

April 5, 2018 – SECAC meeting

- 1- Welcome
- 2- INFO announcements:
  - a. Check your local Harford county library branch for the monthly Teen Sensory events.
  - b. Reminder: Transition Expo @ Bel Air HS on Saturday, April 7, from 8:30am to 1:00pm.
- 3- **Guest Speaker:** Lisa M. Geary, M.S., CCC-SLP  
(Clinical Assistant to Professor, Dept of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, and Deaf Studies Towson University)  
**Topic:** Strategies to enhance language and communication skills in children

Institute for Well Being (IWB) located near Towson Circle across from Macy's.

Services offered: hearing and balance; OT center; wellness center; speech-language center; and Hussman Center for adults with Autism.

Discussed ways to develop language through modeling, expanding, and prompting, using the "Enhanced Milieu Model."

Visual Supports facilitate language, and can decrease inappropriate behavior.

Visuals are beneficial to all ages, and can help manage many areas of challenge.

Studies have shown how people learn:

55% visual (gestures, face, body, environment)

37% vocal (tone, rate, volume)

7% verbal (actual words)

Examples of Visual supports: visual schedule, category labels, visual boundaries, and choice boards

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- 4- Upcoming Events
  - a. SNAG Meetings / 6:30-8:30pm @ Mid-Atlantic Services, 2109 Laurel Bush Rd, Bel Air 21015  
Mon, April 16: general support and problem solving  
Mon, May 21: share ideas of end of school year, and managing summer
  - b. **Next SECAC meeting** is May 3 / 7-8:30pm @ McFaul Activity Center  
Community Input Forum  
Accepting nominations of SECAC board members for 2018-19 school year