

Baltimore County PTA hosts parent training

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The PTA Council of Baltimore County will host a premiere training event for members, parents and community leaders New Town High School in Owings Mills.

“Education: A Team Effort,” to be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, is designed to give parents and PTA members the tools to access information, evaluate the effectiveness of their children’s schools and advocate for their children, the PTA Council said in a release.

“We want parents to be informed about what’s happening in terms of education and their children to give them the tools to help them become better advocates,” said Nancy Ostrow, vice president of the PTA Council of Baltimore County and the program’s coordinator.

The event begins with a reception featuring light fare and desserts provided by Eastern Technical High School Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management students, and exhibits by more than 60 organizations and associations, including representatives from the Baltimore County Public Schools, Maryland State Department of Education, and Baltimore County government, as well as cultural arts groups, health and safety organizations and PTA Council committees.

Exhibitors include AEMS: Arts Education in Maryland Alliance; SPEAK (Suicide Prevention Education Awareness for Kids); Mothers Against Drunk Driving; Missing and Exploited Children’s Association of Maryland; Council for Exceptional Children; and Reach Out and Read Greater Baltimore.

After a brief Baltimore County PTA meeting, Mike Gimbel, director of substance abuse education and prevention services for Sheppard Pratt Health System, will deliver a short address. Two sessions of workshops follow, with the first focused on school and academics, and the second on PTA operations and programs. The cost per person is \$10. Advance registration is preferred. Call 410-666-4450 or send an e-mail to bylaws@bcptacouncil.org.

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