

# Pathways to Parent Support & Training ("PPST")

## What is PPST?

PPST is a group specially designed for parents & caregivers of children with speech & language delays/disorders. The first group of its kind in Carroll County, PPST offers parent training and support. Meetings include a meet & greet, a guest lecture on various topics & a Q&A time. Trained professionals & other parents/caregivers are on hand for support and guidance. PPST is run and sponsored by SPEECH PATHways. For more information, visit [www.speechpathways.net](http://www.speechpathways.net).

## 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 will meet the 3rd Friday of each month from 7-9pm. (except for December, June, July & August)

## Where does PPST Meet?

PPST will meet at the SPEECH PATHways office located at 532 Baltimore Blvd., Ste. 403, in Westminster. (Westminster Professional Center)

## Mark your calendars!

### Next Meeting:

**Friday, January 19, 2007, 7-9pm**

### Guest Speaker(s):

**Karie Gardner, M.S., CCC-SLP**

Speech-Language Pathologist at SPEECH PATHways & Carroll County Public Schools

### Topic:

## Reading Development & The Vital Role The Speech-Language Pathologist Can Play

Karie Gardner is a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist with a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology and a second Master's Degree in Special Education with an emphasis in assistive technology. She is trained in the Lindamood Phonemic Sequencing® (LiPS®) Program and the Fast ForWord Programs.



**PLEASE RSVP to SPEECH PATHWAYS at 410-374-0555 or [kim.bell@speechpathways.net](mailto:kim.bell@speechpathways.net), including your name and phone #.**

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## FUTURE DATES & TOPICS:

**The upcoming topics scheduled for 2007 include:**

**February 16, 2007:** *"Different Doesn't Have to Mean Separate"*: A parent-led discussion on raising children with disabilities and the education choices they face. Barb Feldman, Casey Huether and other parents raising children with differences will share their background and experiences in raising a child/children with disabilities and the educational paths they have chosen for their child/children. The panel of parents will open the floor for discussion and questions.

**March 16, 2007:** *"Brain Gym and other Sensory Activities"*: Julie Parsons, OTR of Kidnections at SPEECH PATHways will demonstrate sensory activities to enhance learning. This will be an interactive session.