

Family Support Network/ Preschool Partners

*Striving to
join
Garrett
County's
children and
families with
all of the
available
resources and
services.*



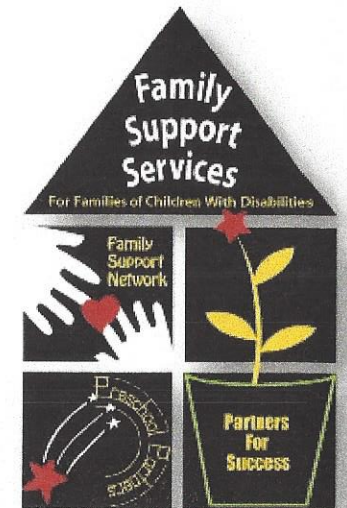
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About Family Support Network

The Family Support Network (FSN) is a free program that was created to meet the needs of families with children, birth to thirty-six months, with developmental delays or disabilities in Garrett County.

The FSN works in conjunction with the Garrett County Infants & Toddlers Program.

The FSN is here to help parents understand the Infants & Toddlers Program, to help them obtain information regarding their child's disability, and to provide general support.

The FSN can offer you and your family the information and educational and emotional support you need to share the highest possible quality of life with your child.



Available Services Include:

- **Local monthly support group and referrals to specific support and advocacy groups**
- **Parent workshops and trainings**
- **Opportunities for families to network with each other to share ideas and experiences through fun activities**
- **Information regarding Community Services**
- **A network of “experienced” parents who can offer support and share their experiences and advice with parents of newly identified special needs children**
- **CARE Notebooks or Folders (Collect and Record Everything)**
- **Lending Library**
- **Preschool Partners Backpacks**
- **Quarterly Newsletters**

About Preschool Partners

Preschool Partners (PP) is a program designed to help families and children transition from the Infants & Toddlers Program into the Extended IFSP Option, the local school system, preschool special education program, or other community-based early childhood setting.

Preschool backpacks loaded with school supplies and fun activities are given to children before they turn three years old so they can be better prepared for entering the next level of their early education.

Every county in Maryland has Family Support Network and Preschool Partners Programs. They are all coordinated by the parent of a child with special needs so the programs will be more family orientated.