



THE VOICE
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 of the
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President's Message

AACC-ASA meetings are held on the last Tuesday evening of each month at Ruth Parker Eason School in Millersville. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm.

The meetings begin with introductions and general announcements, along with time for open discussion. A refreshment break is followed by a discussion led by the guest presenter.

Ample time is allowed for questions and follow-up discussion, as well as further opportunity for group support and socialization.

New members and new ideas are always welcome.

Thanks to everyone who attended our April meeting, which included a stimulating discussion led by board member **Patricia Prescott**. She spoke about the work that is being done on our grant project to assist children in dealing with sensory issues which impede their learning and often create classroom behavior problems. If you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact Pat at **(410) 647-6928** or patriciaaprescott@msn.com.

Our May meeting will feature a discussion about **assistive technology**. The discussion will be led by **Judy Brady**, who serves as the Central Office Resource for Assistive Technology for our county's public school system. Judy will be sharing information about the various ways that assistive technology devices can be used to assist students with autism spectrum disorders in meeting their augmentative communication and written expression needs.

I encourage parents, professionals, and service providers to join us on May 25th to learn more about this important subject. Ample time will be provided for questions and discussion. As a reminder, this will be our last chapter meeting of the school year – we will take our usual summer break and then resume meeting again in August.

I am pleased to note that our web site now contains an **"editable" version of our membership form**, which allows you to type in the information on the form before you print it and send it in with your membership fee. This innovative idea, introduced by chapter member **Eddie Ahmed** and put into place by our web guru **Barry Conner**, makes it easier for you to complete your membership form and easier for us to enter the information in our database. To access the new form, please go to

http://www.aaccasa.org/member_form_intro.htm

We are in the process of compiling a list of materials to add to our **chapter lending library**. If you have suggestions for books or videos to include in the library, please let me know by calling the chapter phone line at **(410) 923-8800** or by sending an e-mail through our web site at <http://www.aaccasa.org>. If you aren't sure if we have a particular item, you can easily check by going to the listing of our current holdings, available at <http://www.aaccasa.org/library.htm>

On the topic of summer activities, be sure to mark your calendar for our **summer picnic!!** It will be held on **Saturday June 26th** from **1:00 - 3:00 pm** at **St. Martins in the Field** on Benfield Boulevard in Severna Park. Look for a flyer with further details in our June newsletter.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the recent contributions made to our chapter in the memory of **Hilary Graybeal**. She was a resident of Cecil County and the grandparent of a 10-year-old boy with autism who lives with his parents in Pennsylvania. Upon her recent passing, her husband **Clinton Graybeal Sr.** asked that contributions be made to help support families with autism in our area. I extend our appreciation for the contributions and offer our condolences to Mr. Graybeal on his loss.

Lastly, I offer our chapter's condolences to board member **Doug Shade** and his family on the recent passing of his father, **Walter Shade Sr.** He was a strong leader in the shipbuilding community and the Severna Park community, and will be missed by all who knew and admired him, including his beloved grandson Thomas.

Chapter Phone Line:
(410) 923-8800

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 * **Next Meeting:** *
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 * **May 25th** *
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 * **7:00 pm** *
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Chapter elections

At our May meeting we will present the following slate of candidates to be voted on:

President: Linda Carter-Ferrier

**Vice President/
Treasurer:** Melinda Wise

Secretary: Jean Dunaway

Board Members: Patricia Prescott
Doug Shade
Roxanne Sporrer
Michael Golonka

If you would like to cast your vote, but cannot attend the meeting, please submit your vote (“Yes” or “No” to accepting the slate of candidates) by mail to **AACC-ASA, P.O. Box 1304, Millersville MD 21108.**

Please note: You must be a paid member of the chapter to vote.

Session on teens with autism

On **Tuesday May 11th** from **6:00 – 8:30 pm**, a free presentation on **“The complexity of teenage autism”** will be held at Suburban Hospital. It will be led by Dr. Cullen Gibbs, Pediatric Neuropsychologist from the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at Children's National Medical Center. The presentation will focus on what to expect during the teen years of autism and will include a question-and-answer session.

For further information, or to register, please call **(301) 896-3939.**

Discussion group on health care issues

On **Wednesday May 19th** from **6:30 – 9:00 pm**, the **Parents Place of Maryland** is hosting a discussion group for parents of children with special health care needs to learn about their experiences in accessing health care services for their children. The information gathered in the discussion group will be used to write a report about what families are saying about the health care their children receive.

The discussion group will be held at the **Parents Place of Maryland office**, located at 7484 Candlewood Road, Suite S in Hanover. A light meal and a stipend of \$25 will be provided.

Pre-registration is required. To register or for further information about the event, please contact **Grace Pushparany Williams** at **(301) 805-2465** or Pushparany@att.net.

Parents Place of Maryland workshops

The following free workshops are being offered by the Parents Place of Maryland:

“Resolving conflicts in special education – Understanding procedural safeguards”

Friday May 14th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Community Support Services Resource Center
9075 Comprint Court, Gaithersburg
To register, please contact Maureen Howley at **(410) 992-4321** or mhowley@comcast.net.

“Positive behavior supports in the IEP”

Monday May 17th, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
The ARC of Prince Georges County
1401 McCormick Drive, Largo
To register, please contact **Mary Funk** at **(301) 925-7050, ext 232** or mfunk@thearcofpgc.org.

“Advocating for your child with special needs - How to be heard and understood”

Tuesday May 18th, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Point Pleasant Elementary School
1450 Furnace Avenue, Glen Burnie
To register, please contact the sponsoring organization, Anne Arundel County Infants and Toddlers Program, at **(410) 222-6911.**

“Positive behavior supports in the IEP”

Friday May 21st, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Community Support Services Resource Center
9075 Comprint Court, Gaithersburg
To register, please contact **Maureen Howley** at **(410) 992-4321** or mhowley@comcast.net.

Workshop on inclusive schools

On **Tuesday May 25th** from **9:30 am – 2:30 pm**, the **Parents' Place of Maryland** and the **Howard County Family Advocacy and Parent Education (FAPE) Program** are sponsoring a workshop entitled **“Creating inclusive middle and high schools: A workshop for families, educators, and administrators”**. The workshop will be led by Douglas Fisher, PhD and will be held at The Meeting House, Oakland Mills Interfaith Center, 5885 Robert Oliver Place in Columbia.

The registration fee is \$20, which includes breakfast and lunch. For further information or to obtain a registration form, please contact **Maureen Howley** at **(410) 859-5300** or **Julie Foley** at **(410) 465-1193.**



Conference on environmental neurotoxicants and disabilities

On Wednesday May 19th, the **Learning and Developmental Disabilities Initiative** will sponsor a free full-day conference focusing on the relationship between environmental neurotoxicants and learning and developmental disabilities. It will be held at the **National Institutes of Health** in Bethesda.

For further information or to register, please go to <http://www.iceh.org> or call (360) 331-7904.

Arc of Maryland state convention

On Friday June 11th from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, **The Arc of Maryland** will host their 2004 state convention at the Sheraton Baltimore North in Towson. The convention will include numerous workshop and discussion sessions.

The registration fee is \$80. For further information or to obtain registration materials, please contact **Kathleen Durkin** at (410) 296-2272 or kdurkin@baltimorearc.org. Information is also available at <http://www.arcofbaltimore.org>.

ACME dinner

On Tuesday June 15th from 5:00 – 9:00 pm, **ACME Together (Autistic Children's Movies and Entertainment Together)** will host a dinner at **Fuddrucker's Restaurant**, 175 Jennifer Street in Annapolis.

ACME Together is a not-for-profit group that organizes events for children with autism and their families at a variety of theaters, restaurants and other venues in the DC metro area. For further information about the event or the organization, please go to <http://www.acmetogether.org>.

IntelliShare conference

On Tuesday June 23rd and Wednesday June 24th, the **Maryland A. T. Co-op** will host an IntelliShare Conference. It will be held at the Savage Volunteer Fire Hall in Howard County. This two-day conference will focus on hands-on training, networking, and sharing of ideas.

The registration fee is \$195. To register or for more information, please contact **IntelliTools** at (800) 899-6687 or go to <http://www.intellitools.com>

Have information to share? We welcome your contributions! You can contact us through our web site at <http://www.aaccasa.org> or our phone line at 410-923-8800.

The deadline for submissions for the June edition is May 28th.

Autism conference

From Monday June 7th through Wednesday June 9th, the **Kennedy Krieger Institute's Center for Autism and Related Disorders** will host a conference entitled "**Autism: early detection and intervention in infants and young children - from neuroscience to intervention**". The conference will focus on the role of the motor system in learning in Autism Spectrum Disorders, and will be held at the Walters Art Museum, 600 North Charles Street in Baltimore.

The first day will involve a pre-conference on early detection of Autism Spectrum Disorders, specifically focused on the guidelines, practices, and implications for early intervention policy.

The second day will include the following presentations:

- * Brain abnormalities in autism: Impact on social learning and communication
- * Modeling the developmental neuropathologies of autism: How do I know my mouse is autistic?
- * Motor skill learning in autism
- * Links between vocal and motor development in infancy
- * Hemispheric specialization for motor control in autism
- * A clinical link: Motor development in children with ASD

The third day will consist of the following presentations:

- * An interdisciplinary intervention program which focuses on the development of positive and reciprocal relationships to enhance communication, social interaction and play
- * Scope and sequence of critical skills for toddlers
- * Sensory social routines to enhance social-communication
- * Role of sensory motor development in speech/language development
- * Functional application of principles of Applied Behavior Analysis

The registration fee for the pre-conference workshop is \$130 for professionals and \$90 for families or students. The registration fee for the other sessions is \$130 for one day and \$240 for two days for professionals, and \$90 for one day and \$175 for two days for families or students.

For further information or to register, please go to <http://autismconference.kennedykrieger.org> or call (443) 923-7559.



Disability Expo

From **Friday June 25th** through **Sunday June 27th**, **Caring Communities Inc.** will be hosting the **World of Possibilities Disability Expo** at the Baltimore Convention Center. The event is free to the public and is dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with disabilities, their families and caregivers, as well as health care and education professionals.

The expo will include a vast array of products and services such as assistive and adaptive technology, durable medical equipment, computer software, mobility products, living aids and more.

For further information or to obtain free admission passes, please go to <http://www.caringcommunities.org>. Information is also available by calling **(866) 227-4644**.

Workshop on educating students with autism in the inclusive classroom

On **Saturday June 26th** from **9:30 am – 3:30 pm**, the **Howard County Chapter of ASA** and the **Howard County public school system** will host a workshop entitled **“You’re going to love this kid: Educating students with autism in the inclusive classroom”**. The workshop will be led by Paula Kluth, Ph.D. and will be held at Lime Kiln Middle School, 11650 Scaggsville Road in Fulton.

Dr. Kluth is an independent educational consultant. Her professional and research interests center on differentiating instruction and on supporting students with autism and significant disabilities in inclusive classrooms.

The registration fee is \$35, which includes lunch. For further information or to obtain registration materials, please go to <http://www.howard-autism.org> or call **(410) 760-5595**.

PECS workshops

On **Thursday August 12th** and **Friday August 13th**, **Pyramid Educational Consultants** is sponsoring a **Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) workshop** at the Holiday Inn- Inner Harbor in Baltimore.

The registration fee is \$375 for professionals and \$235 for parents/students, and includes a 2nd Edition PECS Manual and a handout packet for note taking. For further information or registration materials, please go to <http://www.pecs.com> or call **(888) 732-7462**.

ASA National Conference

The **Autism Society of America** will host their **35th annual National Conference** at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle from **Wednesday July 7th** through **Sunday July 11th**.

The conference will include numerous workshop sessions, along with the following special presentations:

- * Opening general session on “Autism: Brain, behavior, and genetic perspectives” presented by Dr. Geraldine Dawson, Director of the University of Washington Autism Center
- * Keynote presentation on “Redefining academics for adolescents with Asperger Syndrome and High Functioning Autism” presented by Brenda Smith Myles, Ph.D.
- * Keynote presentation on “Behavior: Research and observations” presented by Dr. Brian Iwata
- * Closing general session on “Stories from the past: A vision of the future” presented by Dr. Liane Holliday Willey

The conference will also include full-day pre-conference workshops (on Wednesday) on the following topics:

- * Brilliant beginnings/dazzling outcomes: Innovative social language intervention in the early childhood years
- * Adults affected with autism: Fulfilling their potential
- * Wrightslaw: Special education law
- * Emotional and behavioral challenges of students with HFA/AS: Identification and intervention strategies
- * Making friends and playing together: Teaching social skills to children with autism
- * Effective strategies for individuals with more complex needs
- * Building skills in self-advocacy and disclosure

For further information and registration materials, please go to <http://www.autism-society.org> or call **(800) 3AUTISM**.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our summer picnic—Saturday June 26th!!



Job announcement

The **Arc of Maryland** is seeking a **Director for the Maryland Partners In Policymaking Program**. Partners In Policymaking is a statewide leadership advocacy program for parents of young children with developmental disabilities and individuals who themselves have developmental disabilities.

Beginning in July 2005, the Partners In Policymaking program will support a new class of 20 individuals. Training sites are in Baltimore and Annapolis. The position is funded at 20 hours/week from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, with the opportunity for continuation pending grant renewal.

The application deadline is **May 15th**. For further information on the position requirements or application process, please contact **Cristine Marchand** at (410) 571-9320 or cmarchand@thearcmd.org.

Entries sought for art contest

For the third year, **VSA arts** and **Volkswagen of America, Inc.** are sponsoring a contest to identify promising young artists with disabilities. Fifteen finalists, ages 16 - 25, will be awarded a total of \$30,000 in cash awards that is distributed as follows: \$10,000 grand prize, \$5,000 first award, \$3,000 second award, and 12 awards of excellence in the amount of \$1,000. Selected artwork will be part of an exhibit in Washington, D.C. during October 2004 that will then tour throughout the United States for the following two years. The deadline for entries is **August 6th**.

This year's theme, "Driving Force", challenges artists to consider what motivates and inspires creativity. Entries can include both representational and abstract work. Artwork may illustrate actual aspects of the artist's inspiration such as the environment, myth, or personal discoveries. Abstract work that relates to the artist's feelings or emotions is also encouraged. Work might also reflect the experience of living with a disability and its role in shaping or transforming motivations.

Applicants are asked to present evidence that will best exemplify the extent and quality of their accomplishment. The jury will be looking for the development of original ideas in the work submitted - imagination, competence, and the skillful use of materials. Art must be an original work that has been completed in the last three years. Eligible media include: paintings and drawings (oil, watercolor, acrylic, pencil or charcoal), fine art prints (lithographs, etching, intaglio, or woodcuts), photography, and two-dimensional mixed media. Artwork should not exceed 60 inches in either direction.

For additional information or to obtain an application, please visit <http://www.vsarts.org/programs/vw/>. Information is also available by calling (800) 933-8721 x 3877.

Summer programs

The **Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks, Division of Therapeutic Recreation**, is offering a variety of summer programs for individuals with disabilities.

These programs include the following:

- * **Mayo Day Camp** in Edgewater serves children in the southern portion of the county, and **Lake Waterford Day Camp** in Pasadena serves children in the northern portion of the county.

The camps are for youth ages 4 through 20 who need a highly structured program with success-based active ties. Close supervision and a Registered Nurse are available at both camps. Activities include adapted sports, arts and crafts, social skill building, and other special activities. Transportation is available.

The camps consist of six one-week sessions, which are held from June 28 through August 6. Camp hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

- * **After camp program** will be available during the four weeks in July, to allow Mayo and Lake Waterford campers to participate in extended care at Ruth Eason and Central Special until 6:00 pm.

- * **Sibling week** is a program especially for brothers and sisters ages 8 – 13 of children with special needs. The session will be held at both Mayo Day Camp and Lake Waterford Day Camp during the week of June 28 – July 2.

- * **Young adult with disabilities week** is a program designed for the over-21-year-old that has attended the day camps and would like to return for a one-week session. The session will be held at both Mayo Day Camp and Lake Waterford Day Camp during the week of July 26 – 30.

- * **ESY extended care program** will be available for four weeks in July at both Central Special and Ruth Eason. This will serve youths attending the morning Extended School Year (ESY) programs at these schools. The ESY extended care program will run from 12:30 – 6:00 pm. Activities will include adapted sports, arts and crafts, social skill building and other special activities.

For further information about these programs, please contact **Wendy Scarborough** at (410) 222-7311 x 3554. Registration material is available at <http://www.aacounty.org/recparks> or by calling (410) 222-7300.



Information about autism in Spanish

The web site for the **Autism Society of America** contains information in Spanish, which includes the following:

- * Lista de chequeo del Autismo
- * El síndrome de Asperger
- * Trastorno generalizado del desarrollo
- * Para empezar
- * Comportamientos desafiantes
- * Intervención intensiva del comportamiento
- * El seguro de salud
- * Derechos educativos
- * Educando al niño con Autismo
- * Desarrollo del programa educativo individualizado
- * Determinando la colocación educativa apropiada
- * Transición: Planificación para la vida después de la escuela
- * Opciones de residencia para adultos
- * El empleo y los adultos con Autismo
- * Técnicas basadas en la audición
- * Comunicación facilitada
- * Hoja de información médica
- * Programas Federales

To access this information, please go to <http://www.autism-society.org> and click on "En Español".

Information for parents of young children with autism

A new article, entitled "**Advice for parents of young children with autism**" by Dr. Jim Adams, Stephen Edelson, Temple Grandin and Bernard Rimland, is available at <http://www.eas.asu.edu/~autism>. The article is built on the key points that autism is treatable and that every person with autism can be a success.

Contributions from parents sought for new book on autism

Dawn Ham-Kucharski, the parent of a son with autism, is seeking contributions for a new book. She is interested in your experiences with criticisms made by others in public regarding your child on the autism spectrum, and how you deal with these situations. The book is tentatively scheduled for publication in April 2005 from Putnam Press health subsidiary Avery Books.

When you submit your contribution, please indicate if you feel comfortable having your name and city/state included in the publication. Please send your contributions or questions to her at alexsmom1@comcast.net.

Information on dealing with healthcare issues

The theme of the May edition of the **Community Connections on-line newsletter** is "**Tackling the healthcare maze**". The articles in this edition include the following:

- * Information on how to locate, interview, and develop a good working relationship with health professionals who are willing to work with children with disabilities
- * Information that can be given to your medical provider to give him/her ideas on how to accommodate children with disabilities
- * Tips on how to communicate with your health insurance provider about rejected or non-covered claims
- * Information on understanding medical terminology

The newsletter, and other related resource information, is available at <http://www.communityconnections.umd.edu>. Community Connections is a grant project at the University of Maryland at College Park funded by the United States Department of Education.

Congressional Report available

In July 2003, the **Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC)** convened a panel of expert scientists to evaluate the field of autism research and develop a matrix of action items to use in planning for future research. The **Congressional Appropriations Committee Report on the State of Autism Research** summarizes the activities that followed this request, which included a 2-day meeting of an expert panel, the development of a draft version of an autism research matrix, the public rollout and discussion of that draft matrix at the recent Autism Summit, and the adoption of an initial version of the matrix by the IACC.

The specific action items from the matrix are presented in this report, along with explanatory notes and initial plans for implementation. A background summary of the state of autism research in the major areas of epidemiology, genetics, neurobiology and treatment is also included. The report is available at <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/autismiacc/CongApprCommRep.pdf>.

New AutismChat message board

The **Autism Society of Florida** is hosting a new message board for parents and professionals to share ideas and support. It can be accessed at <http://autismfl.com/forums/index.php>.



Gluten-free and Casein-free recipes From Doris Smith

GFCF Breakfast Rice Pudding

(serves 2)

- 1 8 oz. container of CF yogurt
- ½ cup uncooked basmati rice
- 1 ¼ cup apple juice or CF milk
- ¼ cup raisins, chopped dry apples or chopped dates
- ¼ cup maple syrup or 2-3 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon oil
- ¼ cup chopped almonds, pecans or walnuts
- ¼ cup coconut flakes may also be added

Wash the rice in cold water to clean and rinse it. Place the rice, apple juice or CF milk, raisins, apples or dates in a large pot. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 10 min. Remove from heat and set aside for 10 min. Place CF yogurt, maple syrup or honey, lemon juice and oil into a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth. Pour over rice mixture and stir gently. Sprinkle with chopped nuts.

GFCF County Chicken Casserole

(serves 8)

Filling:

- 2 cups cubed, chopped chicken
- 17-oz. can corn
- 8.5-oz. can peas, drained
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 1 ½ cup CF milk
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon fresh chopped chives
- ½ teaspoon pepper

Topping:

- ½ cup cornmeal
- ½ cup rice flour
- ¼ cup garbanzo bean flour
- ¼ cup brown rice flour
- ¼ cup tapioca flour
- ¼ cup potato starch flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 3 teaspoons fresh chopped chives
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 cup CF milk
- ½ cup oil
- 1 egg, beaten

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Heat oven to 400 degrees. Grease 3-quart baking dish. In large bowl, combine all the filling ingredients. Pour into prepared baking dish. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 min. Meanwhile in a large bowl, combine flours, cornmeal, chives, baking powder, salt and garlic powder. Blend well. Add CF milk, oil and egg. Stir until mixed. Drop by tablespoons on top of hot chicken mixture. Return to oven. Bake an additional 25 minutes or until topping is light golden brown.

Information available about supported living and choice

The **National Resource Center on Supported Living and Choice** is designed to promote the full inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in community life. The Center works in the areas of training, technical assistance, consultation, and information dissemination.

The Center produces a range of informational materials on community inclusion, supported living, and choice and can respond to individual questions and requests for assistance.

The Center also identifies and documents innovative approaches to help people with developmental disabilities participate in the community. The Center is especially interested in home ownership approaches, self-directed personal assistance, inclusive social-recreational programs, individualized funding streams, and strategies to meet the needs of culturally diverse groups.

For further information about the National Resource Center on Supported Living and Choice, please contact them at **(800) 894-0826** or go to <http://soeweb.syr.edu/thechp/>.

Self-study advocacy course available on-line

Partners in Policymaking offers an on-line self-study course entitled "**Making your case**". It is designed to help people with developmental disabilities and their families create positive change through advocacy by providing individuals with the critical skills they need to make a difference through advocacy. Through the course, you will learn how to:

- * Tell your story in writing and in person
- * Identify the policymakers who can help bring about the changes you need
- * Write effective letters and e-mails
- * Conduct productive meetings with policymakers
- * Give effective testimony and answer questions
- * Organize with others to tackle community issues

To learn more about the course, or about Partners in Policymaking, please go to <http://www.partnersinpolicymaking.com> and click on "**online courses**".



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**** Chapter News and Notes ****

We have available for purchase **autism awareness ribbon cloisonne lapel pins**. They are currently available for a price of \$6 each when purchased at our meetings and \$7 each when purchased through our web site at <http://www.aaccasa.org>.

We are participating in the **Future Horizons Affiliate Program**. Through this program, when you follow the link at <http://www.aaccasa.org> to the Future Horizons web site and purchase any Future Horizons-published books and videos or purchase a conference registration, our chapter will receive **40% of the purchase price**. We will also receive 20% of the purchase price on any non-Future Horizons books and videos. By making your Future Horizons purchases through our web site you will help fund our chapter's projects and activities.

Our **lending library** is located at the **Partners for Success Resource Center**, Oakwood Elementary School, Portable "B", 330 Oak Manor Drive, Glen Burnie. To see a full listing of the items available from our lending library, as well as related items available from the Partners for Success library, please go to <http://www.aaccasa.org>. To request an item, please contact **Partners for Success** at **(410) 222-3805** or pfsaa@yahoo.com. They will provide information about the various ways in which library materials can be obtained.

Subscribe to our **e-mail action alert** by sending a message through <http://www.aaccasa.org>. It is an easy way to learn the latest information about Federal, State, and local legislative initiatives, lobbying efforts, or other action items related to autism and disabilities.

The **Anne Arundel County Resource Guide for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder** is available at <http://www.aaccasa.org>.

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