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## **Sign-Up For Charter School Application Development Series and Introduction to Maryland Charter Schools Webinars**

The Maryland Charter School Network is offering a series of webinars to help familiarize charter school founding groups in Maryland with 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 2011 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**

January 22, 2011 from 9am-11am

### **Charter School Application Development Webinar Series**

#### **Workshop 1: Designing Your School.**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 1, 2011

**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 8, 2011

**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 15, 2011

**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 22, 2011

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

This workshop will cover: Instructional Methodology and Professional Development.

**Workshop 5: Operation Plan**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 1, 2011

**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 8, 2011

**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 15, 2011

**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 22, 2011

**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 29, 2011

**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](http://www.mdcharternetwork.org), or by calling Stephanie Simms at 800-689-3795 ext 1 or via e-mail at [rsvp@mdcharternetwork.org](mailto:rsvp@mdcharternetwork.org).

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