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Sign-up for Charter School Introduction to Maryland Charter Schools and Application Development Series Webinars

The Maryland Charter School Network is offering a series of webinars to help familiarize charter school founding groups in Maryland with the two workshop series, with the purpose to introduce the process and assist with the development of high quality charter schools in Maryland.

In the Charter Application Development webinar series, we take participants step-by-step from the beginning of the application process all the way through to submission of a proposal. Our popular webinar series will run once in 2010 on consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7PM-9PM. Webinars are two hours.

Each webinar begins with an interactive online visual presentation that you will review on your computer screen. You will listen and interact with talented instructors with national expertise through regular telephone lines. There is no special software; it is simple and convenient!

Pre- Registration is required. Introduction workshops are offered at no charge. The Charter Application Development Series has a fee.

Introduction to Maryland Charter Schools

Thursday, March 4, 2010 7-9 P.M.
Wednesday, July 2, 2010 7-9 PM

Charter School Application Development Webinar Series

Workshop 1: Designing Your School.

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

This workshop will cover: Mission, Vision, Philosophy, and Crafting a Charter Application.

Workshop 2: Educational Plan—Part 1

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

This workshop will cover: Educational Focus, Educational Needs, Goals, and Community Involvement.

Workshop 3: Educational Plan Part 2.

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

This workshop will cover: Standards, Curriculum, and Structure of the School Day and Year.

Workshop 4: Educational Plan- Part 3

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

This workshop will cover: Instructional Methodology and Professional Development.

Workshop 5: Operation Plan

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

This workshop will cover organizational, governing, and administrative structures and implementation of the charter.

Workshop 6: Business Plan

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

This workshop will cover finance, financial planning and accounting, insurance, and audits.

Workshop 7: Facilities

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

This workshop will cover the basics of facility planning, needs assessment, site selection, construction, and financing.

Workshop 8: Special Education

Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

This workshop will cover legal responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the individualized education plan (IEP) process, implementation of a special education program, and a discussion of liability issues in Maryland.

Workshop 9: Accountability

Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

This workshop will cover how to develop an accountability plan.

Register on-line at www.mdcharternetwork.org, or by calling Stephanie Simms at 800-689-3795 ext 1 or via e-mail at rsvp@mdcharternetwork.org.

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