

Special Education Parent Network

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Sample of Presentations Currently Available in the FEH & CVES BOCES regions

Will create or customize presentations related to special education to suit your groups needs/interest.

State Vetted Trainings:

1. **CPSE/CSE Parent Member Training** – NY State Vetted training for parents currently or interested in being Parent Members of the CSE/CPSE. Presented in collaboration with RSE – TASC. 5 hours.
 - Understand the special education process from referral to annual review meeting.
 - Learn how to be an effective support person for parents during the meeting.
 - Help other parents understand their child’s meeting, terminology, and recommendations.
2. **Transition for Families: Preparing for Life After High School:**
 - a. Your Child – Today. Effective transition assessment methods that include family member and student perspectives will provide information for the CSE to determine specific strengths, interests, and need areas.
 - b. Your Child – In the Future. Measurable post-secondary goals developed by the CSE take into account the student’s current information, and are a result of student and family member participation.
 - c. How Will Your Child Get There? Annual goals, a coordinated set of activities, and community agencies can provide the support needed to achieve short and long-term goals.
3. **Effective Communication Between Schools and Families: The Key to Success**
 - a. Understand both their role and the student’s role in Special Education process
 - b. Identify barriers that interfere with effective communication.
 - c. Gain a basic understanding of the essential elements of effective communication
 - d. Learn about strategies and tools that will establish and maintain effective collaboration between families and schools and to overcome the barriers of effective communication.

Other Trainings

4. **When a Child Needs Special Education** - Parents and general educators are often confused and overwhelmed when entering the new realm of Special Education and Related Services. The presenter will explain the various aspects encountered in this realm: Services, Law, Process, Notice of referral, Consent form, CSE process, evaluation, Who is a child with a disability?, diagnosis/classification, role of educator, services provided, service options, locations of delivery, and the IEP document. 2 Hours.
5. **Parent Rights & Responsibilities** – A review of the Procedural Safeguards Notice, explanation of parental rights, what to do if you feel something is not right, and the procedures to correct the wrongs, and what responsibilities parents have in their child’s education plan. 90 minutes.
6. **Transitions: CPSE to CSE**– Transitions are an exciting yet scary time for both children & parents. We will explain what to expect in the process of transitioning & what to expect at the next level. Some tips will be given to assist your family in making the transitions in your child’s academics as smooth as possible. Often presented in collaboration with the ECDC and/or RSE-TASC. 1- 2 hours.

7. **RtI: Response to Intervention** – A strategy used to ensure No Child is Left Behind. RtI is a multi-tiered approach to instruction to ensure children receive appropriate instruction and environmental supports for academic and behavioral interventions. Understand why and when the tiers are implemented.
8. **Getting it Together: Organize For Success** - With seemingly more activities crammed into children's lives than ever before, it's crucial that they develop the organizational skills necessary to stay on top of their schoolwork. Learn how to support your children by teaching them organizational skills for a lifetime.
9. **Getting it Together: Education Records** – IEPs, evaluations, report cards, quarterly progress notes, meeting notices, communications with your child's team... Is the endless special education paperwork stressing you out? Bring your child's records with you for an interactive workshop where you will be given a binder & guidance on organizing your child's records. The binder will serve as an easy reference to his/her progress which will enable you to be a more effective member of your child's team.
10. **Getting It Together: Homework Strategies** – Homework completion has been linked to classroom success. Learn how to support your child in developing skills to enable successful homework completion. According to NYU students who complete their homework score 73% higher than non-completers. This program will identify what homework is to children with disabilities and their families; how to break the cycle of destructive homework practices by identifying your child's specific need, identify the reason for homework difficulties, and utilize strategies based on your child's learning style; and strengthen your relationship with school.
11. **Effective Home-School Partnerships: Conflict Resolution** - This presentation will explain the nature and value of conflict while teaching effective communication techniques and resources. Participants will learn about formal dispute resolution options; mediation, impartial hearings, and resolution sessions.
12. **NY State Graduation Options** - Do you understand the graduation diploma & credential options for your children? (-Regents Diploma -Skills & Achievement Commencement Credential -Local Diploma with safety net -High school equivalence diploma -Regents Diploma Pathways -Regents Certificate of Work Readiness) Attendees will gain a working knowledge of both the current & proposed diploma & credential options.