

# CONNECTIONS

## Finding the Right “App”

Over the past few years, the invention of the application has done wonders for the assistive technology needs of individuals with developmental disabilities. This use of applications in the past two years has grown tremendously with the Apple iPad and other tablet devices such as the Motorola Droid.

However, with the countless applications now simply called “Apps,” how do parents and family members decide which best suit the needs of their loved ones? Aug-



mentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) includes all forms of communication (other than oral speech) that are used to express thoughts, needs, wants, and ideas; the iDevices (iPods, iPads, etc.) and applications fall into this category.

It is important to know how AAC devices are needed to assist an individual whether it aids them in their communication or serves as their primary mode of communication. This simple differentiation greatly changes the type of devices and applications needed to meet the end goal.

For example, selecting an AAC programming such as Proloquuto go which is used for communication for individuals who may be considered non-verbal could force them to regress and lose the verbal skills they have previously learned. So then, how does one start in the search for AAC programming and not get lost in the plethora of apps and devices out there? Before starting the search answer a



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## Developmental Disabilities, Including Autism, Are on the Rise

Nearly 10 million U.S. children had developmental disabilities in 2008 -- a 17% increase in just over a decade, The diagnoses of developmental disabilities included autism, ADHD, cerebral palsy, seizures, and other developmental delays.

Individuals with developmental disabilities still continue to experience barriers in accessing employment and other community services as well as information about valuable community resources. The more individuals

are diagnosed with developmental disabilities, the more demand there is for community services.

The reasons for the increases are not clear but Maryland Community Connection recognizes the importance of expanding the number of individuals we serve, continuing to advocate for additional funding for services, and ensuring that individuals choices are recognized and respected.

Helping to meet those challenges of funding is a broad coalition including Dele-

gate Jim Hubbard, Delegate Sheila Hixson, Delegate Justin Ross, Senator Rich Madaleno, Senator Mac Middleton, Senator Edward Kasemeyer, and the Maryland Association of Community Services (MACS) that worked to pass the Alcohol Tax Bill (SB994).

This victory is key to the successes for MCC individuals and we will continue our efforts to provide supports, services and resources to meet those challenges.

## MCC 10th Anniversary Planning Updates

Maryland Community Connection is proud to announce that we will be having our 10th Anniversary Celebration and Silent Auction on Monday, November 14, 2011 at Martin's Crosswinds from 6:00 to 9:00 PM! This celebration represents 10 years of achievement and service distribution in the Non-Profit Sector. We would be more than thrilled if you participated in our event.

The theme for our celebration this year is TOGETHER...We are the Community! This theme symbolizes the relationships, opportunities, progress, connections, and changes that Maryland Community Connection and its participants have made throughout the past 10 years. Together, we take on a variety of different roles in the community and together, we reach the tops of mountains that we never thought we could climb!

We have already acquired several donations for our Silent Auction and we would like to highlight the following organizations and individuals: **Southwest Airlines, Fitness for Health, Fitness 4 less, Cakes Plus, Alexandria Coates, The Training Source, Inc., Starvin' Artist Graphic Design, Candy Edwards, André Burno Coates, Richard J. Princinsky & Associates, Inc., Taylor's Antiques, and Dennis Enterprises-Home and Office Im-**

**provements.** The following individuals and organizations have purchased Program Book Advertisements: **Robert & Peggy Taylor and Dennis Enterprises-Home and Office Improvements.** We have also received sponsor donations from the following individuals and organizations: **Staples, Charles Fleming, Joann Thomas, and Dennis Enterprises-Home and Office Improvements.**

MCC is so grateful for the sponsorships acquired. The opportunity to make a donation to our Silent Auction or to the anniversary celebration is still open. Please visit our website at [www.marylandcommunityconnection.org](http://www.marylandcommunityconnection.org) where you can download the donation forms, or click the "Donate Now" Button on our home page! We appreciate everyone's participation in making Maryland Community Connection's 10th Anniversary Celebration a success!

We have the opportunity for you to continue receiving updates on Maryland Community Connection's 10th Anniversary with a 10th Anniversary List Serv! If you would like to be included, email [swilliams@marylandcommunityconnection.org](mailto:swilliams@marylandcommunityconnection.org) with your name and contact information and you will be added. MCC is grateful for all of your support!



Taylor's Antiques



MCC Needs the following to make the MCC 10-year Anniversary Celebration a Success!

- Volunteer Entertainment
  - Live DJ
  - Live Band
  - Vocalist
- A Charismatic Host
- Adult volunteers to work the event
- Corporate Sponsorship
- Purchase advertisements in the Event Program Book
- Donate new or antique items for the Silent Auction
- Sponsor an individual with a disability to purchase:
  - A ticket to the event
  - Attire for the event

If you or anyone you know would like to participate, contact **Shawnice Williams** at **301-583-0358** or at [swilliams@marylandcommunityconnection.org](mailto:swilliams@marylandcommunityconnection.org) **TODAY!**

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few questions:

- How will the device/programming be used? Primary communication, supplemental communication, back-up communication, etc.
- To what area should the device/programming cater? I.e. Communication, reading, writing, organization, social interaction skills, etc.
- What type of learner is the individual? Visual, hands-on, auditory?
- Will the device be a dedicated device and used solely for AAC? If this is the case, it is not recommended that other programs are introduced initially or at all.
- What is the budget for this project? There are several applications that are free or under \$5.00. Before purchasing a \$100 or \$200 program,

Some Suggested Applications:

Category	Application Name	Est. Price
Behavior Management	iPraiseU	\$1.99
Behavior Management	No More Meltdowns	\$10.99
Behavior Management	Preference & Reinforcer Assessment	Free
Cause and Effect	I Hear Ewe	Free
Cause and Effect	Touch Trainer	\$6.99
Communication	Look2Learn	\$14.99
Communication	Proloquo2Go	\$189.00
Communication	Speak it!	\$1.99
Communication	Talking Tom Cat	Free
Communication	TapSpeak Sequence	\$29.99
Navigation	Model Me Going	Free
Organization	Evernote	Free
Organization	uTrack lite	Free
Reading	abc PocketPhonics Lite	Free
Time	Min to Go	Free
Visual Attention	iTouch Animals	\$0.99
Visual Attention	Magic Picture	\$0.99
Writing	iWriteWords	\$2.99
Writing	Typ-O	\$14.99

the most successful outcome. It is very easy to get something that will not be used or not used effectively because it does not serve the need. Most importantly, as you begin your search, remember to keep the end in mind and try not to succumb to and purchase the first one that you see!

Additional Reference Information:

Maryland Technology Assistance Program loans pre-loaded iPads for individuals with disabilities. AT:LAST, Inc., Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative can provide references, suggestions on program/ materials and special pricing information.

maybe try a few of the free applications because they may fulfill the need. Answering these questions prior to searching for devices and programming will save a lot of time and money and will focus the effort for

Slpsharing.com provides online tutorials for iDevices and applications.

## MCC Spring Dinner & Dance A Real Treat

Maryland Community Connection participants and staff spent their evening on the dance floor on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Spring Dinner and Dance. The event was a huge success this year and MCC participants had a wonderful time.

When the participants arrived at the community center where the dinner and dance were held, they were not concerned with what the dinner selection was or when it would be served; their only concern was seeing other participants that they had not seen in a while and getting on the dance floor. MCC staff had to convince the participants to have a seat and enjoy their meal!

After dinner was over, both MCC staff and the participants spent the remainder of the evening on the

dance floor. The participants and staff enjoyed the experience that they were able to share together.

MCC Executive Director, Andre' Coates believes that it is very important that our participants have a healthy amount of recreational activities involved in their lives.

It promotes good social skills and gives opportunity to positively improve the quality of all our lives. Maryland Community Connection thanks all of the staff and participants that came out to the Spring Dinner and Dance this year. If you were not able to attend, don't miss out next year!



## A Focus On People

Resource Connections holds Annual Dinner

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Resource Connections of Prince Georges County, hosted its 8th Annual Fundraising dinner at Prince George's County's Newton White Mansion. The evening started with guests in the county and state Human Service field socializing and touching base on the changes in industry, both locally and statewide.

The group was greeted by the County Executive, The Honorable Rushern Baker who expressed his gratitude for organizations like Resource Connections who gave back to the county by building up the people. Mr. Baker informed the audience of the need for organizations and individuals to look at what they could do to expand on our vision of a Gorgeous Prince George's County. He stated that our work through service will stand as our legacy and an example that the people can make a difference.



Maryland Community Connection staff Aisha Ferguson, André Coates, Robyn Floyd, Angela Graham, and Shawnice Williams with County Executive, Rushern Baker

After a very moving awards section, the evening was ended by a selection from the Resource Coordination Choir that brought the crowd to its feet. Congratulations to Resource Connections on their service to Prince George's County residents.

## MCC Partnership with Chuck E. Cheese Adds Fun to Awareness



Chuck E. Cheese standing and guests next to MCC Resource Awareness event.

Maryland Community Connection is proud to share that our "Chuck E. Cheese Resource Awareness" fundraising event was a success!

MCC believes that educating families is the most important step in promoting our goal of "helping individuals with developmental disabilities achieve their goals."

With this belief guiding us, we thought, "while educating, why not raise money for families of the developmental disabled." MCC decided to put that thought into action on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with the help of Chuck E. Cheese.

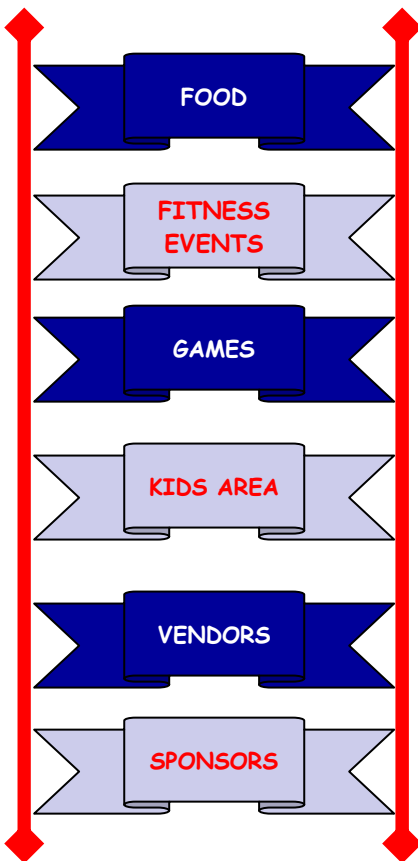
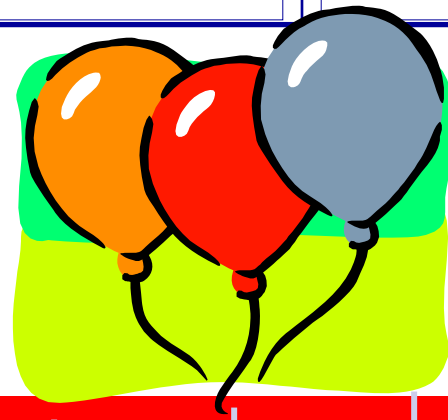
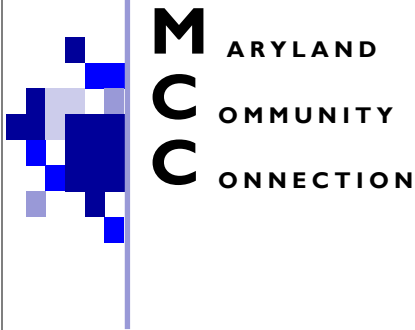
We were truly thrilled that Chuck E. Cheese was willing to partner with us because it provided a fun-filled, safe environment for children and an opportunity for parents to learn about resources in the community

and network with service providers.

While kids were playing Ski Ball or basketball, parents were gaining information on how to better their child's access in the community and Low Intensity Support Services. Service providers such as the Developmental Children's Clinic participated through networking and sharing their available resources, and we even had vendors send us information to share at the event such as Rifton Medical Equipment. We count on vendors to lend a hand at events because it takes multiple entities to provide a great network for the families to build upon.

With great preparation, and a great partnership with Chuck E. Cheese, MCC was able to continue to guide and educate families on resources within the community. We think that it is awesome that other entities in the community are willing to help us in the fight for educating the families of the developmental disabled as well as the community.

Of course, we had giveaways on hand. We were pleased to give away gifts at our raffle such as Giant and McDonald Gift cards. If you missed out on this event, there are plenty of MCC resource awareness events to come. Please keep in contact via our website for upcoming events at [marylandcommunityconnection.org](http://marylandcommunityconnection.org).



**5th Annual  
Family Fun & Fitness Day  
September 17, 2011 Noon - 4PM  
Bradbury Community Center  
Rain or shine**

This is the event not to miss! We have such a great time! We're doing it again! On Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the Bradbury Community Center, Maryland Community Connection will host Family Fun & Fitness Day at 2301 Ewing Avenue, Suitland, Maryland to encourage healthy lifestyles.

This event is open to all Maryland Community participants, their family members, volunteers, supporters, and partners of Maryland Community Connection. Food, games, music, sports, fitness events, face painting, and dancing will all be a part of the festivities.

Please RSVP by September 3 to 301-583-0358.

To become a 2011 Family Fun & Fitness Day Vendor, Sponsor, or Donor call 301-583-0358.



## Birthdays

Maryland Community Connection would like to wish the following a Happy Birthday!

### June

**Shawnice Williams**

June 5

**Yolanda Jackson**

June 11

**Sabrina Lampley**

June 18

**David Roy**

June 23

**Woodrow Wines**

June 23

**Julian Curry**

June 25

**EvaMarie Anthony**

June 28

**Eric Gresham**

June 28

### July

**Jetta Butler**

July 1

**Aaron Weatherly**

July 4

**Wayne West**

July 5

**Shayana Hawkins**

July 13

**Terrance Padmore**

July 13

**Demetrius Pitt**

July 15

**Donald Gallimore**

July 16

**Latasha Harper**

July 18

**John Corbin**

July 21

**Michelle Byers**

July 24

**Keisha Crenshaw**

July 30

### August

**Omabola Ladega**

August 10

**Tabatha Curtiss**

August 4

**Khadijah Jones**

August 17

**Adrian Parr**

August 19

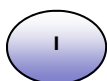


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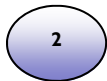


Tired of all that loose change in your purse or pocket? Under the couch? Why not gather it up and donate it to a worthy cause? With your funding support, MCC can continue improving the quality of our programs and services, for individuals with disabilities, and provide increased access and opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.

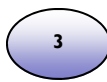
How can you donate? It's SIMPLE! Visit the T.D. Bank located on 8211 Annapolis Rd, New Carrollton, MD 20785. You do not have to wrap your change since T.D. Bank has a change counting machine in the lobby. Put your coins in the change machine and receive a print out of the amount. Take your print out to any teller and tell them how much you would like to donate to Maryland Community Connection. You may donate as many times as you want without any MCC agency representatives present! Thank you, for being an agent of CHANGE!



Choose Maryland Community Connection as your charity.



Shop Online  
Choose from more than 500 great stores.



GoodSearch Donates!  
Up to 30% of your purchase will go to Maryland Community Connection! It's that easy!

## Car Donation

MCC's Vehicle Donation

program offers a free and quick way for donating your used car



in all 50 states. If you would like to donate

your vehicle to MCC please call us at 301-583-

0358 or visit MCC's website at

[www.marylandcommunityconnection.org](http://www.marylandcommunityconnection.org).

**Donate your vehicle to  
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## Maryland Community Connection Represents at 2011 MACS Conference

Maryland Community Connection is always excited to participate in the Annual MACS Direct Support & Supervision Conference in Ocean City, MD held May 9-11.

Angela Graham, Omobola Ladega, and Demetrius Pitt participated in the 3-day conference that covered an array of topics ranging from methods to manage stresses and challenging issues to creating connections and changing outsider's perceptions of the Human Services field.

Maryland Community Connection was proud to nominate Demetrius Pitt for the 2011 MACS Annual Direct Support

*"It was truly an honor to be acknowledged and recognized amongst my peers for the work I've done in the past 3 years" -  
Demetrius Pitt*

Professional Award for the excellent services that he has provided to MCC's Individual Support Services Program.

Demetrius received a Certificate of Recognition for his nomination at the Awards Dinner, which was held during the conference. Demetrius stated that "It was truly an honor to be acknowledged and recognized amongst your peers for the work I've done in the past 3 years".

The 3 staff that were chosen to attend the conference were very pleased for the opportunity.

Angela Graham said that she "did a lot of networking and had the opportunity to meet new people." Angela also stated that she appreciated the opportunity to learn how to take her leadership to the next level!

MCC would like to give a special thanks to Demetrius, Omobola, and Angela for partici-



Vanessa Antrum, SMRO Training Director, DDA (left), Demetrius Pitt, MCC (middle) and Omobola Ladega (right)

pating in the conference and representing Maryland Community Connection in the highest professional manner.

Maryland Association of Community Services is located in Columbia, Maryland and MACS is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening agencies to better support people with developmental disabilities and families in their own communities.

### MCC Teambuilding June 8, 2011

On June 8, 2011, MCC held a team building event. Pictured are photos of the various teams with MCC staff.



### Stay Connected with MCC!

Want a way to stay connected with Maryland Community Connection? Well now you can. MCC is officially active on social networking sites! Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter at @MDComConnection and you will receive weekly updates on what MCC is doing in the community. Visit either of our pages and you will see an array of photographs, as well as find out about upcoming events, community activities and resources for you or your loved one! You may also visit us at [www.marylandcommunityconnection.org](http://www.marylandcommunityconnection.org).



## MCC Hires Manager of Consumer Services

Maryland Community Connection is proud to announce that **Shawnice Williams** was promoted to **Manager of Consumer Services**.

Shawnice has been instrumental in helping Donald Gallimore launch his motivational speaking business, *Inspiring Others*, and is also the Chairperson for MCC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. MCC is excited

to see the positive impacts that she will continue to have on the organization and the lives of the participants we serve! The Manager of Consumer Services is a new position created by MCC. In this role, Shawnice will work directly with Angela Graham to manage the Supported Employment, Family and Individual Support Services, an Supported Living Arrangements Programs.



Shawnice Williams

## Manny's Movie Picks

Summer is here and who doesn't love a good blockbuster movie to watch with friends and family? MCC is bringing you a special movie-guide, featuring Manny's Movie Picks by Emmanuel Haynesworth, an employee of Regal Cinema Theaters and MCC Supported Employment participant of four years.



Emmanuel Haynesworth

Emmanuel loves his job and is excited to share some of his favorites. With Manny's Movie Picks, you and your family are sure to have a fun-filled movie watching experience.

**Hangover 2 - Comedy**



**Fast & Furious 5 - Action**



**Jumping the Broom - Drama, Comedy**



**Bridesmaids - Comedy**



**Pirates of the Caribbean - On Strange Tides**



## New Jobsites

Maryland Community Connection would like to congratulate the following individuals for obtaining and maintaining employment in the community:

**Jetta Butler**

**Thomas Kennedy III**

**Kevin Brown**

**Brandon Perry**

**Damien Harris-Reid**

**Carlisle Johnson**

**Jasmine Strong**

No one can deny that in the face of the current economic climate, the number of available jobs has dwindled. But members of the developmental disabilities community are often faced with other invisible challenges: assuaging and overcoming the fear of potential employers.

Thanks to **Andrews Air Force Base, Camelot Liquors and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission** for recognizing that individuals with developmental disabilities have valuable contributions to make to the workforce!

## Inspiring Others is Taking Off!

*Inspiring Others* is continuing with more successful events!

Donald Gallimore, owner of *Inspiring Others*, and MCC Supported Employment participant recently spoke at the Transitional Youth Fair held in April. He spoke to the Transitional Youth (TY) about his experiences in the TY program and how it helped him develop life skills.

Donald said that they taught him all of the skills necessary to obtain employment, including a firm handshake, business attire, and they held mock interviews.

In addition to interview skills, Donald learned computer skills, such as how to fill out applications online and how to do a resume. Donald then spoke about how he was quickly able to secure

employment following his graduation from the TY Program, with the assistance of Maryland Community Connection.

He stated that his most recent accomplishment was achieving his goal of starting his own business. Donald's hope was to encourage the Transitional Youths to take the program seriously, to always strive for more, and to never let their disability affect them!

*Inspiring Others* was also present at Buck Lodge Middle School's Career Day, located in Adelphi, MD. Donald gave three speeches to three different classes of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students with disabilities.

The students learned about the process that Donald went through to achieve his dreams. He also gave them some pointers on



Donald speaking to students at Buck Lodge Middle School in Adelphi, MD

what to expect when entering into high school, and emphasized that the sky is the limit for what they can achieve!

*Inspiring Others* is available for booking. For additional information and to hire Donald for your next event, please contact at (301) 583-0358.



### MARYLAND COMMUNITY CONNECTION

## Donation Card

Support Maryland Community Connection

Maryland Community Connection is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization formed in 2001 dedicated to assisting individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve a greater degree of social and economic independence. Annually, staff and volunteers work diligently to ensure the success of this organization.

**Yes**, I want to make a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities and support Maryland Community Connection by donating the following:

Enclosed, is my tax-deductible donation to Maryland Community Connection for:

\$10  \$25  \$50  \$100  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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## MCC Holds Mentoring and Relationship Panel

On Friday, May 20, Maryland Community Connection held its first Mentoring and Relationship Panel at Cheverly United Methodist Church in Cheverly, Maryland.

The panel featured Robyn Floyd, MCC Director of Quality Assurance, and Darius Driskell of Universal Professional Counseling Services.

Topics covered in the session ranged from the importance of self-worth, love and finances, and the benefits of having a mentor.

MCC individuals got down to business, asking questions about how to handle relationships and ways to seek out a mentor.

The participants were very enthusiastic about the session which provided an in-depth look



MCC staff, participants and panel members at Mentoring and Relationship session on May 20.

at how important it is to have self-esteem before we can truly have a successful relationship.

Each individual as well as the staff were able to take away key pieces from the event and will be able to share with others the benefits of having a positive mentor, and developing meaningful and healthy personal relationships.

The session was held to address real life situations about developing healthy relationships and addressing the challenges of relationships that may be unhealthy.

Each individual was provided resources and tips on how to select a mentor as well as tips and signs to indicate whether the

person is in an abusive relationship.

MCC would like to thank **Darius Driskell** for donating the space for the event, being a panel member, and providing invaluable advice and thought-provoking insight for the participants during this first mentoring and relationship panel.

## Coffee & Conversation with MCC's Executive Director

Maryland Community Connection hosted their first "Coffee and Conversation" event with Andre' Coates, Executive Director on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Starbucks in Forestville, MD to share information about MCC services. Attendees included, MCC participant, Theresa Randall, her mother and her sister. The Randall family offered great praises to MCC about the programs that we offer. Theresa was granted funding from the LISS Program to have a ramp put in her home. Coincidentally, the same day of the event, the vendor arrived at her home to install the ramp!

Theresa and her mother were very happy that they would finally be getting something that they thought they would never be able to receive! Now, Theresa is able to have easy access in and out of her home with her new ramp. Ms. Coates also stated that "anytime we can educate the general public about the supports offered to individuals with developmental disabilities is great!"

Ms. Coates feels that it is important for "community individuals to know that the disability community is just like them!" Together, we are the community and we col-

lectively can accomplish many goals. The event was overall a success and Ms. Coates said that she would love to do it again.



Ms. Jacqueline Randall (left) and Ms. Andre' Coates

## Maryland Community Connection's Best Practice Focus

Maryland Community Connection has utilized The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council Best Practices with a monthly focus topic on improving the lives of the individuals. Each month, the staff focuses on a different area to help improve the quality of lives for the individuals.

### Best Practice Focus for May 2011:

Family, friends, and coworkers are recognized as important to a person's quality of life, especially because of their invaluable abilities to support the person's choices and independence. This month during visits and interactions with individuals at the workplace and in the community, MCC staff met with the individuals and asked or

assisted them in introducing themselves to at least one co-worker or potential friend in the community, especially if going to the same place on a regular basis. Staff assisted the individuals in asking a friendly question about the coworker/community member and shared one thing they are proud of accomplishing or a hobby they enjoy.

### Best Practice Focus for June 2011:

#### Personal Choices Count

People are encouraged to think about the many choices they might make, including their daily, as well as lifetime, hopes and goals. Staff continues to ensure that individuals are given opportunities to make choices about the activities

and employment that they participate.

Maryland Community Connection is always considering methods to assist the individuals we serve at achieving a greater degree of social and economic independence.

In our attempt at enhancing the quality of life, the Best Practice Focus will be helpful to both staff and the individuals. The staff benefit because their relationship with individuals will grow, and individuals will benefit through improving on many different skills.

Our staff will continue to implement the Best Practice Monthly Focuses in an effort to improve individuals' quality of life!

## That Time of Year!



Cortez Jordan (right) pictured with prom date

It is Graduation and Prom season! MCC has a number of participants that attended prom this year and also that graduated from high school. We would like to congratulate all of you and we wish you much success as you embark on your next journey in life!

## Special Grad Spotlight



Congratulations to Julian Curry for graduating from Bowie State University on May 20, 2011 with a Masters Degree.

Julian joined Maryland Community Connection four years ago as a Community Specialist and continues to provide his calming demeanor to MCC's participants.

Julian has displayed ongoing determination to continue his education while holding down two jobs.



Julian Curry pictured with daughter, Jade

MCC is extremely proud of Julian's educational advancements. MCC gives Julian a standing ovation! BRAVO!!!



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Maryland Community Connection (MCC) is primarily to establish, operate, and maintain services in the community for individuals with developmental disabilities. Through trained, qualified, and fairly compensated staff, MCC services will assist each person to achieve a greater degree of social and economic independence and reduce the need for subsidized lifestyles. MCC policy requires that these services be provided to eligible Maryland participants without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, gender, or marital status. MCC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in our 9th year of operation.

## Important Dates

### July 2011

- July 1 LISS Funding Open
- July 4 MCC Closed for Independence Day
- July 5 TY Life & Employability Skills Training Program
- July 16 Charles County LISS Information Session
- July 19 SMRO QA Meeting
- July 29 Calvert County LISS Information Session



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### August 2011

- Aug 1 MCC 10th Anniversary Committee Meeting
- Aug 9 St. Mary's County LISS Information Session



### September 2011

- Sep 5 MCC Closed for Labor Day
- Sep 13 SMRO Provider Meeting
- Sep 13 Prince George's County LISS
- Sep 15 MACS Employment Network Meeting
- Sep 17 Family Fun & Fitness Day



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