

## Full Day Conference

This conference includes a one-on-one IEP clinic conducted by The Parents' Place of Maryland, with assistance from the Maryland Disability Law Center, to help parents with their specific concerns. The clinic will allot 30 minutes per interview and requires "advance registration". Call Bonnie at 410-928-2079 to register for the clinic. You must bring your IEP or 504 Plan with you to the clinic or you will not be able to participate in the clinic at that time.

### **The IEP Process**

**Bonnie Larrimore, Parents' Place of Maryland**

Parents will be presented with the tools they need to understand the IEP document, their rights and the responsibilities of the school, and how to create goals and objectives on the IEP that will encourage success for their child.

### **Autism Through the Lifespan**

**Trish Kane and Shelly McLaughlin, Pathfinders for Autism**

As we journey across the lifespan, our needs and focus change. What we need from school, service provider agencies, support groups, local advocacy organizations, and Maryland services, is quite different from when our children are very young to when they reach adulthood.

### **Making Social Skills Less Frustrating for Children with Autism**

**Heather Hinkle, Me.D., Monocacy Neurodevelopmental Center**

Heather Hinkle will discuss the underlying reasons for difficulties in social skills and outline specific ways to help decrease the frustration that people with autism experience when relating to others.

### **Learning the Path to Life Skills Independence**

**Peggy Dooley, Sp.Ed. Teacher, Judi Cornette, SLP, and Pam Dinkle, OT, The Benedictine School**

Children of all ages should strive for life skills independence! Friendly ideas and tips for helping to prepare your child for life skills independence — including kitchen skills, grooming tasks, and household chores.

*Pathfinders for Autism does not endorse any treatment, service or provider. We strive to provide accurate, up-to-date information to individuals, families and professionals to assist them in making informed decisions about what best suits their unique needs.*



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### Conference Location

**Promise Land Campground**

**6605 Morris Road**

**Pittsville, MD 21850**

Continental breakfast and lunch  
are provided.



**This conference is free,  
but registration is required at  
443.330.5370 or  
[www.pathfindersforautism.org](http://www.pathfindersforautism.org).**

This conference is sponsored by  
**Pathfinders for Autism and  
Parents' Place of Maryland.**

**Saturday, November 3, 2012**

**9:00am - 3:30pm**

9:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

9:45 **IEP Process**

*Presenter: Bonnie Larrimore, Parents' Place of Maryland*

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**IEP Clinic by Parents' Place of Maryland**

11:45 **Lunch (provided)**

12:30 **Making Social Skills Less Frustrating for Children with Autism**

*Presenter: Heather Hinkle, Me.D., Monocacy Neurodevelopmental Center*

Individuals with ASD experience difficulty with social skills, both in creating and maintaining long term relationships and in interacting with people throughout daily life. Heather Hinkle will discuss the underlying reasons for these difficulties and outline specific ways to help decrease the frustration that people with autism experience when relating to others.

**IEP Clinic by Parents' Place of Maryland**

2:00 **Break**

2:15 **Learning the Path to Life Skills Independence**

*Peggy Dooley and Julie Hickey, The Benedictine School*

Children of all ages should strive for life skills independence! Friendly ideas and tips for helping to prepare your child for life skills independence — including kitchen skills, grooming tasks, and household chores. Examples of visual aids, adaptive equipment and items that foster increased independence are shared with attendees.

**IEP Clinic by Parents' Place of Maryland**

*Pathfinders for Autism is a parent-sponsored, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with Autism and their families with its Resource Center; sponsored training activities available to all in the community; and free family fun events. All Pathfinders' offerings are free of charge.*

*Parents' Place of Maryland's purpose is to ensure that families of children with any kind of disability or special health care need have the knowledge and assistance they need to make informed decisions that support their child's health, education, and development. They provide peer support to families, and information and education to families, professionals and the community at large.*



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