



HOC Academy Newsletter | March 2019

HOC Youth Academy

Summer Career Learning Opportunity for MCPS High School Juniors, Seniors

Montgomery County Public School high school juniors and seniors looking for an enriching summer career learning experience are invited to become a 2019 Summer RISE Participant!

Registration

Opens Monday, March 18, 2019
Ends Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Next Steps

[Review the Student Agreement](#)
[Get Parent/Guardian Consent to Participate](#)
[Notify HOC Once Your Application Has Been Submitted](#)

Participants must be available 20 hours per week from July 8 through July 26, 2019.

[Visit www.MCPS-SummerRise.org to Learn More](http://www.MCPS-SummerRise.org)

CALLING ALL Montgomery County Public Schools
Rising JUNIORS & SENIORS

Summer RISE
Connecting Students to Careers

JULY 8 - JULY 26, 2019

BECOME A 2019 Summer RISE Participant!

Summer RISE provides rising Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) juniors and seniors with enriching summer career learning experiences.

Participating students:

- Receive a stipend
- Need to be available about 20 hours per week, 60 hours total
- Gain exposure to exciting careers and industries
- Learn and develop professional skills to succeed in today's ever-changing career environments
- Build a network of mentors to support your career path
- Receive recognition for completion of the program

Montgomery County Public Schools

EMAIL: summer-rise@mcpsmd.org
VISIT: www.MCPS-SummerRise.org

#SummerRISE

HOC Academy STEAM in NYC

HOC Academy invites students, grades 9-12, with a strong interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Mathematics for an overnight trip to The Big Apple!

Sunday, March 31 - Monday, April 1
New York City

**Registration Deadline Extended
to March 11, 2019!**

As part of this educational trip, students will visit the City University of New York's Advanced Science Research Center to see STEAM concepts in action! Space is limited.

[View Flyer for More Information](#)
[Click Here to Request Registration Form](#)



Sphero Robot Takeover at Mobile STEM Workshop

STUDENTS (GRADES 6-8)

8:30 am to 3:30 pm | Saturday, April 6, 2019

Join researchers from the Army Research Lab and cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for a full day of hands-on learning about Sphero Robotics! Breakfast and lunch is included!

PARENTS (OPTIONAL)

8:30 am to 10:00 am | Saturday, April 6, 2019

Parents are invited to an information workshop to learn about STEM programs, internships and scholarships from U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Army Research Lab.



WEST POINT **HOC ACADEMY** **ARL**

MOBILE STEM SPHERO ROBOTICS WORKSHOP
Saturday, April 6, 2019

Students 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Students in grades 6-8 can join researchers from the Army Research Lab and cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for a full day of hands-on learning about Sphero Robotics. Breakfast and lunch included.

Parents 8:30 am - 10:00 am
Parents are invited to an optional information workshop to learn about STEM programs, internships and scholarships from U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Army Research Lab.

Housing Opportunities Commission
Kensington Gym and Hearing Room
10400 Detrick Avenue, Kensington, Maryland 20895

Space is limited! Register by March 15, 2019.
[Click Here to Request Registration Form](#)

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Pop-Up Wednesdays Offer STEAM Fun for HOC Youth



Join HOC Academy and Mad Science for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Pop-Up Wednesdays for just \$5 per student, per session!

Grades 1-5 Sessions | 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Grades 6-8 Sessions | 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

March 13 and April 10, 2019

[Click Here to View Flyer and See Registration Information](#)

Educational Opportunity Center Information Session

Get an overview of free services available through the Educational Opportunity Center at the upcoming Information Session

Thursday, April 11, 2019

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Seneca Ridge Club Room
19568 Scenery Drive
Germantown, Maryland 20876



**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER
INFORMATION SESSION**

Thursday, April 11, 2019
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Seneca Ridge Club Room
19568 Scenery Drive
Germantown, Maryland 20876

Get an overview of free EOC services,
including academic advising and
guidance, financial aid counseling,
GED practice testing and more!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Scholarship & Internship Opportunities

Accepting Tony S. Davis Scholarship Applications



**Attention high school seniors headed to college this fall –
you could be the next recipient of the Tony S. Davis
Memorial Scholarship!**

**Applications due Tuesday, April 16, 2019.
Visit www.hocmc.org to apply.**

[View Flyer Here](#) | [Click Here for More Information](#)

HOC Scholars Program Offering Paid Internships



BECOME AN HOC SCHOLAR

Incoming college freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors
looking for hands-on professional work experience this summer
are invited to become an HOC Scholar!

***The HOC Scholar Program offers paid summer internships
starting at \$15 per hour.***

Internships are available in various fields to provide intensive
learning experiences and résumé building and networking
opportunities.

***Opportunities Coming Soon!
Visit www.hocmc.org***

Adult Education and Workforce Development

WorkSource Montgomery Program Calendar

- Looking for employment? Need assistance with your resume and interviewing skills? WorkSource Montgomery is here to help!
- [Click here to view upcoming opportunities](#), including job fairs, resume writing/ interviewing workshops and other programs hosted by WorkSource Montgomery.
- Please email AEWD@hocmc.org using the



WorkSource
MONTGOMERY
Connecting Employers & Job Seekers

WorkSource Montgomery Information Session

*Get expert guidance for pursuing your personal and professional goals!
Find out how WorkSource Montgomery can help at the upcoming information session!*



**WORKSOURCE MONTGOMERY
INFORMATION SESSION**

Monday, March 18, 2019
11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Seneca Ridge Club Room
19568 Scenery Drive
Germantown, Maryland 20876

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)
or email AEWD@hocmc.org



WorkSource Montgomery Services

Résumé writing and interviewing tips

Workshops including stress management and
how to land a Federal job

Interest and aptitude assessments

Access to an assigned career advisor

Access to industry-specific job club support

And more!

[RSVP to Attend the WorkSource](#)

[Montgomery Information Session](#)

Additional Resources

Free GED Practice Testing Opportunities

The Trio-Educational Opportunity Center is offering free GED practice test opportunities!

Next testing opportunity is Friday, March 22, 2019, from 12:30 - 5:00 pm
(All participants must arrive by 12:15 pm)

To reserve a space, call (240) 567-5644.

[View flyer for testing dates, locations and eligibility details.](#)

Special Opportunity for Fathers

- Fathers or legal guardians interested in participating in free activities with their children, improving relationship-building skills or attending job-readiness workshops should join the Fatherhood Initiative Program TODAY!
- We provide a safe and supportive environment for fathers to grow and become the best role models they can be.
- The Fatherhood Initiative is open to any father that has children living in HOC housing, participating in HOC housing programs, or on the HOC waitlist, regardless of age.
- To sign up for the next Fatherhood Initiative information session, [click here to complete an interest form and we'll reach out to you!](#)



CALLING ALL FATHERS!

DADS PROGRAM

Are You Looking for a Better Job?

*Are You Interested
in Attending School but Can't Afford It?*

Are Looking to Enhance Your Skills as a Father?


Come and be part of what many fathers are calling "An Amazing Program". Learn how to become your child's hero while enhancing your educational, and employment skills at the same time. All this can be done with the Housing Opportunities Commission's **Fatherhood Initiative.**

For more information:
240-627-9400 & 240-527-9749
Fathersmatter@hocmc.org

Funding for this project was provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Grant #50F0109-02-00. These services are available to all eligible persons, regardless of race, gender, age, disability, or religion.

Family Self-Sufficiency Program Hosts March Info Sessions

What is the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program?



FSS is a 5-year VOLUNTARY program that assists Housing Choice Voucher residents in achieving economic independence and self-sufficiency in over a five to seven year period.

GOALS:

- To help you identify your employment and educational goals
- Increase your job skills and educational level
- Assist with linking you to supportive service programs to help you achieve your long term career with livable wages

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)

FSS Program Benefits:

- Education, training, scholarship information
- Employment preparation and information
- Asset building which includes but not limited to Financial Literacy Counseling, budgeting, credit repair, how to balance your check book, information on 401K, IRA, etc.
- Case management/coordination, coaching and advocacy
- Empowerment, self esteem building/awareness
- Homeownership

To learn more about the program, come to the FSS "Informational Session"!

Gaithersburg March 6 th 1pm – 3pm March 20 th 6pm – 8pm	Kensington March 12 th 6pm – 8pm March 26 th 6pm – 8pm
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Housing Opportunities Commission
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

(240) 627-9781 - FSSRSVP@hocmc.org
Please let us know if you need special accommodations

HCV customers who want to begin their journey toward economic independence and self-sufficiency – ***the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program is for you!***

FSS empowers participants with education/ training opportunities, financial literacy counseling, credit repair assistance, and more!

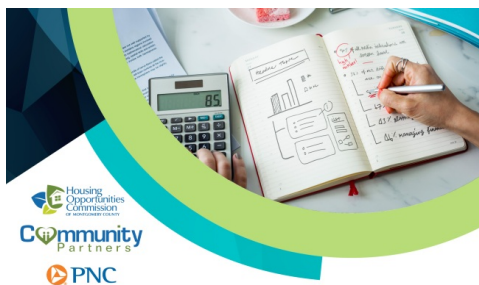
UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Kensington)
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Gaithersburg)
Tuesday, March 26, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Kensington)

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email FSSRSVP@hocmc.org or call (240) 627-9781

FREE Financial Health and Literacy Workshops



FAMILY FINANCIAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS

Improve your overall financial health by attending monthly workshops focused on budgeting, saving, smart spending, goal setting and more!

ADULTS

Your Money Values and Influences
Learn how to connect spending with your goals.

Saturday, March 9, 2019
10:00 – 11:00 am
Tanglewood Apartments
8902 Manchester Road
Silver Spring, MD 20901

Saturday, March 23, 2019
10:00 – 11:00 am
Towne Centre Place
3502 Morningswood Drive
Olney, MD 20832

TEENS (Middle and High School Students)

Working Hard for the Money
Get career and education guidance and plan for a financially secure future.

Saturday, March 9, 2019
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Georgian Court
3500 Bel Pine Road
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Saturday, March 23, 2019
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Stewartown Homes
9310 Merust Lane
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

All sessions are free. No RSVP Required.
For more information, email FLCoach@hocmc.org



Improve Your Credit Score!

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

Sponsored by the Housing Opportunities Commission in partnership with WorkSource Montgomery

2:00 – 4:00 pm
Thursday, March 14, 2019

12900 Middlebrook Road (First Floor)
Germantown, Maryland 20874

Poor credit can stop you from obtaining employment or housing — take charge of your credit!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

For more information, email FLCoach@hocmc.org

Make plans to attend one of our Family Financial Health Workshops for teens and adults – because it's never too early or too late to become financially fit!

[Click Flyer to Learn More](#)

Need to improve your credit score? We can show you how! Attend our Financial Literacy Workshop to learn how to take charge of your credit!

[Click Flyer to Learn More](#)



For information on additional resources throughout Montgomery County, visit the [Montgomery County Community Action Agency](#) and [sign up](#) to receive their monthly newsletter!

For highlights of the people and places that shape our community, click on the photo below to see the latest episode of "Month in Review at HOC" on YouTube!

Month in Review at HOC February 2019

Highlights of the people and places that shape this community

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