

Parent Support, Information and Activities

***Inclusion Works!* Parent Mentoring Groups**

Join our Parent Groups Network. Parents around the state who are focused on their child's inclusion in general education classrooms are invited to be part of a parent group in your area organized and mentored by NJCIE. Contact Mary Ann Comparetto at 732-613-0400 for more information. (The *Inclusion Works!* Project is funded through grant #10ML1 from the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities).

2011-2012 Inclusion Workshop Series for Parents

The three strands of workshops outlined below will continue throughout the school year with the workshops within each strand building upon themselves. The strands will cumulate with final workshops at the Summer Inclusion Conference on June 27 and 28, 2012 at Georgian Court University. Participants may register for individual workshops or for an entire strand.

The workshops below are offered free of charge, but, space is limited. Participants must preregister by contacting Gina Simeone at 732-613-0400 or njcie@njcie.net. Also, please contact NJCIE if you must cancel.

Strand 1: Basic IEP Workshop: Laying the Groundwork for Inclusion

- Fundamentals of the IEP process and legal requirements
- Basics of inclusion, i.e., placement in general education classrooms with appropriate supports
- Preparing for your IEP meetings
- Q & A

■ Targeted to parents of children 0--5-years or those new to special education

Session 1:

Webinar: Friday, Oct. 7, 2011

Time: Noon—1:30 PM

Presenters: Paula Lieb & Mary Ann Comparetto

Session 2:

Webinar: Friday, January 6, 2012

Time: Noon—1:30 PM

Presenters: Paula Lieb & Mary Ann Comparetto

Session 3:

In Person Workshop: Monday, April 16, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM—9:00PM

Presenters: Paula Lieb & Mary Ann Comparetto

Location: East Brunswick Public Library, 2 [Jean Walling] Civic Center Drive, East Brunswick, NJ 08816 (find directions at <http://www.ebpl.org>)

Strand 2: Where do we go from here? Ideas for Addressing Barriers to Inclusion

- Ideas for working through conflict when you and your district don't agree
- Strategies that work and don't work from parents whose children are included
- Ideas for brainstorming and problem solving
- Ideas for persevering even when you feel burned out
- Insights/perspective from Directors of Special Education
- Q & A

☐ Targeted to parents who already know the basics but seek information about working effectively with their districts

Session 1:

Webinar: Friday, November 4, 2011

Time: Noon-1:30 PM

Presenters: Bonni Rubin-Sugarman & Mary Ann Comparetto

Session 2:

In Person Workshop: Monday, February 13, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Presenters: To Be Identified

Location: East Brunswick Public Library, 2 [Jean Walling] Civic Center Drive, East Brunswick, NJ 08816 (find directions at <http://www.ebpl.org>)

Session 3:

Webinar: Friday, May 11, 2012

Presenters: To Be Identified

Time: Noon-1:30 PM

Strand 3: Planning for Transition: Elements of an Effective High School Transition Program and Exploring Post-Secondary Options

- Overview of transition requirements for students 14 through graduation
- Working with your district on your child's transition plan
- Preparing your child to participate in their IEP meeting
- Information on options for students transitioning (including college; supported community-based employment; independent living)
- Q & A

☐ Targeted to parents of students 12 – 21 years old

Session 1:

In Person: Thursday, December 8, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Presenters: Sarah Logan & Tracy Amerman, Ed.D.

Location: The Arc of Monmouth County, 1158 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07712

Session 2:

Webinar: Fri., March 9, 2012

Time: Noon-1:30 PM

Presenters: To Be Identified

Session 3:

Webinar: Fri., June 8, 2012

Time: Noon—1:30 PM, Presenters: To Be Identified

