



Family Conference Announcement

Mini-Conference For Families of Students with Disabilities At the *Sixth Annual World of Possibilities Expo!* May 6th and May 7th, 2009 – MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium

Sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education
Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services

11:00am - May 6th & 7th [How to be an I.E.P. \(Informed & Effective Parent\) Team Member](#)

A child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) is the cornerstone of his or her special education program. IEP team members (parents and the local school system) have the opportunity to combine their special areas of expertise and jointly craft an appropriate education program for the student. Please join us to learn how to be a more informed effective parent as part of the IEP team by increasing your knowledge of the school system's procedures, while learning skills in organizing and presenting observations about your child, and enhancing your role as an informed and active participants in the special education process.

Presenters: Debbie Wetzel and Katy Schieman, Parent Liaisons, Chris Mason-Giardini, Educator, Partners for Success Center, Anne Arundel County Public Schools

12:30pm - May 6th [Meet Dan Keplinger – “King Gimp”](#)

Come meet and talk with Dan Keplinger. You'll forget he has cerebral palsy and you'll remember his inspiration. Enter Dan's universe through his art as you explore the richness of a virtual gallery of his paintings and hear his commentary on being an artist.

12:30pm - May 7th [Successful Transitions – Life After School](#)

Meet Andrea and Jesse and listen to their success stories about moving on in the adult world. Hear their advice about successful transitions and what has worked for them.

2:00pm - May 6th & 7th [Positive Visions and Practical Solutions for Inclusion](#)

This training will provide participants with ideas and tools to create positive visions for children with disabilities. In addition, practical and creative ideas and solutions for inclusion will be presented and discussed. Participants will walk away with real life examples of how positive visions and inclusion can truly benefit children with disabilities.

Presenter: Kim Marchman, Partners for Success Coordinator, Harford County Public Schools

[No Pre-Registration Required. Space is Limited.](#)