

MCA Upcoming Webinars Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

ESY – Extended school year, Brad Dembs, June 9

Description: Learn the legal standard for eligibility for extended school year services and advocacy strategies to ensure your children are provided with the services they are entitled to under the law. [Register in advance for this webinar:](#)

Advocate vs. Attorney, Matt Cohen & Elizabeth Hooper, June 16

Description: Understand the different roles of advocates and attorneys and the pros and cons of working with each (or both) to make informed decisions when enlisting help for your child. [Register in advance for this webinar:](#)

FAPE During the School Shut Down, Matt Cohen, June 23

Description: Your child's right to a free appropriate public education (FAPE) during and after the school shut down, what you can do to improve services during the shutdown and to prepare for the return to school and possible right to compensatory education to make up for the lost time. [Register in advance for this webinar:](#)

Transitions, Brad Dembs, June 30

Description: This presentation will focus on the federal and state standards for the provision of transition services to teens and young adults with disabilities by their school districts. In addition to describing what the law requires, we will discuss advocacy strategies to assist families and private providers in obtaining appropriate services to support their children in developing vocational and independent living skills. [Register in advance for this webinar:](#)

Least Restrictive Environment, Matt Cohen, July 7

Description: We will review the right to services in the least restrictive environment, what those rights mean in the real world, and strategies to obtain and appropriately implement services in the least restrictive setting. We will also discuss the difference between inclusion, mainstreaming and dumping. [Register in advance for this webinar:](#)

IEP – Key Items, Brad Dembs, July 14

Description: Learn the key components of an IEP, what is required under the law, and strategies to employ before, during and after IEP meetings to ensure that the plan that is developed meets your child's needs. [Register in advance for this webinar:](#)

Higher Education Overview, Matt Cohen & Kim Milburn, July 21

Description: We will discuss the process for obtaining accommodations in college and graduate school, as well as for important entrance exams. We will also discuss the pros and cons of disclosing one's disability before and after admission and the difficulties with securing help

when the student is already having difficulties, as well as the internal university mechanisms to resolve disputes and possible means to bring complaints when the situation can't be resolved internally. [Register in advance for this webinar:](#)

Adoption/Trauma Issues & Special Ed, Nina Hennessey-Tamburo & Matt Cohen, July 28

Description: Presentation will address unique problems of children that have been adopted and/or experienced early childhood trauma, including Reactive Attachment Disorder and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, how these problems fit within the special education system ESY – Extended School and strategies for securing more appropriate services for these students. [Register in advance for this webinar:](#)

Weekly Zoom Meeting

We are also offering the "Parent Ask the Lawyer" sessions every Wednesday at 4 p.m. where Matt Cohen will be answering questions in an open forum for parents to talk about issues related to special education. [Register in advance for this meeting:](#)