

Welcome to the SEEC Community newsletter!



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Expanding Family Support Services



We are pleased to inform you that SEEC has built the foundation to create a new Department for Supporting Families. This department will expand our existing Parent-to-Parent program (P2P), established in 2009, providing peer-to-peer support, resource-sharing and networking for families in Montgomery County, Maryland who have children under the age of 22 who have disabilities, complex medical need, and/or mental illness. In addition to expanding our P2P supports to

families in Prince George's County, this program will support families who have loved ones of any age. This is in concert with the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration's (DDA) new waiver services to provide vital resources as parents/caregivers navigate key milestones in their children's lives: from initial diagnosis, accessing therapies, entering the school system, transitioning to adult services, moving out of the family home, and planning for the future as caregivers as their loved ones with special needs age.

SEEC's Department of Family Supports will begin in October 2018 to provide the following services:

1. The expansion of SEEC's Parent to Parent program to serve more families
2. Our work with the Arc of Maryland to establish a statewide Parent to Parent network
3. Our leadership and participation in a statewide Community of Practice for Supporting Families
4. Providing specific supports through the Family Supports Services waiver designated by the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration.

SEEC's FootGolf Event Saturday, September 29, 2018



[Register now](#) for our inaugural SEEC FootGolf event: Par-Tee on the Greens!

Join us on Saturday, September 29th, 2018 at Sligo Creek Golf Course in Silver Spring. Registration begins at 2:30pm and kickoff will take place at 3:00pm with a Barbecue to follow.

FootGolf is a combination of soccer and golf, but the rules and method of play mirror golf more than soccer. FootGolf was introduced to North America in 2011 by the American FootGolf League (AFGL). FootGolf models golf's layout with tee boxes, greens, bunkers, and hazards. Scorecards display par scores for each hole as in golf and the object

is to achieve the lowest score by kicking the ball the least amount of times from the tee to the green.

Join us for a wonderful day of fun, mingle in a community of SEEC supporters and try a new sport! It's also a great opportunity to provide your colleagues, friends and family the chance to participate in a feel-good, inclusive experience. This is one event you won't want to miss! Look forward to seeing you there!

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR FOOTGOLF](#)

[SEEC Receives Developmental Disabilities Grant](#)



The DD Council and Maryland Works, Inc. have partnered for a third round of TIP (Transforming and Improving Practices Through Customized Technical Assistance) grants, providing \$116,335 to agencies statewide, three of which are in rural areas. These grants will fund technical assistance from subject matter experts so that people with developmental disabilities have improved employment outcomes and meaningful days when not working. To date, the Council has

invested \$224,274 and Maryland Works has invested \$116,778--bringing the total investment in TIP grants to \$341,052.

In addition to improving the agencies' organizational structures and the employment and community-based outcomes for people with developmental disabilities, TIP grants also provide grantees with an engaging learning community that allows them to share successes, challenges and strategies. Funding for SEEC will be used to help streamline and expand employment supports and build the capacity of the organization.

[SEEC Website Redesign Underway!!](#)



SEEC is thrilled to announce that we are embarking on a new website redesign project this summer! Working with Elevation, a website design agency based in Washington, D.C., we plan to redesign the current website so that it is simpler, cleaner and easier to navigate. Currently we are in the design stage but look forward to announcing the launch of our new website in December. Also, keep your eyes open for an updated version of our logo in the coming months.

[DSP Week](#)

BE THE DIFFERENCE DSP WEEK 2018 SEPT 10TH-14TH

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 10

TREATS FOR ALL
*DELIVERED BY DEPARTMENT

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 11

"WE ARE FAMILY" SWAG GIFTS AND HANDWRITTEN
NOTES OF APPRECIATION
FROM THE FAMILIES DSPTS SUPPORT
*DELIVERED BY DEPARTMENT

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

#SEEC SELFIE SPIRIT DAY: SHOUT OUTS
AND ACCOLADES on Facebook

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 13

DEPARTMENT SURPRISE APPRECIATION
*EACH DEPARTMENT DOING SOMETHING SPECIAL

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 14

"LET US COUNT THE WAYS TO THANK YOU"
STAFF APPRECIATION PARTY
*ALL SET RESTAURANT 7-11 PM



We are excited to celebrate Direct Service Professional (DSP) week on September 10` - 14th. Here's a look at the fun things we have planned for SEEC's DSPs.

Brave in the Attempt



"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

This is the motto of Special Olympics athletes, a credo that has inspired thousands of communities to support the organization and millions of athletes to participate, despite whatever challenges they might face.

We are proud of Macena Mason for participating in this year's "Brave in the Attempt Talks 2018". Brave in the Attempt uses a ground breaking personal story telling platform in a "TED Talk" style format to encourage those with disabilities to serve as mentors and role

models for others.

Macena enjoys performing with her band called *Profusion* as the keyboardist. She also enjoys gardening and writing. Her goal is to have her writing published. Macena is currently putting together a website about her life and experiences to help other families and children with disabilities.

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