

# Free Education & Resource Webinars - November 2016



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**How to Conduct Friendly and Productive IEP Meetings:** This webinar was designed with input from parents, parent groups, advocacy organizations, teachers, mediators, facilitators and district representatives. Participants will discuss how to make IEP meetings more productive and friendly and is divided into four key areas: People, Process, Preparation and Meeting, Outcome and Follow-through.

This presentation will focus on practical skill development for IEP team members and specific strategies for increasing communication and conflict prevention will be discussed in each of the four areas.

**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2016

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Presenter:** Shanida Mathieu, FHF

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**Overwhelmed by choosing your Louisiana plan?** Not sure how to make your choice? Karen Scallan will help you learn how to choose a plan and help you keep your current providers.

**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2016

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Guest Presenter:** Karen Scallan, Certified Parent Support Provider Special Needs & Parent Support Services of LA, LLC

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**The Big Step:** Transitioning Into Preschool. This webinar is to give insight on the importance of successful transitions from Early Intervention services to preschool. It touches on the importance of the roles of the parents, service coordinators, and educators. Participants will learn the positive and negative effects of transitions. We will also focus on what to look for in a preschool program.

**Date:** Friday, November 4, 2016

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Presenter:** Shanida Mathieu, FHF

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**Options for resolving IEP disagreements with school.** Sometimes you may disagree with the LEA about your child's special education. When such disagreements occur, parents and school districts can turn to IDEA's procedural safeguards and dispute resolution options, which protect the rights of parents and children with disabilities. This Free webinar will provide you with explanation on IDEA's procedural safeguards and dispute resolution options and the Louisiana Department of Educational rights for students with Disabilities handbook.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2016      **Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Presenter:** Shanida Mathieu, FHF

**Register @:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1164564611182179586>

**Contents of the IEP:** A child's IEP, by law, must contain specific information, including the special education and related services that he or she will receive. But there's so much more in an IEP! Find out in detail.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2016      **Time:** 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Presenter:** Shanida Mathieu, FHF

**Register @:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7406329394283488258>

**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:** Thursday, November 10, 2016      **Time:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

**Register @:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5164813312852879106>

**Successful Transition Planning and the IEP: All You Need to Know for Parents of Children aged 14 and older:** This training will prepare parents and students to be active participants in developing a meaningful and useful transition plan to help them as they prepare for life as an adult, when they finish school. It will tell you what needs to be in the transition plan, and what the law (IDEA) says about transition services. The transition plan is part of the IEP for students who are 16 and over. It can be frightening to contemplate life after school has finished, so join us as we help take the mystery out of it and to give you the information you need to ensure that a successful transition is within the reach of your child.

**Date:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016      **Time:** 1:00 p.m.. - 2:00 p.m.

**Presenter:** Shanida Mathieu, FHF

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**This is How We Do It: Disability and Dating:** Dating is normal part of life that may be awkward and many times goes without being spoken about to people with disabilities. Dating can be fun but also scary, especially for individuals with disabilities. It is very important to stay safe and to set up rules and precautions before going on dates. Learn about dating tips in this webinar geared towards young adults with disabilities. Our goal is to encourage dating while promoting safety and well being.

**Date:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016

**Time:** 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Presenter:** Raquel Castaneda, FHF

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**Understanding and Writing an IEP** - Participants will gain an understanding of the IEP content and the documentation necessary to develop an IEP. Discussion will focus on who is required to be involved in the development of an IEP and what the parent and school roles are in the process. Each section of the IEP will be reviewed with an explanation of what information is required by IDEA 2004 and what needs to be recorded in the various IEP sections.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Presenter:** Shanida Mathieu, FHF

**Register @:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/891872533292395522>

**Strategies & Tools for Dyslexia:** Dyslexia is a diverse diagnosis that can impact a student's performance in a variety of ways. This can include fine motor writing, composition, reading, communication, spatial skills, and the list goes on. During this 2 part webinar series, participants will learn approaches, strategies, tools, and resources that will increase student independence while utilizing their unique style of learning for academic success. This two part series will focus on: Neurological Research, Visual/Audio Reception, and Reading and part two will focus on Written Expression, Spatial Skills, and Mathematics.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Guest Presenter:** Justin Sims AT Facilitator, LATI Central Center

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**Date:** Friday, November 18, 2016

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Guest Presenter:** Justin Sims AT Facilitator, LATI Central Center

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**Give All Students a Voice:** Some students go through their whole school career without ever getting a chance to express themselves. This session will discuss how to develop a communication system for all students to be able to express what they know.

Participants will be taken through different types of Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) systems ranging from no tech to high tech devices and how they can be integrated depending on the student, environment and task.

**Date:** Thursday, November 17, 2016 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Guest Presenter:** Sharon Edwards, M.Ed., CCC-SLP Speech Language Pathologist South River Assistive Technology Facilitator

**Register @:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9133813894124761858>

The **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**, the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**, and **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act** are essential laws that help to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. Each law has its own specific purpose. In this workshop, participants will gain an understanding of the ADA, IDEA, and Section 504, how they relate to each other, and about eligibility requirements overall! A specific focus will surround how a student is determined to be eligible for an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 plan and the rules and regulations of each.

**Date:** Tuesday, November 29, 2016 **Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Presenter:** Shanida Mathieu, FHF

**Register @:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5211999953871127042>

**On Time, Prepared, and In Control: Executive Functioning Strategies for Success:** When students have issues with executive functioning, any task that requires planning, organization, memory, time management and flexible thinking becomes a challenge. We will explore these challenges as well as strategies to help your students improve their executive skills and manage the difficulties.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 **Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Guest Presenter:** Kristine Taylor, AT Facilitator LATI Central Center

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