

Free Education & Resource Webinars - December 2016



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Parents as Partners in the IEP Process: Parents are important members of the IEP team. They can and want to be effective partners with other members of the team in developing and delivering special education programs for their student with disabilities. However, they often lack information. This webinar will help parents understand their role, rights and responsibilities in the IEP process. Parents will also learn how to effectively prepare for, participate in, and follow-up on IEP meetings held on behalf of their student.

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2016

Time: 11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

Register @: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/315220466339267844>

"Crisis in Play". It is about how children are being over scheduled and not given the free time they need to just play. They are in school with no free time and even recess is going away! Our children need to play, that's how they learn critical skills that they take with them into adulthood. Skills like empathy, communication, critical thinking, being creative. Play is so very important for children. As parents we can allow open ended play, setting aside unstructured time to allow them to be a kid and just PLAY!

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2016

Time: 8:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

Guest Presenter: Brittany Saxton, Discovery Toys Consultant

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Section 504 - Participants will gain an understanding and functional knowledge of parents rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and how it can assist children with disabilities in the educational environment. Participants will review the history behind Section 504, learn the requirements of writing a 504 Accommodation Plan, and learn the differences between an IEP and a 504 Accommodation Plan.

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Time: 10:30 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

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Supports, Modifications, and Accommodations for Students: For many students with disabilities and for many without the key to success in the classroom lies in having appropriate adaptations, accommodations, and modifications made to the instruction and other classroom activities. Join us as we explore and discuss various options and examples of support available to help your child become successful.

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2016 **Time:** 10:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.
Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF
Register @: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2616931510856209412>

Health Care Rights for Transitioning Youth in Healthy Louisiana Plans (Louisiana Medicaid): Know your rights and be empowered! This webinar will explore health care rights of youth in transition ages 14-21 who receive health care through one of the 5 Healthy Louisiana Plans (formerly known as Bayou Health). Knowing what services you are entitled to helps you advocate for better care and work more closely with doctors to receive the services you need. **Who should attend?**

YOUTH! and their parents, foster parents, DCFS workers, juvenile justice employees working with youth, support coordinators, case managers, disability advocates, health care advocates, social workers, provider agencies.

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2016 **Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Guest Presenter: Karen Scallan, Certified Parent Support Provider Special Needs & Parent Support Services of LA, LLC
Register @: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7914375234946181124>

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 **Time:** 7:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.
Guest Presenter: Karen Scallan, Certified Parent Support Provider Special Needs & Parent Support Services of LA, LLC
Register @: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8762051420961574916>

"Coping with the Holiday Blues" This session will provide an overview of how to deal with Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) and other mental health problems during the holiday season. The presenter will provide attendees with practical information about strategies for recognizing and addressing symptoms of the holiday blues. These resources may assist attendees in managing mental health and depression during the holiday season.

Date: Friday, December 9, 2016 **Time:** 10:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.
Guest Presenter: Chantrelle Varnado-Johnson, M.Ed, MA, LPC-S, NCC, Doctoral Candidate, University of New Orleans NAMI New Orleans Board Member
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Steps to Success: IDEA Part C to B : This training is designed to help parents of young children make a smooth transition from IFSP (Part C of IDEA) services to IEP (Part B of IDEA) services. Learn when the transition process should begin, what the difference in services will be, as well as the difference in qualification criteria

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Time: 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

Register @: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/93963542459447044>

Supporting Persons with Disabilities through the Holidays: Many times extended families get together, and yet cousins or friends may not really understand the individual with the disability.

It might be helpful for parents or the person with the disability to send out a quick update to family members prior to an event. In this session we will provide tips to prepare in advance of the holiday traditions to make this event a joyful one.

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Time: 8:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Raquel Casteneda, FHF

Register @: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5869955408887751172>

Extended School Year Services: Summer IEP Services : This training provides an overview of the ESY process for children with disabilities. Some questions (and answers) that will be discussed include: what is ESY, how does a child qualify, and what are the options?

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Time: 12:00 p.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

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