

Free Education & Resource Webinars - January 2017



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Extended School Year (ESY) Services: Extended school year (ESY) services are required special education and related services provided beyond the limits of the school term, in accordance with the child’s individualized education program (IEP), and at no cost to the parents.

These services are necessary in order to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE). This webinar will be an opportunity to learn more about the federal regulations that specifically address ESY services. Additionally, it will provide parents with the information on requesting these services and how IEP teams determine the need for ESY services.

Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2017

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

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"Legal Status and Capacity - What's the difference and why does it matter?" Did you know that the second an individual turns 18 he/she is considered a “competent major?” As a competent major, no one other than the individual has the legal authority to make decisions on his/her behalf regardless of whether that person has capacity or not. Join us for this webinar to learn more about legal status, the impact it can have on an individual with a significant disability, and how to change someone’s legal status when appropriate.

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017

Time: 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Guest Presenter: Koki Otero, Attorney at Law Otero Law Firm

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EEOC Basic Overview of the Laws: This presentation will focus on each of the laws enforced by the EEOC including example of discriminatory practices and how an employee files a Charge of Discrimination. It will also include what an employer should do after being Notified of a Charge.

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 **Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Guest Presenter: Marvis Hicks, Outreach & Education Coordinator, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

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Understanding the Important Difference between “Accommodations” & Modifications:

Meeting after meeting, parents and teachers use the words “accommodation” and “modification” almost interchangeably when discussing IEPs and student needs. If understood and used correctly, these words can greatly impact the success of a child’s educational program. Get answers to these questions and more:

- How can accommodations and modifications help my child in the general education classroom?
- How are accommodations and modifications included in IEP and which accommodations are provided for state testing?

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 **Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

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Seizure Recognition and First Aid for Families: Basic information for parents or caregivers whose child has recently been diagnosed with epilepsy. Includes information and tips to help manage your child's epilepsy for optimal care. You will learn about resources for additional help and support.

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 **Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Guest Presenter: Stephanie Hodges, Epilepsy Louisiana Case Manager

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IDEA: What You Need to Know - Learn your rights, responsibilities and role as a parent of a child in special education. Discover how a student is evaluated and found eligible to receive special education services. Understand the procedural safeguards parents have in the special education process.

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 **Time:** 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

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"Expanded SSI application window for foster kids". The transition into adulthood is one of the most critical turns in life's journey. For foster children living with a disability, this period can be even more challenging.

Did you know that since 2010, SSA rules have allowed foster children to apply for SSI? Join us to learn how SSA is expanding this application window and explanation of benefit eligibility criteria for children and share helpful tips and best practices for filing SSI applications.

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Guest Presenter: Maria T. Alvarez, Social Security Administration, Public Affairs Specialist in New Orleans

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Be Your Own Self-Advocate: Everyone should be able to stand up for themselves, especially youth with disabilities. Having this skill provides a feeling safety and independence. Being a self-advocate means having the knowledge needed to succeed and are given the chance to participate in decisions that are being made about your life. We hope that through this webinar we can encourage and inform youth and families members how to become a successful self-advocate.

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Presenter: Raquel Castenda, FHF

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Understanding 504: Learn what a 504 plan is, how to request it, and the difference between a 504 plan and an IEP (Individualized Education Program). This training will explain how to become eligible for a 504 plan, how this plan can be used, what is included, parent and student rights, and the options available if a disagreement arises. A virtual tour and discussion of the newly revised Individual Accommodation Plan will be addressed.

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 **Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

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Individualized Education Program (IEP): A Blueprint for Student Success (for Children and Youth Ages 3-21) - Each public school child who receives special education and related services must have an IEP designed to meet his/her unique needs. The foundation of this program is the IEP which is developed by a team of individuals which includes the parent (s). This training provides an overview of the major components of the IEP as well as a step by step walkthrough of the IEP form.

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 **Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

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