

SEACOM (Special Education Advisory Council of Marblehead)
announces the following workshop:

A Neuropsychological Evaluation for Your Child; why have one, what they
consist of, and how to interpret the results.

Featured Speaker: **Penny Prather, PhD**, clinical and research neuropsychologist

Monday, March 10, 2008 7:00-8:30pm

Marblehead Veterans Middle School Library Project Room, 2nd Floor
217 Pleasant Street, Marblehead, MA

A neuropsychological evaluation (NPE) can often times be the first step in understanding your child's disability. An NPE is a testing method through which a neuropsychologist can acquire data about a child's cognitive, motor, behavioral, language, and executive functioning. In the hands of a trained neuropsychologist, this data can provide information leading to the diagnosis of a cognitive deficit or to the confirmation of a diagnosis, as well as to the localization of organic abnormalities in the central nervous system (CNS); the data can also guide effective treatment methods as well as your child's individual education plan.

Dr. Prather is an Assistant Professor in Psychiatry and a faculty member of the Behavioral Neuroscience Program at Boston University School of Medicine; and Co-director of the Educational Enhancement Center in Newton, Mass. Dr. Prather's research interests include language disorders, where her research has focused on studying the time course of lexical activation in aphasic adults and in typically developing children; and characterizing the development course of as well as developmental disruptions in attention and executive control processes. Most recently, Dr. Prather has been involved in a research project examining the neuropsychological and attentional profiles of children who have Tuberous Sclerosis, a neurogenetic disorder characterized by a high incidence of attentional and disruptive behavioral disorders.

*Please mark your calendars with the following dates of the remaining SEACOM spring
2008 parent workshop schedule:*

Monday, April 14: Clare Vann, Special Education Attorney - How to Communicate
Positively with Public School Personnel And How to Document Your
Communications.

Monday, May 12: Topic to be announced.

SEACOM is a state mandated parent volunteer organization that acts as a resource and advisor to parents of children with special needs and the Marblehead Public Schools. We are committed to forming a fun, supportive, and educational group. For more information about SEACOM, visit our website at www.seacomonline.org.