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May/June 2016

### **Calendar of Events**

Group meetings take place at The Arc unless otherwise noted FMI 301.663.0909

Brain Injury Support Group May 5 & June 9 @ 6:30 PM

Parents Day Out
May 21 & June 18
@ 10 AM

Parent Support Group May 11 @ 11:30 AM

Hispanic Family Support Group May 2 I @ 4 PM @ "Pump it up!"

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May 20 & June 18 @ 10 AM @ "Pump It Up!"

Working Together
May 18 & June 15
@ 3:30 PM @ C. Burr Artz Library
@ 4 PM @ Staley ParK

Executive Committee
Meeting
May 9 @ 6 PM

Board of Directors Meeting June 13 @ 6 PM

Membership Meeting June 13 @ 5:30 PM

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# Legislative Session Wrap-up



The Arc of Frederick County sends our thanks to the 2016 Maryland General Assembly for a successful legislative session. The 2016 Legislative Session marked historic moments and began initiatives that will support people with developmental disabilities and their families. Highlights of the session include:

## The Ethan Saylor Alliance for Self-Advocates as Educators (SB147/HB22)

will support content and monitor the implementation of training objectives and curriculum adopted by the Police Training Commission to support law enforcement with building inclusive communities.

The Equal Employment 'Ken Capone' Act (SB417/HB 420) will end the use of paying subminimum wages to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Passage of the Act sends a strong message to all Maryland citizens that people with developmental disabilities deserve the same rights in the workforce.

**ABLE Act (SB355/HB431) - The establishment of the Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program**. The ABLE Program will help people with disabilities meet their needs in the community without losing essential benefits provided through private insurance, Medicaid, the Supplemental Security Income program, and other sources.

The Translations of Individualized Education Programs or Individualized Family Service Plans (HB86/SB421) requires school systems to provide parents a child's individualized education program (IEP) or individualized family service plan (IFSP) in the family's native language, if spoken by 1% or more of the student population. This legislation will increase parents' involvement and communication with the school which will lead to a more successful education for students with disabilities.

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## Legislative Wrap-Up Continued

## Funding for FY 2017 Developmental Disabilities Administration budget which includes:

- Transitioning Youth students served through the Developmental Disabilities Administration. These services are critical to students and their families as this funding allows for a seamless transition from Special Education services to adult day and supported employment programs. Transitioning Youth funding allows the investment in each child's education to be put to practical use as students engage in meaningful day activities, attend college, and enter the workforce.
- Funds for people in crisis; and funds for 110 children and adults in the DDA Waiting List Crisis Resolution Category.

Members of 2016 Frederick County Delegation include:

Delegates: Kathy Afzali, Barrie Ciliberti, William Folden, Carol Krimm, David Vogt III, and Karen Lewis Young, Senators: Michael Hough and Ronald Young

## 2016 Trivia Playoff Highlights

The Arc of Frederick County had a wonderful 31st Annual Trivia Playoff on Friday, March 11th! It was held at our newly renovated facility, The Arc at Market Street. Over 115 people attended and more than \$7,500 was raised for people with developmental disabilities in the Frederick community. We are so appreciative to the Frederick community for their continued support of this fantastic event! A special congratulations goes out to:

> Ist Place – Conklyn & Associates – BAM! 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Radcliffe Realty 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Rhythm Pigs

## Future and Estate Planning

The Arc of Frederick County invites you to attend our upcoming Future and Estate Planning Events.

The next workshop is "Financial Planning" on Tuesday, May 10, 6:30-7:30pm at The Arc at Market Street. The workshop topics will include Special Needs Trusts, government benefits, wills and the Able Act.

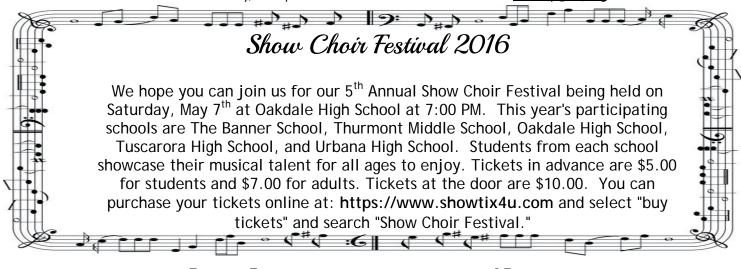
Tuesday, June 14, 6:30-7:30pm at The Arc at Market Street workshop on "Health Care Decisions, Making Sense of it All". This will cover Advance Directives, Maryland's surrogacy Law for Healthcare decisions, and Medical Power of Attorney.

> For more information on these events please contact either: Jean Doyle: jdoyle@arcfc.org 301-663-0909 x115

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