



September 2017 Webinars

Families Helping Families of Jefferson the Louisiana Parent Training & Information Center (LaPTIC) 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.

Accommodations vs. 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 is it included in IEP and which accommodations are provided for state testing?

Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Presenter: Veronica Stevenson, FHF

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

Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/y8vfnsk2>

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: Thursday, September 7, 2017

Time: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Presenter: Raquel Castaneda, FHF

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

Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/y8rru7df>

Tools for Developing a Communication Plan: Assuring communication access for students with unique needs - We will learn why and how to use this new tool for developing a communication plan to

assure communication access. If you're working with students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf Blind, limited or no verbal skills, significant impairment in receptive and/ or expressive language including but not limited to impairment in the area of Apraxia, articulation, phonology, fluency, pragmatics, or Auditory processing, you don't want to miss this training.

Date: Friday, September 8, 2017

Time: 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Guest Presenter: Rana Ottallah, Policy and Community Engagement Assistant, Advocacy Center

Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/y76edm89>

Anatomy of an IEP - Like a biology student, this presentation will dissect the parts of the IEP document and examine their functions individually, learning their meanings and application. It will provide constructive and practical tips to help create an IEP that supports all of the student's needs. We will explore the parent's role in the IEP process and learn the basics of their child's right to special education services, the process of developing special education plans, and the parent's role.

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Presenter: Raquel Castaneda, FHF

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

Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/y8nwc9xb>

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: Thursday, September 14, 2017

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Presenter: Veronica Stevenson, FHF

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

Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/yawnc6gs>

Planning Transition from High School to Adulthood this School Year - This webinar will provide an overview of transition from school to the community. Participants will learn about the opportunities, services, and supports that are available. The session will also include some local and national examples of successful transitions.

Date: Friday, September 15, 2017

Time: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Guest Presenter: Sue Killam, M.Ed., CESP, CWIC, LSU Employment Initiatives Coordinator

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

Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/y8qu9r9z>

"Ask Karen" All Things Medicaid - Karen will take your questions about Medicaid services and programs. Bring your questions regarding applying for Medicaid, Medicaid denials, Health Louisiana plans, Waiver Services, support coordination, self-direction in waiver services, writing effective plans of care and emergency plans for people with special health care needs, services through Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities or Aging and Adult Services and more! You won't want to miss this informative discussion.

Email your questions in advance so Karen can do any research that might be needed ahead of time. kcscallan@gmail.com

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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

Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/yb3g9j4y>

IEP Tips and Pointers - Tried and true tips on how to positively advocate for your children, strengthen the relationships between parents and service agencies, and help create the appropriate IEP program.

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Presenter: Veronica Stevenson, FHF

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

Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/ybrvoj5a>

Addressing Challenging Behavior - Parenting is a full-time job with many daily challenges. As parents, we teach our children what is the right thing to do and what they should not do.

The purpose of this training is to help parents recognize the early signs of conflict and implement strategies that can manage the conflict in a proactive way and prevent the conflict from turning into a full-blown storm.

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2017

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Presenter: Raquel Castaneda, FHF

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

Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/y7q838kn>

ADA and Childcare - 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, September 26, 2017

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Presenter: Raquel Castaneda, FHF

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

Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/y746s729>

IDEA: What Parents 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: Friday, September 29, 2017

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Presenter: Veronica Stevenson, FHF

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

Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/ycdp3nkv>



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