



FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS



Sponsored by the Special Education Resource Center located at White Oak School
Baltimore County Public Schools Office of Special Education

2017 DAYTIME WINTER WORKSHOPS

SST AND 504: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

January 31

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Participants will learn about the role of the Student Support Team (SST) in problem-solving and addressing complex student needs. The various team functions will be discussed, including SST screening, developing and monitoring general education interventions and supports through individualized SST Plans, and considering Section 504 eligibility and developing and monitoring 504 Plans. In addition, participants will learn the similarities and differences between 504 Plans and IEPs, and discuss tips for working collaboratively with school staff.

Instructor: Beth Lambert, BCPS, SST/504/IST Facilitator

SENSORY STRATEGIES AT HOME & SCHOOL

February 3

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Participants will learn about sensory processing, identify how a child's seven senses process information and discover sensory processing strategies to support children's participation in home and school routines.

Instructor: Beth George, Occupational Therapy Team Leader, BCPS Office of Special Education

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S IEP

February 10

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

This workshop is designed to give parents a more in depth examination of the components of your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) document. A closer look at the IEP will help you learn what you need to know to become more effective as an equal member of your child's IEP team. Participants must bring a copy of their child's current IEP.

Instructor: Conya Bailey, Compliance Supervisor, BCPS Office of Special Education

UNDERSTANDING YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS & MARYLAND PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS NOTICE

March 3

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

This 28 page document is provided to parents and legal guardians when they attend an IEP meeting on behalf of their child. The notice is designed to protect the rights of children with disabilities and their parents or legal guardians. The workshop will provide an in-depth explanation, page by page, to promote greater understanding of the parental rights and procedural safeguards provided by federal and state laws.

Instructor: Leslie Seid Margolis, Managing Attorney, Disability Rights Maryland

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE AND USING THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROCESS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS IN SCHOOL

March 15

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Did you know that students with disabilities are two times more likely to be suspended from school than non-disabled peers and that suspension has been shown to be ineffective in changing student behavior? This workshop will review suspension trends in Maryland, including the disproportionate suspension of students with disabilities and African-American students. Additionally, parents and caregivers will learn about the discipline process for students with disabilities, how the special education process can and should be used to address interfering or challenging behavior, and how to be an effective advocate for evidence-based discipline practices.

Instructor: Nicole Joseph, Attorney, Disability Rights Maryland



ALL DAYTIME WINTER WORKSHOPS LOCATED AT:

White Oak School Training Lab
8401 Leefield Road
Baltimore, MD 21234

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In the event of a one hour late opening, workshops will be held.*****

Registration required and limited for ALL workshops.

E-mail Lisa at ldiffenderfer@bcps.org or call the Resource Center at 410-887-5443 to register.

Let us know in advance of any accommodations you may require.