

# A Maryland Access Point Program

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# 410-222-4257

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# COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP INFORMATION



Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities

2666 Riva Road, Suite 400 Annapolis, MD 21401 7320 Ritchie Highway Glen Burnie, MD 21061

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# **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS**

Anne Arundel County Department of Aging & Disabilities Family Caregiver Support Program For more information, contact: 410-222-4375/4339 2666 Riva Road, Suite 400, Annapolis: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 12:30-2:00 PM 7320 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 1:00-2:30 PM Virtual Support Group, 3rd Monday, 6:00-7:30 PM (For Zoom link, contact caregiver\_support@aacounty.org or call 410-222-4339.)

Anyone needing special accommodations for these support groups must contact Mary Chaput at 410-222-4339 or email agchap01@aacounty.org at least seven (7) days in advance of each support group. TTY users, please call via Maryland Relay 7-1-1.

Brightview Severna Park 469 Jumpers Hold Road, Severna Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 11:00 AM For more information, contact: 410-544-1605

Spring Arbor of Severna Park 345 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park For more information, contact: 410-544-7774

Brightview South River 8 Lee Airpark Drive, Edgewater For more information, contact: 410-956-7310

Brightview On-line Caregiver Support Group 2nd Monday, 6:00-8:30 pm For more information, contact NSmith@bvsl.net

Brightview Virtual Caregiver Support Group 3rd Wednesday, 12:00—1:00 pm Join at: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97339077616

Alzheimer's Association Korean On-line Caregiver Support Group 2nd Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 pm For more information, contact MJ Engle at 410-313-6538 or email mjengle@gmail.com.

# **BENEFITS OF SUPPORT GROUPS**

Whether you've been diagnosed with an illness, are caring for a loved one, or have found yourself in a new life stage, it can be easy to feel alone. And while your friends and family may do everything they can, they may not be able to provide the comfort and encouragement that others in a situation similar to yours can.

Support groups act as a sounding board, where you can listen to others' experiences, talk about your own, and ultimately, recognize that other people understand what you're going through. Other benefits of support groups include:

- Sharing your feelings and concerns in a judgment-free setting
- Brainstorming ways to tackle a difficult situation
- Sharing tips and strategies
- Benefitting from other people's perspectives and receiving emotional validation
- Being held accountable for your own growth and awareness
- Building a social support network that may extend beyond the group sessions
- Developing a deeper understanding of your or your loved one's health condition

Family & Fellowship Ministries Caregiver Support Group Holy Family Church 826 West Centra Avenue, Davidsonville 1st & 3rd Tuesday For more information contact sagabramson@aol.com

### **AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE SUPPORT GROUPS**

Myositis Virtual Support Group for Maryland, D.C., Northern VA, Delaware 3rd Saturday in January, May, August, November For more information, contact: Bitsy Anderson at terrybitsy@verizon.net

# **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

Chesapeake Life Center 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena For more information, contact: 888-501-7077 (registration is required)

- ♦ Widow/Widower Support Group
- ♦ Child Loss Support Group
- ♦ Morning & Evening Grief Support Group (ages 18 and over)
- ♦ Suicide Grievers

#### BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP

For more information, contact: 410-320-8948 or deblcottrill@gmail.com 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

#### **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

Wellness House of Annapolis 2625 Mas Que Farm Road, Annapolis Multiple counseling , support & therapeutic programs for the whole family For more information, contact: 410-990-0941 (www.wellnesshouse.org)

# **DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

University of Maryland Center for Diabetes & Endocrinology 300 Hospital Drive, Suite 223, Glen Burnie For more information, contact: 410-787-4940

# FRONTOTEMPORAL DEMENTIA ON-LINE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Alzheimer's Association 2nd Wednesday, 10:30am—12:00pm Contact Paula Nortarangelo at 410-294-2409 or email noto27@aol.com

# LEWY BODY DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

For more information, contact: melissadaily610@gmail.com First Monday, 1:00 pm, virtual

# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUPS

Mental Health Support Group Baltimore Washington Medical Center, 301 Hospital Drive, Glen Burnie For more information, contact: 410-553-8070

Luminis Health Trauma Recovery Support Group For more information, contact: 443-481-1209 Wednesdays, 6:00 PM; Virtual

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Anne Arundel County For more information, contact: 443-995-2222 (namiaac.org)

# PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUPS

South County Parkinson's Group 1997 Annapolis Exchange Parkway, Suite 310, Annapolis For more information, contact: Tom Bolander, 410-703-3014 or tbolander@comforcare.com 3rd Friday, 2:00-3:30 pm

Life with Parkinson's Brightview Senior Living, 469 Jumpers Hold Road, Severna Park 4th Tuesday, 11:00 am (in-person and zoom) Contact 410-544-1605

The Parkinson's Forum Celebration Village of Manresa 85 Manresa Drive, Annapolis 1st Wednesday, 10:45am RSVP at 410-349-9529 or email bwall@celegrationvillaSL.com

#### PRIMARY PROGRESSIVE APHASIA (PPA)

The Loyola Clinical Centers Virtual Meetings For more information, contact: tbennett1@loyola.edu

# STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Baltimore-Washington Medical Center 301 Hospital Drive, Glen Burnie, 3rd floor For more information, contact: 410-787-4138

Luminis Health Belcher Pavilion For more information, contact: 443-481-1329 or fburke@aahs.org