



Families Helping Families

Supporting All Disabilities

May 2017 Webinars

Families Helping Families of Jefferson invites you to join us for our free monthly webinars. Our webinars provide attendees with important training on a variety of educational topics and supports and services available to individuals with disabilities and their families in the community. Webinar events are viewed right from your computer, where you can watch, listen and have the option to post questions and get LIVE responses. For a list of webinars, please visit our website at www.fhfjefferson.org then click on **“What’s Going On”** choose a topic, and register or scan the barcode.

Childcare Centers and the ADA - Meeting the needs of individual children is something child care providers understand. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal law, enacted in 1990, that provides child care professionals with an exciting opportunity to serve children with special needs or disabilities. Participants will gain an understanding of reasonable modifications in policies, practices, and procedures in order to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017

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

Audience: Parents, Caregivers, and Professionals of School-Aged Children/Students.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

Register @: <http://tinyurl.com/ks92m4a>

Summer Camps and the Americans with Disabilities Act - With school almost out, it’s time to begin thinking about camp and other arrangements for the summer. Children with disabilities require and need recreation the same as other children. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (“A.D.A.”), a child is entitled to attend any camp or activity that non-disabled children attend, with modifications, and with a few exceptions. This training will provide an overview of who is protected by the A.D.A, the modifications required under the law, and how to prevent discrimination.

Date: Wednesday, May 3, 2017

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

Audience: Parents, Caregivers, and Professionals of School-Aged Children/Students.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

Register @: <http://tinyurl.com/ktm68es>

Personal preparedness can make the difference between life and death or healthy survival versus hospitalization after disaster- Do you have a plan for sheltering in place? Chemical emergencies? Urgent evacuation? Active Shooter Events? Medicaid services while evacuated? Are you considering self-directed waiver services? If so, have you written your emergency preparedness plan? Have you considered what happens with your child's medication at school if the school is on lock down? This 2-part training will not only help you answer these questions but determine what emergencies to plan for, but how to plan and provide a host of resources that you can use to become better prepared.

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017

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

Audience: Parents, Caregivers, and Professionals of School-Aged Children/Students.

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

Register @: <http://tinyurl.com/lpv2f2v>

Are You Really My Friend? - Everyone wants and need friends, but how can you tell if someone is really your friend? People with disabilities or special needs are often bullied and abused by "so called friends." These "so called friends" might treat you badly by screaming/yelling at you, hitting you, or even forcing you to do things you do not want to do.

This webinar will give you basic information about how to recognize if someone is being a real friend to you or just using you. You will also get tips on how to recognize true friendship.

Date: Monday, May 8, 2017

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

Audience: Parents, Caregivers, and Family Members of/and Self-Advocate Youth Ages 16 - 26.

Presenter: Raquel Castaneda, FHF

Register @: <http://tinyurl.com/jxqlaob>

Surrogate Parents - Congress recognized the importance of active parents' involvement in planning their children's educational programs, monitoring progress, and challenging inappropriate decisions. This child advocate role is usually filled by parents. However, the laws give an alternative if the parents of a child with a disability are unknown or completely unavailable or if the child is a ward of the state. Surrogate parents fill the parental role in these situations. Most often a surrogate is either a foster parent or a volunteer from the local community. A brief overview of the special education laws around who may take on the role of parent for a child with a disability who may not have a biological or adoptive parent to serve in that role.

Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017

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

Audience: Parents, Caregivers, and Professionals of School-Aged Children/Students.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

Register @: <http://tinyurl.com/kf6ce3p>

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Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017

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

Audience: Parents, Caregivers, and Professionals of School-Aged Children/Students.

Presenter: Karen Scallan, Certified Parent Support Provider Special Needs & Parent Support Services LA

Register @: <http://tinyurl.com/mub5teq>

Procedural Safeguards - Since the first federal law dealing with the education of students with disabilities in public schools was passed, legal rights for parents has been an important part of the law. These legal rights for parents are generally referred to as "procedural safeguards". The purpose of this webinar is to let parents know that they have legal rights and to help them understand what these rights are.

Date: Friday, May 12, 2017

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Audience: Parents, Caregivers, and Professionals of School-Aged Children/Students.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

Register @: <http://tinyurl.com/kzhzowu>

How to Ask for What I Need? Whether you are in school, work, a doctor's office, a restaurant, or store; you have the right to have your needs met. Having your needs met is called having accommodations. You may have heard your parents talk about it. Now it is time for you to learn how to get your needs met.

This webinar will give you basic information about your rights to accommodations and how to ask for them. We will also provide everyone a list of common accommodations you can use when your needs are not being met.

Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Audience: Parents, Caregivers, and Family Members of/and Self-Advocate Youth Ages 16 - 26.

Presenter: Raquel Castaneda, FHF

Register @: <http://tinyurl.com/l6d4ups>



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Leveling the Playing Field with Accommodations - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II), prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. Although both school districts and postsecondary schools must comply with these same laws, the responsibilities of postsecondary schools are significantly different from those of school districts. This webinar will provide participants with an overview of the differences of supports as well as, the responsibilities of both entities.

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017

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

Audience: Parents, Caregivers, and Professionals of School-Aged Children/Students.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

Register @: <http://tinyurl.com/lhwbt2>

A Smooth Move to Adulthood Transition Health Care Information for Youth with Special Health Care Needs and Disabilities - The transition from pediatric care to adult health services is a critical time for YSHCN and can be challenging for families and youth alike. This webinar explores tools and strategies that can help families get ready for this important transition and will provide expert recommendations on youth health transition and identify key community programs and resources which support transition activities.

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017

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

Audience: Parents, Caregivers, and Family Members of/and Self-Advocate Youth Ages 16 - 26.

Guest Presenter: Patti Barovechio, DNP MN CCM PCMH-CCE, Statewide Care Coordinator Supervisor, Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) of Louisiana Office of Public Health

Register @: <http://tinyurl.com/mamgbth>

IEP vs. Section 504 Plans - Which Is Right for My Child? Children with disabilities who qualify for special education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) receive services under an IEP plan. However, some children with disabilities do not receive services under an IEP but are instead served under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504). Participants will learn the similarities as well as differences between the IDEA and Section 504.

Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Audience: Parents, Caregivers, and Professionals of School-Aged Children/Students.

Presenter: Shanida Mathieu, FHF

Register @: <http://tinyurl.com/kxt5x45>



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