

Pathways to Parent Support & Training

April 2009: Understanding Special Needs Trusts

Next Meeting

Join us as PPST meets on Friday, April 17th, 2009 from 7pm to 9pm.

Topic

Financial planning for special needs kids is especially important: After you're gone, who will handle their financial needs? Leaving an outright inheritance may interrupt a child's much-needed government benefits. You can leave money for your son or daughter, without interfering with their public benefits, with a *Special Needs Trust*.

Also called a *Supplemental Needs Trust*, this legal document enables a person with a physical or mental disability (or chronic or acquired illness) to have an unlimited amount of assets held in Trust for his or her benefit. Local attorney D. Kathleen Rus will enlighten us about these Special Needs Trusts: the different types, their purposes, how they operate and how to fund them.



What is PPST?

PPST is a group specially designed for parents and caregivers of children with speech and language delays/disorders. PPST is run and sponsored by the SPEECH PATHways Foundation, a non-profit organization. The first group of its kind in Carroll County, PPST offers parent training and support. Meetings include a meet and greet, a guest lecture on various topics, and Q&A time. Trained professionals and other parents/caregivers are on hand for support and guidance. For more information, visit www.speechpathwaysfoundation.org.

Who can attend PPST?

PPST is open to the community. You do not have to have a child receiving therapy from SPEECH PATHways to attend. However, it is necessary to **RSVP to reserve a seat**.

When does PPST Meet?

PPST meets one Friday each quarter from 7-9 pm in 2009 (January, April, July & October).

Where does PPST Meet?

PPST meets at the Non-Profit Center in Westminster, which is located at 255 Clifton Boulevard.

RSVP Please!

PLEASE RSVP to SPEECH PATHWAYS at 410-374-0555 or kim.bell@speechpathways.net, including your name and phone#.

About the SPEECH PATHways Foundation

SPEECH PATHways is the only comprehensive pediatric speech-language pathology clinic in Carroll County, Maryland, offering services since 1999. Owner Kimberly A. Bell, M.S., CCC-SLP, has been a speech and language pathologist for over ten years. She and her associates offer a wide variety of specialized pediatric programs in addition to traditional speech and language services. In 2007, Kimberly organized the nonprofit SPEECH PATHways Foundation in 2007 to help provide funding and speech therapy resources for those who might otherwise not be able to afford services. The PPST Group is one of the Foundation's active support services.