

The Partnership Project of Baltimore County Public Schools and Baltimore Chesapeake Chapter of Autism Society of America (BCC/ASA)

Who Are we?

An all-volunteer core of six BCPS employees and eight members of the BCC-ASA who have joined in a team effort to see what we could achieve for BCPS children with autism.

How do we collaborate?

After two informal meetings to share concerns, we decided to use a structured method of group consensus decision making to set a mission and an action plan. The group has met nine times since last spring.

What is our mission?

We are currently working to increase understanding of autism at all levels: (administration, teachers, assistants, students, parents, community, etc.)

What are the current results of our partnership?

1. Planned and funded workshop series for staff and parents: March –May 2006. All workshops run from 7-9pm and will feature guest experts. Transportation to and from the workshops will be provided by BCC-ASA for those staff or parents who need it.
March 29, Comprehensive Fundamentals of Autism, Cockeysville Middle
April 19, Sensory Integration, Loch Raven High School
May 10, Social Skills, Perry Hall Middle School
2. Produced Special Autism edition of Hand-in-Hand newsletter-April 2006
3. Sponsored essay contest open to staff, parents and community touched by autism. Winners to be announced in May, 2006.
4. Producing Autism awareness bookmarks for distribution in schools and community.
5. Public presentations to SECAC and Board of Education, March 2006.
6. BCC-ASA provided 3,000 of our Autism Society brochures for BCPS to give to families at IEP meetings, Spring 2005.
7. Presentation by BCC-ASA to 100 teachers regarding chapter resources for teachers and families, Fall 2005.
8. Presentation by BCC-ASA at New Teacher Orientation, Aug. 17-19, 2005.