



# Partners for Success Family Support and Resource Center

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## High School Assessments Website

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has created a website dedicated exclusively to the High School Assessments. **HSAexam.org** answers the most commonly asked questions about the HSAs and links to numerous resources, including the Core Learning Goals, publicly released test forms with answer keys and scoring rubrics, online HSA courses, and a testing calendar.

The site also houses many HSA-related publications.

## Leap to a ... STAR Preschool Program

Don't miss this innovative summer preschool program that blends award winning Language Learning Early Advantage Program (LEAP) Preschool and Speech Therapy and Aural Rehabilitation (STAR) Program. This program is for children with cochlear implants and/or hearing aids. The preschool program is supplemented with daily individual therapy sessions.

Located at the University of Maryland, Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences. Sessions are June 6th through July 11th, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Morning or afternoon sessions available. Cost is \$700 per child.

For more information contact Paula Schauer or Dianne Handy at (301) 405-4218, applications are available on line at [www.bsos.umd.edu/hesp/clinicservices/STAR.htm](http://www.bsos.umd.edu/hesp/clinicservices/STAR.htm)

## Hearing Aid Assistance

The Hear Now Program of the Starkey Hearing Foundation has provided over 47,247 hearing aids to 27,500 individuals since 1999. Hear Now is a national program providing assistance, to those permanently living in the US, to acquire hearing aids through an application process. All applicants must meet the program's financial criteria, complete the application process and be approved for hearing aids.

Hear Now works with licensed practitioners, in the area who are willing to give of their time and talent to assist clients with the fitting and follow up processes. The applicant is responsible for the cost of the hearing evaluation and a nominal processing fee to the program. The recipient is also financially responsible for the cost of batteries and repairs. Once an application is approved, the aids are given to the applicant at no additional cost.

If you would like more information contact the Hear Now program at 1-800-328-8602 ext. 2358 or visit their website at [www.sotheworldmayhear.org](http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org)

## Developmental Tools for Families and Providers in Spanish

The Bright Futures Developmental Tools for Families and Providers are now available in Spanish. These tools offer a framework for families and providers to begin a conversation about how best to support healthy social and emotional development in children. The tools provide a number of tips for when, where, and how to seek help. They are available at [www.brightfutures.org](http://www.brightfutures.org)

## Maternal and Child Health Resource

The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Library at Georgetown University ([www.mchlibrary.info](http://www.mchlibrary.info)) is a clearinghouse for information about maternal and child health resources. It also includes many non-English resources and materials. See: [www.mchlibrary.info/nonenglish.html](http://www.mchlibrary.info/nonenglish.html). In addition to databases, resource guides and weekly alerts, the MCH library has created a set of knowledge paths. These paths are "road maps" with up-to-date, reliable information. In collaboration with the National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health, MCH has developed The Community Services Locator: Locating Community-Based Services to Support Children and Families knowledge path, a collection of resources that can link families to services, supports, and resources in the communities where they live. See: [www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp\\_community.html](http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_community.html)

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A statewide support service for families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and the professionals who support them

<http://www.deafdoc.org>

This site provides free, reliable healthcare information, both directly and indirectly, for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

Carolyn Stern, MD answers questions in ASL through a medical video dictionary



### Cue Camp Friendship

June 24 - 29, 2007

New Windsor Conference Center

New Windsor, MD

A learning vacation for everyone

A supportive environment to learn and increase cueing skills

Staff members are fluent cuers

Many also sign

Buffet style home cooked meals

Evening activities

Classes for all age groups

The conference center is located on 26 acres of rolling farmland. Classrooms are air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible.

Overnight campers can choose from modern, hotel-style rooms with private baths or dorm-style lodging with shared baths. All bedrooms are carpeted and air conditioned.

For more information contact:

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Or

(301) 718-8717

### Six Flags America Deaf Awareness Day

2007

Saturday, June 30, 2007

Tickets include admission into the park and all the attractions, rides, and games!

Volunteers will be on hand all day throughout the park in distinguishing t-shirts and every show throughout the day will be interpreted!

Ticket prices are \$19.00 plus tax

For more information or to order tickets visit

[www.sixflags.com/america](http://www.sixflags.com/america)  
click shows/events for details and ordering information

Or contact Mike Ulf at  
(301) 867-0275

for more information

### New HearingExchange Forum for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teens at Facebook

Is your teen looking to connect with other kids with hearing loss? HearingExchange has just introduced a new forum at Facebook, just for teenagers in high school and college who are looking to meet similar aged kids. [HearingExchangeTeens](#) is a forum for deaf and hard of hearing kids and their friends to share their opinions, ask questions, and network with one another about issues related to hearing loss.

All communication modes and choice of devices, or lack thereof, are to be respected. Discussions will be co-moderated by Mel Patcoff, a hearing teen interested in pursuing a career in deaf education. Mel has several family members who are deaf or hard of hearing. HearingExchange

Teens is an off-shoot of the HearingExchange blog and resource community that has been online since 2000.

For more information visit  
[www.HearingExchange.com](http://www.HearingExchange.com)

Parents please be sure to investigate websites before permitting your child access to them.

### Spanish Language Website for Families of Children with Autism

There is a new Spanish language website by families for families of children and youth with autism—Manitas Por Autismo at [www.manitasporautismo.com](http://www.manitasporautismo.com). The mission of this website, created by Maria Abinader, a Support Parent and Peer Consultant for the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN), for Latino families, is to share information, hope, guidance and resources with Latino families; to promote understanding of autism; to create a data base specific to autism; and to defend the rights of children and youth with autism. A directory with links to programs for children with autism, a parent forum and many additional resources are available through this website.