

# Being the Best Advocate for Your Child: Early Screening for Developmental Delays—Strategies for Successful Outcomes

**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026

**Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Free but registration is required

**Location:** Live Parent Workshop via Zoom

Registered participants will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to join the session.



**To register; CLICK or scan the QR code. Register Early. Space is limited.**

**Description:** Parents and families play an important role in how well children do in school and in the community. They are the first agents at identifying children's strengths and concerns, opening doors to support and services, and ensuring that those doors remain open to meet their children and family needs. This training will help participants (1) understand what effective family and parental advocacy means and its benefits, (2) increase awareness and knowledge about early screening and intent to identify and refer children for intervention earlier rather than later, and (3) learn ways to build and sustain home, school and community partnerships and about available resources in the community.

***This session is sponsored by the Department of Special Education, Baltimore County Public Schools in collaboration with the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger Institute.***

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