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Register Now for Harford's Youth and Family Resource Festival on April 13

BEL AIR, Md., (Feb. 13, 2019) - Registration is now open for Harford County's Youth and Family Resource Festival featuring public and private resources for youth of all abilities from birth to young adults. Developed by the Harford County Department of Community Services' Local Management Board and Office of Disability Services, this free, family-friendly event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 at APGFCU Arena on the campus of Harford Community College, 401 Thomas Run Road in Bel Air.

Festival attendees will have the opportunity to meet with more than 80 exhibitors and representatives from public and private establishments. Vendors, agencies, nonprofit organizations, and support groups will provide information on services such as summer camps, tutoring, behavioral health, fingerprinting, preschool programs, athletic programs, financial assistance, and housing support. Youth entertainment in the "Kid Zone" will include a Touch-a-Truck experience, crafts, character meet and greet, and a photo booth. Door prizes from local businesses will be awarded throughout the day. Launched in 2017, this is the second Harford County festival under the administration of County Executive Barry Glassman.

"The positive feedback was overwhelming from nearly 1,000 attendees at our inaugural Youth & Family Resource Festival," County Executive Glassman said. "I encourage all Harford County families to register today for this year's event where they will have fun and connect with a vast array of resources in one convenient location."

Pre-registration for the festival is strongly encouraged and is available online at www.harfordcountymd.gov/FormCenter/Community-Services-7/2019-Youth-and-Family-Resource-Festival--283. Families who pre-register will receive a voucher for a light lunch. To register by phone, please contact the Department of Community Services at 410-638-3389.

Free transportation to and from the festival will be provided by JDT Transportation, Inc. throughout the day at the following locations:

Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School | 203 E. Belair Avenue, Aberdeen
Magnolia Elementary School | 901 Trimble Road, Joppa
The EPICENTER | 1918 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood

The Harford County Youth and Family Resource Festival is sponsored by the Harford County Department of Community Services' Office of Disability Services and Local Management Board; APG Federal Credit Union; APGFCU Arena; the Bel Air Athletic Club; Harford Mutual; Jones Junction; The EPICENTER at Edgewood; Harford County Public Library; Harford County Community Mediation Program; The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region; and Catholic Charities. Limited spaces are still available for interested vendors or sponsors.

The Harford County Department of Community Services works daily to meet the needs of our seniors, youth, persons with disabilities, and those struggling to overcome addiction. The Department works with federal, state, local, and private agencies to ensure our county continues to evolve and remains dedicated to providing the best possible services for our citizens and community.

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