

Parent to Parent of NYS October 2023 Webinar Events

October 5, 2023:

When You Are Considering a Developmental Evaluation for Your Child: A Parent's Perspective to Assist Your Visit: **11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

This presentation provides an overview of the parent's perspective when planning for a child's developmental evaluation. This webinar will not be looking at specific tests or types of evaluations. Instead, we want to share some tips and potential suggestions that we have learned based on our own personal experiences when our children were evaluated. We hope that this provides you with information and ideas when planning for your own child's evaluation.

Registration is required: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_acms1KbGT4SrbqsWf0SwCg

October 5, 2023:

Preventing Parent Burnout for Parents of Children with Special Needs: **7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Extraordinary parenting responsibilities create extraordinary pressures on parents. At the same time, parenting a child with special needs requires energy, focus, and enthusiasm to be effective in our role. The better off we are emotionally and physically, the better off our families will be. Join us for this webinar on Preventing Parent Burnout and discover positive ways to cope with and effectively manage stress.

Registration is required: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sxqYo9hKQHmUxBfy4Ai9CA

October 10, 2023:

Communicating with the CPSE / CSE through Letter Writing: **6:30 pm - 7:45 pm**

Letter writing can be a very effective method of communication and advocacy for parents of children with disabilities. This training assists parents, guardians, grandparents how to clearly and effectively express concerns, ideas or suggestions to the professionals involved in their child's special education program.

Registration is required:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsdeyrqjsuG9d2eqTuSTpm6X3LuMI-QeLH>

October 10, 2023:

Parent to Parent of NYS Statewide Down Syndrome Parent group - **7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Parent Group specifically for families with children and adults who have Down Syndrome. Come join us for support and conversation.

Registration is required:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scumuqj0sHdHy7BXgTzd7eMKEt5uar0sv>

October 11, 2023:

What You Need to Know About Assistive Technology in the IEP - **10:00 am - 11:30 am**

This training will teach parents, grandparents, guardians about appropriate Assistive Technology (AT) devices and services how they allow students with disabilities to participate in and benefit from the general education curriculum and to meet Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals. For every student with an IEP, federal and state regulations require that the team consider the student's need for assistive technology devices and services.

Registration is required: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6hYEp0v5TQOe3tCX_7NuLA

October 12, 2023:

Parent to Parent of NYS-Residential Placement Online Discussion Group- Parents who have a child or adult in a Residential placement: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

For families with children and adults of all ages that currently have children in residential school or a group home. Come join us for an hour of support and conversation.

Registration is required:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltcOCgqjkiE93EvzhK2aXOn96j5KdcPGBY>

October 12, 2023:

Parent to Parent of NYS- Statewide-Virtual Fathers Group- **7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Parent to Parent of NYS Fathers Group to meet online via Zoom and discuss the role of dads in navigating their children's special needs. Come join Chris Brewster for an informal meeting to share information, resources, and support. Parents of children and adults are welcome.

Registration is required:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtcOivqD8vGdEpO5DltXk9Ds9xNFODCuV>

October 16, 2023:

Getting Started with the Residential Process: Tips, Tricks, and Information - **11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Please join Sharon Linne, Regional Coordinator, Parent to Parent of NYS, as she presents a webinar on Getting Started with the Residential Process: Tips, Tricks, and Information

Where Do I Begin? The process of pursuing residential placement can be overwhelming. This presentation will help you organize your needs, preferences, and documents to help you navigate the process.

Registration is required: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gcwxSG4EQjylcTygllgerA

October 16, 2023:

PADRE A PADRE DE NYS - **7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Les invitamos a ser parte de nuestra siguiente reunión de Cuidadores vía Zoom. Parent to Parent of NYS está ofreciendo reuniones GRATUITAS de padres y/o cuidadores de seres queridos con necesidades especiales y/o médicamente frágiles. Estamos aquí para usted. Venga a compartir con nosotros en una reunión informal donde compartiremos información, recursos y encontrará el apoyo que necesita mientras cría a un ser querido con necesidades especiales y/o médicamente frágiles, sin importar la edad de la persona.

Registration is required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYuc-gqpijH9WV4ELnR1BTSqexZljdPmep>

October 17, 2023:

Let's Take a Crash Course on Understanding how to Read an IEP- **11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Please join Tina Beuparlant, Regional Manager, Education Specialist for this training on Let's Take a Crash Course on Understanding how to Read your child's IEP. Does your child have an IEP (Individualized Education Program)? We'll walk through the different sections of the IEP and discuss how to advocate for supports to make sure the IEP reflects your child's abilities and needs. Because states and local school systems may include additional information, forms differ from state to state and may vary between school systems within a state. The IEP, Individualized Education Program, is a written document that's developed for each public-school child who is eligible for special education. The IEP is created through a team effort and reviewed at least once a year. This training will teach you how to read

the IEP so you can understand what should and can be in the IEP. If you are a Parent, Grandparent, Family Member or guardian then this training is for you!

Registration is required: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-W7Ywr7-TM2IKFYwiZjXVw

October 17, 2023:

Is Guardianship the Only Option? An overview of Guardianship and the Many Alternatives

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Come join Tina Beauparlant, Regional Manager / Education Specialist as we explore: Is Guardianship the Only Option? An overview of Guardianship and the Many Alternatives Let's face it nothing keeps parents up at night more than thinking about who will care for our child/children when we are no longer able to care for them. This workshop will increase the knowledge of families of individuals with disabilities about the options besides legal guardianship for adults with disabilities. If your adult child does not need full guardianship, there are other options that we will explore in this presentation. We will also discuss guardianship and the legal requirements.

Registration is required: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_adSVn_62Td-3XJQf0fjb0Q

October 18, 2023:

Understanding the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Part 200 Students with Disabilities

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Please join Parent to Parent of NYS, Tina Beauparlant, Regional Manager/ Education Specialist, for this in-depth presentation on Understanding the Regulation of the Commissioner of Education Part 200 Students with Disabilities. This training will take you through the NYS Special Education Regulations step by step. Parents will learn the role they play on the CSE, learn the chain of command regarding the CSE, learn how to request information regarding your child's IEP and gain an understanding how to communicate with your child's teachers & administrators. After this webinar parents will have more knowledge about the educational laws to advocate for their child/children.

Registration is required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrf-mtpzMiHNxDOYkR--g0FPGOG64CXDI1>

October 18, 2023

NEW GROUP- Parent to Parent of NYS- Black, Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC) virtual Parent Group and learning series - **7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Are you a BIPOC Parent of a child with special needs of any age? (BIPOC – Black, Indigenous, Person of Color) Like you, I understand the realities of parenting our children with special needs while walking that tightrope of living on the margins struggling to be seen! Let's address the high pressure reality on us as BIPOC parents so we may begin to re-energize ourselves, re-focus on what's most important, and re-up our enthusiasm to increase our effectiveness in our roles. As we share our paths forward together, the better off we will be for our journey ahead, emotionally and physically, and the better off our families will be. Join me, Melanie Baker, for an honest conversation as we consider where we have been, where we are now, so that we may see our way forward.

Registration is required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvd-6trDosG9P4w5zHysh1VefuaB5FAlyK>

October 19, 2023:

A General Overview of Social Security for special needs families - **7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Please join Laurie Schaller from the National Disability Institute as she presents an overview of Social Security.

Laurie will give a general overview of Social Security benefits and answer questions. The National Disability Institute helps individuals across the spectrum of disability, and their families, understand the intricate web of federal and state public benefits, as well as the effect of work on benefits, which is a vital step toward economic advancement for people with disabilities.

Registration is required: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qzMHRn3kTZ-FpNIPEGacNA

October 23, 2023:

What You Need to Know about Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) - **12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**

Have you heard of the Least Restrictive Environment? Many parents are unaware of what it means.

(LRE) stands for Least Restrictive Environment and is part of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). It refers to the placement that your child is in. Least restrictive environment is an important part of your child's IEP. Come join us for this great presentation and learn what the law says about LRE.

Registration is required: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xMNVcEcGTsKBU4jN0LkG6w

October 24, 2023:

Parent to Parent of NYS- Parents Considering a Residential Placement Discussion Group- **7:00pm-8:00pm**

For families with children and adults who have not yet placed, but are considering a placement in a residential school or a group home. Join us as we discuss the issues and emotions that we experience when making the difficult decision of residential placement.

Registration is required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqc--ppzkiGdLNb3pg51CS4Tfr1hFcibfp>

October 24, 2023:

NYC- Caregiver Connections Parent Group- **7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Parent to Parent of NYS offers FREE online groups for parents of children with special needs. We are here for you! Come join Haya Doleh for: An informal meeting to share information, resources, and support. Parents of children and adults are welcome.

Registration is required:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvfuyurDotHNZOKg9PHM1AHC1JbmMCq5Ry>

October 25, 2023:

Education Records Organizer- **7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Please join Dodie Daniels, Regional Coordinator, Parent to Parent of NYS as she presents this wonderful webinar. This workshop is where parents, guardians and advocates of children who receive 504, CPSE and CSE special education services take their educational records and organize them into a record-keeping binder. This workshop will assist in being more organized in planning a child's education, and in the CPSE/CSE process.

Registration is required: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Rcnotg9jSoGKPgoNjtk0Nw

October 26, 2023:

Statewide-Parent to Parent of NYS-Virtual Special Education Parent Chat Group - **6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

Come join us for our Special Education chat group. As a parent's of children with special needs, we know firsthand how hard it is to advocate for our children in school. Sometimes we feel helpless, exhausted, and lonely and let's face it advocating for our kids is complicated! If you're a parent, grandparent, caregiver of a child with special needs, and struggling with special education school related issues. Come join us for an opportunity to share what's happening while engaging in great conversation, sharing your knowledge, ideas and resources with other parents in the community who are dealing with the same issues. All from the comfort of your own home.

Registration is required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkd-GhqjMuE9KLXuO1rgfK9PqjfFVTQItv>