## We want to hear from you!

MARYLAND STUDY OF INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP) PROCESS

## Parent and Student Focus Groups

Are you a parent who has a child or youth with an IEP? We want to hear about your experiences! What is working well and what could be done to improve how children and youth receiving special education are educated in Maryland public schools?

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is conducting a study to learn more about special education and the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process in your school.

If your child or youth, Kindergarten to age 21, receives special education in a Maryland public school, please register to participate in a focus group near you. Use the link below to register. Focus groups will be held 6:30-8:00 PM on May 30 at the following location:

Baltimore County Public Library - Cockeysville Branch 9833 Greenside Dr, Cockeysville, MD 21030

We also want to hear from students who receive special education, aged 10-21. Please talk with your child about participating. Students must be able to understand and respond to basic questions. One student per family. Registration is required. Space is limited.

Light refreshments and a \$10 gift card will be offered. Interpreters will be provided (with advance notice). Child care will not be provided.

Registration for Parents: <u>http://evite.me/kgBF4prBd7</u> Registration for Students: <u>http://evite.me/hycRShkqG7</u>

For questions or help registering, please contact Ashley Shindler with The Parents' Place of Maryland at 410-768-9100 ext 106 or <u>ashley@ppmd.org</u>.



The study is conducted by WestEd under contract for the state of Maryland.