



Parent Resource Center

PREP Parent Resource Center Provides Free Information and Support to Families of Children with Disabilities or Special Needs

Serving Charlottesville, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Madison School Districts

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Newsletter Signup [Here](#)

Mission

Piedmont Regional Education Program (PREP) serves students with disabilities, in partnership with participating school divisions via pooled resources and efficiency of scale, by providing exemplary educational services that foster the social, emotional, physical and intellectual development of each child.

Vision

Piedmont Regional Education Program (PREP) will be the leader in providing evidenced-based services to empower students with disabilities to acquire lifelong skills and reach their full potential.

Life After High School Transition & Resource Fair

Employment &
Independence



Community

Supports & Contacts



Job Skills & Education



Saturday, April 30th from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at PVCC

We will have presenters to explain such important topics as transition IEPs for ages 14-21, housing supports, preparing for work, college programs for students with disabilities, and legal changes that occur when your child turns 18. Tickets are free, but please register in advance, if possible, so we will know how many lunches to order. Sign up at the Event Brite link--

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/life-after-high-school-transition-resource-fair-tickets-255241051857>

Parent, students, and educators are all encouraged to attend! There will be workshops to help your student(s) prepare to take the next steps toward adulthood.

Tickets are FREE and limited to the first 200 people to register. Sign up today!

Please share the attached flyer with families, schools, and professionals.

FREE Workshop- March 1st & 2nd

Promoting Independence Through the Use of Visual Supports

This workshop is being offered virtually over two nights. Attendees should register for both sessions to learn about all four supports. Families can request their own virtual support toolkit after the event.

To register, visit our Eventbrite sign-up page at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/promoting-independence-through-the-use-of-visual-supports-tickets-260221809437>

See the attached flyer for more information. Please share this event with other families.

Charlottesville Regional Autism Action Group Meeting

Wednesday, February 23rd from 10am to noon on Zoom.

Sign up to receive the link and newsletters

<https://www.cahumanservices.org/craag/>

CRAAG's mission is to raise awareness and enhance the quality of life for people with autism, developmental disabilities, and their families in Charlottesville City, Albemarle, Greene, Fluvanna, Louisa and Nelson counties. They are a volunteer action group for families, self-advocates, and professionals who are interested in all age groups and levels of need.



Silly Celebrations for February

That are also fun learning opportunities!



February 4th Bubble Gum Day- The largest bubble ever measured was 20 inches. How big can your bubble get? What makes gum chewy? How is gum made?

February 7th Periodic Table Day- Explore the elements and discover what makes up EVERYTHING!

February 11th Make A Friend Day- Introduce two friends to each other or make a new friend. Talk about how to keep a friend. What do you look for in a friend?

February 17th Random Act of Kindness Day- Hold a door. Write a thank you note. Do something nice for a neighbor, teacher, or classmate. Talk about how it feels to be kind.



Free Information session Tue, Feb 15, 2022 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

More independence, greater financial security and a better quality of life – that’s the future ABLEnow is building. Join the ABLEnow staff for a free information session to discover the advantages of ABLE accounts and the national ABLEnow program.

In just one hour, they’ll cover the answers to these questions, and more:

- What are ABLE accounts?
- Who is eligible?
- How can I use the money in an ABLE account?
- What are the features and benefits of the ABLEnow program?
- How can I learn more and open an account?

Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4436020764834113291>

Meeting Announcements:

Special Education Advisory Committee

Charlottesville City Public Schools - March 16th at 5:30PM

Meetings will be virtual. Contact: Special Education office at 434-245-2405. More info: Click [Here](#)

Fluvanna County Public Schools – February 15th at 6:30PM

Virtual meetings will be held from 6:30 – 7:30p.m. The meeting link can be found at <http://fluco.org/calendars>

Greene County Public Schools – March 10th at 5:30PM

Virtual meeting- contact the county office for the link. More information: [Click Here](#)

Madison County Public Schools- February 9th at 7pm

60 School Board Ct, Room 16; Contact: Jeanette Alexander, Director of Student Services at 540-948-3780

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Louisa County Public School – February 3rd 6:30PM – 7:30 PM

In person and virtual- LCPS Central Office, Board Room, 953 Davis Hwy, Mineral, VA
Contact Harriet Thurston for the meeting link thursthg@lcps.k12.va.us 540-894-5115



Thank you and please let us know how we may be of assistance.

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Promoting Independence Through the Use of Visual Supports

FREE Virtual workshop series

2-Night event: Tuesday, March 1st AND Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Please register for BOTH nights:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/promoting-independence-through-the-use-of-visual-supports-tickets-260221809437>

In this two-night workshop (two sessions offered via ZOOM) we will cover four different basic visual supports that can be used to promote independence in individuals with ASD and other executive functioning deficits. Two supports will be discussed each night with an open Q&A session following the presentation. Participants will also have the opportunity to complete a feedback survey and submit requests for these tangible visual supports if they have not already been received through their school special education program. Visual Supports covered include: visual schedule, first-then, countdown strip, and pause card.

Presenters:

Laura Wolf, M.A.T. Autism/Behavior Consultant, PREP

Diane Talarico-Cavanaugh, M.Ed., Lead Autism/Behavior Consultant, PREP and TEACCH[®] Advanced Consultant

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*Tuesday **March 1** (6pm-7pm) AND Wednesday **March 2** (6pm-7pm)*

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in partnership with
the Albemarle County Public Schools Parent Resource Center
is excited to announce the

2022 Life After High School Transition and Resource Fair

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Saturday, April 30th

8:30am to 1:00pm

Piedmont Virginia Community College

Students, families, and professionals are invited!

Cost: FREE

**Presentations, exhibits, and information to prepare families for
life after high school...**

plus a free lunch for all who register in advance!

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