals. The deadline to submit proposals was Friday, March 20th, but if someone is interested in putting a proposal together in the event that they will accept late proposals, contact alison.whyte@dc.gov ASAP.

DC Supporting Families Community of Practice Core Group Partners Include:



District of Columbia Superior Court Probate Division
Seventh Annual Guardianship Conference

March 27, 2015

8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Advance Registration Required.
To register for the conference:

1. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone



or

2. Sign up online at www.dccourts.gov/guardianshiptraining

or

3. Call the Guardianship Assistance Program at (202)879-9407 or 202-879-9452

District of Columbia Court
of Appeals

Historic Courthouse
430 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
Near The Judiciary Square
Metro



The Changing Landscape of Adult Guardianship in the District of Columbia

Featured Sessions:

- New Guardianship Legislation
- Safety Planning for Guardians
- Age Friendly DC Initiative Update
- Guardianship Trends: A View from the Top

DC Youth Leaders Network presents Operation Spy Mission at the International Spy Museum

What does a spy do? How do I become a spy?

Clue:
Free Food



Clue:
Free
Museum
Tickets

Clue:
Open to all youth ages 12-25

The DC Youth Leaders Network is a way for DC youth with disabilities, IEPs, and 504 plans to connect to opportunities in their communities to be leaders & build the skills needed to succeed. This adventurous mission will provide an opportunity to work together as a team using spy tools and techniques to develop leadership skills and abilities!

Location: International Spy Museum
800 F Street NW
Washington, DC 20004

DATE: Saturday, March 28th
TIME: 11:45am – 2:45pm

To join in the fun RSVP (a must) and request reasonable accommodations and/or a SmarTrip card call or text Sarah Grime at 202-907-6887 (phone) or email her at: Sarah.Grime@schooltalkdc.org

The DC Youth Leaders Network is part of DC's team for the Youth Action Council on Transition (YouthACT). YouthACT is a national initiative to get more youth with disabilities and their allies involved as leaders in their communities. This initiative is led by the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) at the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) with funding from the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP).

The DC Youth Leaders Network is co-sponsored by SchoolTalk, Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities, and the DC Secondary Transition Community of Practice.

Hello.

As many of you know, my youngest daughter Khyia has a neurological disorder called epilepsy. She was diagnosed when she was 2 months old. There is no cure for epilepsy at this present time but we as well as the over 3 million people in the US are hoping that finding a cure will happen in the near future!

The EPILEPSY Foundation will have its annual walk that will be held on the Washington Monument grounds on Saturday, April 11th this year. The National Walk for Epilepsy raises money each year to support epilepsy - related services, education, advocacy and research. It has not been an easy road for Khyia , who has been presented with a lot of challenging times. She continues to endure a staggering array of test, E.R. visits, medication changes and therapies. Through it all, By the Grace of GOD, Khyia will turn 16 years old this year and is still resilient, she is determined to fight and Win! That's why it's important to me to reach out to you. You can make a difference in the lives of everyone who deals with this neurological condition.

Please join Khyias team (KHYIAS ALL-STARS) today and walk with us on April 11th to help put an end to epilepsy! To register and donate please go to:
www.walkforepilepsy.org

- Click on the "Find a Team" button
- Click on the "Join A Team" button
- Scroll down the list until you see "KHYIAS ALL-STARS"
- Click ,Register and donate!

By donating \$35.00 or more for each Adult / \$20.00 for each child(under 12) you will receive a 2015 National Walk for Epilepsy T- Shirt on the day of the walk. Everyone will participate in the opening ceremonies, take a stroll/ cross the "finish line " with Khyia and enjoy the rest of the activities that are planned for this wonderful day!! All donations are 100 % tax deductible!

You can also reach Khyias donation page by clicking on this link -
<https://getinvolved.epilepsy.com/fundraise/team?ftid=44161>

Thank you in advance. We greatly appreciate your help and hope to see you on April 11th.

Peace and Blessings!!!

Tiffany Smallwood



FAMILY VOICES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Family Resource Specialist (FSRs)- FM WRASProject (Family Mentoring Wisdom Resource Advocacy Support Project)

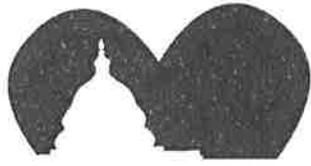
Family Voices of the District of Columbia, Inc. is a local nonprofit organization interested in the healthy development and education of children and youth diagnosed with special health care needs and/or disabilities. FVDC Inc. believes children and youth with special healthcare needs (CYSHCN) and/or disabilities, and their families deserve access to quality affordable health care services and education. FVDC Inc.'s mission is to ensure that all CYSHCN and/or disabilities receive family-centered coordinated care.

Family Voices of the District of Columbia, Inc. seeks part-time Family Resource Specialists (FRSs) to work with the Program Director, Executive Director, community partners, health providers, government agencies, family volunteers, and families to provide high-quality, culturally competent services leading to positive outcomes for CYSHCN and/or disabilities and their families, and to positive relationships with professionals. FRSs will be housed on-site, in the community, and within partnering and/or collaborating organization sites, with work hours averaging at least 15 hours/week.

Preferred: Parent of a child between ages of three years old or older with a disability or with special health care needs.

Job Responsibilities:

1. Conduct outreach and provide training and support to families of CYSHCN and/or disabilities who represent the full diversity of families in DC, and to professionals who work with families of CYSHCN and/or disabilities.
2. Provide information, technical assistance, and support to families of CYSHCN and/or disabilities, and to professionals.
3. Assist families of CYSHCN and/or disabilities to navigate multiple systems including education, health insurance (including managed care), health care, child behavioral health, developmental disabilities, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, child care and



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community based services systems.

4. Participate as a parent voice in various advisory boards and community implementation projects.
5. Present at and attend professional meetings relating to projects goals and FVDC, Inc.'s mission.
6. Maintain records and information that support project, under the direction of the Program Director.
7. Other responsibilities as needed.

Qualifications:

General Knowledge of or involvement with Early Intervention, Transition Services, school-age education services and/or DC Agencies serving CYSHCN and/or disabilities. Must reside in the District of Columbia.

Demonstration of relevant training and experience, with the following knowledge, abilities and skills:

1. Outstanding planning, communication & organizational skills;
2. Excellent outreach, family engagement and empowerment, and community collaboration skills;
3. Ability to interact with a diverse population of families, children and youth, and professionals;
4. Facility with written and verbal communication, strong Spanish skills a plus;
5. Knowledge of local community and resources;
6. Ability to work flexible hours and reliable transportation resources.

Reports to: FM WRASP Program Director, in collaboration with the FVDC Inc.'s Executive Director.

Salary: up to \$16.00/hour



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Submission of resumes and cover letters indicating interest in this position should be directed to both: k.reid-witt@familyvoicesofdc.org AND d.hodges@familyvoicesofdc.org, **no later than March 29, 2015.**

FVDC Inc., is an equal employment opportunity employer. Candidates with the full range of diverse backgrounds and bilingual capacity are encouraged to apply.

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SATURDAYS FOR PARENTS



THE HSC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
Health Services for Children
with Special Needs, Inc.



JOIN US	10 AM - 3 PM
Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) DC Center of Therapeutic Recreation 3030 G Street SE, Washington, DC 20019	

2015 SCHEDULE
MAR 21, APR 18, MAY 16, JUL 18, AUG 15, SEP 19, OCT 17, NOV 21 AND DEC 19.



Gain tools and knowledge on how to advocate for your child's special needs.

Ensure that your child receives the right services at school.

Take a break from the everyday challenges faced when caring for a child with special needs.

Learn more about resources available to meet your child's special needs.

Parent Advocate Leaders Support (PALS) Group A Program of Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc. (HSCSN) Department of Family and Community Development in cooperation with The HSC Health Care System www.hscsn-net.org

hscsn-net.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
CECIL DOGGETTE AT 202-580-6485.

FREE BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND CHILD CARE PROVIDED

Skilled care professionals will be available during childcare for monitoring purposes only- acting as first aid responders in the event of an emergency. Transportation provided for HSCSN members only.

Please RSVP by 1pm on the Wednesday prior to the PALS meeting.
To RSVP, call Simona Wright-James at 202-580-6485.



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MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

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Si vous ne pouvez lire ceci, veuillez appeler le service à la clientèle au 1866-937-4549. (French)
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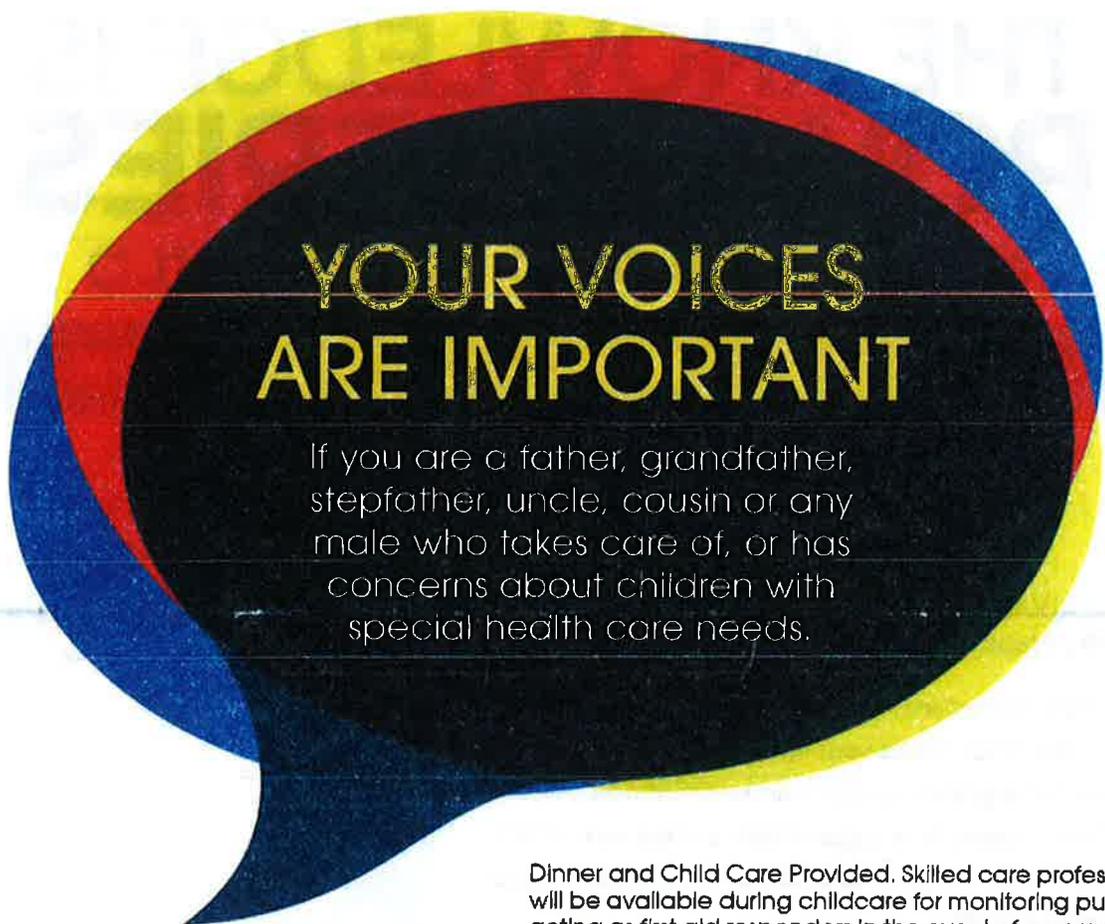


THE HSC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
Health Services for Children
with Special Needs, Inc.



HSCSN 2015 MALE CAREGIVERS ADVOCACY SUPPORT GROUP

Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc.
Invites You to Join the Male Caregivers Advocacy Support (MCAS) Group



YOUR VOICES ARE IMPORTANT

If you are a father, grandfather,
stepfather, uncle, cousin or any
male who takes care of, or has
concerns about children with
special health care needs.

Dinner and Child Care Provided. Skilled care professionals
will be available during childcare for monitoring purposes only,
acting as first aid responders in the event of an emergency.
Transportation provided for HSCSN members only.

MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:00-9:00PM 2124 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, DC 20020

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
CECIL DOGGETTE 202-580-6485
Para información en Español favor de llamar
a Patricia Ortez al 202-580-6487



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THE DC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Health Services for Children
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PRESENTS

YOUNG ADULT SUPPORT GROUP!

beats by HSCSN

BETTER EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY IN TRANSITION SERVICES

2015 SCHEDULE

FEB 28, MAR 28, APR 25, MAY 23, JUN 27,
JUL 25, AUG 22, SEP 26, OCT 24, NOV 28

12 NOON - 2:30PM

For more information:

Cecil Doggette | 202-580-6485

Department of Family and Community Development
cdoggette@hscsn.org

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HSCSN MEMBERS LIKE YOU TO PARTICIPATE.

The Young Adult Support Group will allow young adults like yourself to:
Create friendships | Learn about community resources | Gain tools to help you transition into adulthood

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE HSCSN Member | Between 14 and 26 years of age

Transportation will be provided. Lunch will be served.



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Adaptive Fitness Classes

Boxing Based Fitness

Thursdays

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 pm

Therapy & Cardiac Gym, 2nd floor

A high intensity cross training conditioning class which incorporates traditional boxing drills. This class is high energy and lots of fun.

Attendees will benefit from a combination of resistance training and cardiovascular training to improve overall conditioning and strength.

Join fitness instructor
Devon Palermo



Contact Harsh Thakkar at 202-877-1859 or
Harsh.V.Thakkar@medstar.net

Open Gym and Circuit Training

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Outpatient gym, 1st floor

"Open Gym" - Circuit Training includes:

- ◆ Warm-up, weight training stations, and cool down period
- ◆ Access to adapted weight training equipment
- ◆ High Intensity interval workouts
- ◆ Adaptive Fitness Trainers
- ◆ Safe and effective

Promotes to improve: Strength, muscle endurance, flexibility, functional abilities, mood and confidence

Optional: FES bike, cardio station, standing station in parallel bars

*The Peer Mentor & Wellness Program is made possible in part thanks to a matching grant from
The Gordon and Marilyn Macklin Foundation.*



MedStar National
Rehabilitation Network

102 Irving Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010
MedStarNRH.org



IVYMOUNT OUTREACH PROGRAMS

NEW Saturday ABA Language Program!

Designed to generalize & strengthen language and communication skills for students with autism who are challenged with significant delays, ages 5 to 14.

- Semester-long Saturday Program
- Individualized goals, such as increasing vocabulary, social exchanges and requesting, are taught in the natural context of activities
- Students communicate using their voice, sign language, and high or low technology systems
- Student progress and problem solving are driven by data based decision making
- Highly trained Ivymount staff work 1:1 with students using the Ivymount Autism Program's teaching package including ABA methodology partnered with strategies for promoting the student's comprehension and use of language
- Student activities are based on the Ivymount Autism Program's Functional Life Skills Curriculum
- On site supervision and program individualization provided by Ivymount Board Certified Behavior Analyst
- Learning happens in a fun, therapeutic environment and is not a traditional discrete trial drill and repetition program
- Parent education sessions are led by experienced and trained Ivymount staff and will include direct instruction, round-table discussion and hands on activities



LEARN MORE! For fees, registration information and additional information, please call Ivymount Outreach Programs at **301-469-0223** or email Ivymount Outreach Programs at

outreach@ivymount.org.

Positive People + Positive Minds + Positive Vibes = Positive Impact on Lives



We are all byproducts of the environments we've grown up in and people who have influenced us. In an effort to support the ***Empowering Males of Color Initiative*** that DCPS has launched and Mayor Muriel Bowser has joined, DDS is looking for Mentors! Individuals who are passionate about giving back to their community, who gets delight in partnering and assisting others to help them reach their dreams and goals.

If that describes you then consider becoming a mentor for the Empowering Males of Color Initiative! Together, we can impact change and empower young men to make their dreams come true!

Volunteers will provide quality one-on-one mentoring with an emphasis on literacy to the young men and boys of color in the District and will be expected to spend one or more hours per week with their assigned young person. Mentoring has been shown to have significant impact on the success of young people and provides mentors an opportunity to share their experiences and skill with a young person. If you are interested in helping a young man or boy of color achieve his goals and feel valued and supported by donating your time and talent, then please log on to the DCPS website and learn more about the program.

<http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Beyond+the+Classroom/Empowering+Males+of+Color>



"A life isn't significant except for its impact on other lives." - Jackie Robinson. What will your impact be on the young men of the District of Columbia? You make the decision - let's help make history together...

"Positive People, Positive Minds, Positive Vibes = Positive Lives!"

Learn more and sign up today!

<http://bit.ly/EMOCsignup>



Office of the State Superintendent of Education

**It Takes a City: *DC Does it Best!*
Call for Proposals**

The District of Columbia's Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is pleased to announce its final LEA Institute, *It Takes a City: DC Does it Best!*, to be held May 1-2, 2015, in Washington, DC. OSSE is currently accepting proposals from researchers and practitioners that reflect high quality, innovative best practices.

Proposals should focus on one (or more) of the following strand areas of research and practice:

- Early Childhood
- Special Populations (i.e., instruction, positive behavior supports, related service delivery, secondary transition, ELL)
- Instruction and the Common Core
- STEM and the Next Generation Science Standards
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Parent/Family and Engagement
- Educator Effectiveness

The purpose of this Institute is to provide teachers, related service providers, administrators, and families with the opportunity to attend high quality sessions in the field of education. Participants will select from robust sessions within the strands listed above. Local and national presenters will provide participants with the latest innovations in the field, including research- and evidence-based practices, to enhance professional and personal growth that will improve outcomes for students in the District.

The criteria for the proposals will be evaluated according to the following standards:

- Rationale for Presentation
- Participant Outcomes
- Relevance to Learners, Families, and/or Educators of Diverse Backgrounds
- Evidence of Effectiveness

To be considered, completed proposals must be submitted by 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time (EST), Friday, March 20, 2015. Presenters will be notified of their selection no later than Friday, March 27, 2015. The State Institute Committee will review proposals. Sessions that include evidence- and/or research-based practices, emerging ideas, creative trend research, and strategic solutions to current issues that have potential high-yield results will be given preference. Proposals should encourage active learning and audience engagement, leaving time for discussion and interaction.

Interested individuals may submit proposals using the link provided on the Institute's website: [DC Does it Best!](#)

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Office of the State Superintendent of Education, 810 1st Street NE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20002



For questions or difficulties in accessing the online form, please contact the OSSE Teaching and Learning staff at osse.tta@dc.gov or 202-724-7878.

There is no cost of registration associated with this conference for presenters or participants.

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