

Being the Best Advocate for Your Child with or without a Disability at School and in the Community

Empowering Families through Effective Advocacy

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 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.

Language Accessibility: Live English to Spanish speaking interpreter and close captions for other languages will be provided.



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) learn strategies on how to effectively work with school staff and service providers to meet your child's support needs, (3), recognize ways to build and sustain home, school and community partnerships and collaboration, and (4) learn about available resources in the community.

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Ms. Ann Scholz, Howard County Public School System. [Click](#) to read speaker's bio.

Ms. LaVon Adkins, Wicomico County Public School. [Click](#) to read speaker's bio.

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