

35 Years

Empowering Maryland Families

Our mission is to empower families as advocates and partners in improving education and health outcomes for ALL children with disabilities, special healthcare needs and those impacted by behavioral health challenges.

Your partner in special education, healthcare, and behavioral health support.

In 2025, PPMD's services expanded to support families with loved ones of any age impacted by behavioral health, mental health, substance use, and problem gambling.



PPMD Has Grown!

In 2025, PPMD was awarded a grant from the Maryland Behavioral Health Administration which has expanded family peer support services and trainings to serve more families with loved ones of any age impacted by mental health, substance use, and problem gambling. Through this expansion, PPMD staff are now present in every county in Maryland.

Celebrating 35 Years

In 2025, PPMD celebrated its 35th anniversary. PPMD has continuously informed, supported, and empowered Maryland families since 1990.

5th Annual Wrightslaw Special Education Law & Advocacy Conference

PPMD hosted its 5th annual Wrightslaw Conference on September 18, 2025 with speaker Pete Wright, Esq. 285 families and professionals were in attendance.



15,057

families served through one-on-one assistance and training



95%

of families served agreed the assistance they received met their needs



92%

of families served agreed they are prepared to use the information they received



16,000+

newsletter subscribers



Families served in English and Spanish, as well as other languages upon request



8,882

downloaded resources



364,000+

people reached