

Free Education & Resource Webinars - September 2016



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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 up to 90 days before his or her foster care eligibility ends? Join us to learn how SSA is expanding this application window to assess whether a longer application period significantly reduces gaps in income support.

SSA will also explain benefit eligibility criteria for children and share helpful tips and best practices for filing SSI applications.

Date: Thursday, September 1, 2016

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7592821956773593859>

Accommodations for Students who are Deaf, Deafblind, & Hard of Hearing while in High School. Parents should be aware about the effectiveness of the accommodations in an educational setting since it’s not a “One Size Fits All” mode of communication. Students should be empowered during the IEP process and be able to communicate any issues regarding their accommodations.

Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Guest Presenter: Natasha Aymami,

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4242549553800684291>

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How Will I Know if My Child is Making Progress? Parents of children who are receiving special education services receive regular reports of progress on their children's IEP goals, as mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA). However, this report is often mistakenly overlooked by parents and may not provide specific information based on recent data. If you think your child is not making meaningful educational progress, this webinar will help answer this question and you will learn how to gather information from special education and general education sources.

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016 **Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2482603072661551107>

Supporting Students With ADHD at Home: You may feel a little helpless when you send your child with ADHD to school each morning. You may feel you have little control over how the school day will go for your child. However, there are some steps you can take at home to help you prepare your child for a school day.

Date: Friday, September 9, 2016 **Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Guest Presenter: Robin Parker-Brooks, DBH, LMSW
Putting the Pieces Together Behavior Health Services (Pt2)

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8910026991244813827>

Parents Rights: It's important for parents to know their rights during the special education process so they can fully participate in the planning of their child's educational program and can be an effective advocate for their child. IDEA includes specific rights for parents of children with disabilities. These rights are called "Procedural Safeguards." Whether you're asking the school to evaluate your child or give special education and related services, there's a legal process the school must follow. Participants will learn about several important procedural safeguards and what they mean for you and your child.

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 **Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2960141863325810947>

Accommodations for Students who are Deaf, Deafblind, & Hard of Hearing in Post-Secondary Educational Settings. What they need to know about types of accommodations and having the professionals involved in providing the student's accommodations.

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Guest Presenter: Natasha Aymami,

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4253056486916024323>

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Election 2016 - Prepare to Vote: Join us to talk about voting rights and prepare for the presidential election! Learn about registering to vote, voting early via absentee ballot, voting early in person and voting on election day. Also, get answers to your voting questions and dilemmas.

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2016 **Time:** 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Guest Presenters: Stephanie Patrick, Director of Policy and Planning, Advocacy Center and Ashley Volion policy assistant at the Advocacy Center
Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1357562983912164611>

Preparing for Your Health Care During an Emergency: Presenter, Karen Scallan, will discuss what you need to know regarding accessing your Medicaid services in an emergency, even when out of state due to a large scale evacuation and how to create a portable care notebook or record that will help you access medical care more quickly and appropriately when evacuated.

Date: Friday, September 16, 2016 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Guest Presenter: Karen Scallan, Certified Parent Support Provider Special Needs & Parent Support Services of LA, LLC
Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/262110753066113539>

Section 504 & IDEA What's the Difference: Have you ever wondered which law applies to your child-the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act? Would you like to have a clearer understanding about the differences and similarities between the two laws? This webinar will provide participants with a brief overview of both laws, focusing on the purposes and eligibility requirements for each.

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF
Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5519223291137632259>

Related Services: Children with disabilities are entitled to special education and related services. The IEP must contain a statement of the special education, related services and supplementary aids and services to be provided to the child. Participants will learn several critical elements used to determine what related services a student needs.

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 **Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF
Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8292445603573991939>



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