



EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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| W – Workshop | SP – Spanish Event |
| G – Group | FE – Family Event |
| C - Conference | O – Online |

| Date & Time | Title and Description | Location |
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| Online Workshops & Support Groups | | |
| O Wednesday August 31 6:00 - 7:30 PM | NY ABLE – The NY ABLE Program is a tax-advantaged savings program for individuals with disabilities and their families to save for their current or long term needs while maintaining their ability to benefit from federal benefits programs. Our program offers multiple investment options allowing individuals with disabilities to maintain their independence and have quick and easy access to their own money. | Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events |
| O Tuesday September 13 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Autism Spectrum Disorder: Communication Strategies – In this workshop participants will learn about communication disorders related to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and treatment strategies to improve communication skills in children with ASD. | Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events |
| O Saturday September 17 9:00 - 11:00 AM | A Parent's Guide to Special Education (formerly Parent Member) – Learn about the special education process and the Individualized Education Program (IEP)! Gain understanding about procedures, NYS regulations, and strategies to promote a parent's understanding and participation in an IEP meeting. | Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events |
| G Tuesday September 20 12:00 - 1:30 PM | Chautauqua County Family & Caregiver Support Group – Providing a welcoming environment for parents, family members, and other caregivers of individuals with disabilities to meet, share experiences, ask questions, and receive support. | Support Group – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events |
| O Wednesday September 21 6:00 - 8:00 PM | How to Protect My Child's Future Through Guardianship, Wills & Trusts – This workshop provides parents or caregivers with an overview of things to think about: guardianship, wills, and trusts. The class will help you to understand your options as you begin to think about plans for your special needs child. | Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events |
| O Wednesday September 28 6:00 - 7:30 PM | Understanding Your Child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) – Gain an understanding of the components, the process, and the roles of the families and the school. | Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events |
| G Monday October 3 6:30 - 8:00 PM | The Link WNY's Family & Caregiver Group – Are you a parent of a child with disabilities or do you suspect they have a disability? Do you want to... Feel less overwhelmed? Feel a sense of belonging? Get the support you need from Parent Network of WNY, Empower, and other group members! | Support Group – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events |
| O Wednesday October 12 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | Understanding the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Process for Parents of Preschool Students – Understand the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) process and your role within the process. | Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events |
| G Tuesday October 18 12:00 - 1:30 PM | Chautauqua County Family & Caregiver Support Group – Providing a welcoming environment for parents, family members, and other caregivers of individuals with disabilities to meet, share experiences, ask questions, and receive support. | Support Group – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events |
| O Tuesday October 18 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Sensory Processing Disorder – This workshop explores the different sensory processing disorders and offers parents and caregivers activities, tips, and suggestions to help their child manage his/her sensory needs. | Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events |
| O Wednesday October 19 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Graduation Options for Students with Disabilities – Gain an understanding of the NYS graduation requirements. Learn more about credit requirements, multiple pathways to graduation, safety nets for students with disabilities, the appeal process, and exiting credentials available to students. | Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events |
| O Wednesday November 2 6:00 - 8:00PM | Celebrate Raising Children – A 7-week series where you'll meet other parents/caregivers and learn new ways to be a positive parent/caregiver. | Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events |



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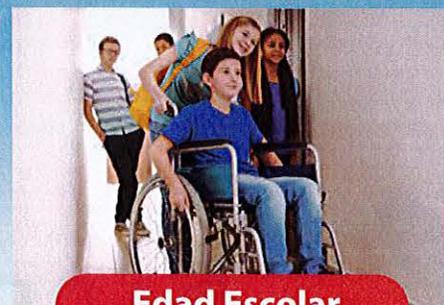


Apoyamos a las familias y profesionales que empoderan a las personas con discapacidades para que alcancen todo su potencial a través de la educación y los recursos.

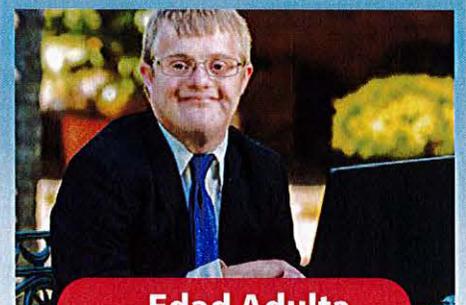
Entendemos las necesidades de las familias para cada hijo; desde la primera infancia y el desarrollo de la edad escolar, hasta la edad adulta.



Primera Infancia



Edad Escolar



Edad Adulta

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DISABILITY RELATED ACRONYMS

A

- **ACA** - Affordable Care Act
- **AAC** - Augmented and Alternative Communication
- **ACCES-VR** - Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation
- **ADA** - Americans with Disabilities Act
- **ADHD** - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- **ADL** - Activities of Daily Living
- **AIS** - Academic Intervention Services
- **ASL** - American Sign Language
- **AT** - Assistive Technology
- **APS** - Adult Protective Services
- **ASD** - Autism Spectrum Disorder

B

- **BH** - Behavior Health
- **BIP** - Behavior Intervention Plan
- **BOCES** - Board of Cooperative Educational Services

C

- **CAH** - Care at Home
- **CAP** - Client Assistance Program
- **CAS** - Coodinated Assessment System
- **CASA** - Community Alternative Systems Agency
- **CC/CM** - Care Coordinator/Care Manager
- **CCO** - Care Coordination Organization
- **CDOS** - Career Development and Occupational Studies
- **CH** - Community Habilitation
- **CHHUNY** - Children's Health Home of Upstate NY
- **CP** - Cerebral Palsy
- **CPS** - Child Protective Services
- **CPEP** - Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program
- **CPSE** - Committee on Preschool Special Education
- **CSE** - Committee on Special Education
- **CSS** - Consolidated Supports & Services
- **CT** - Consultant Teacher
- **CTE** - Career and Technology Education

D

- **DB** - Deaf-Blind
- **DD** - Developmental Disabilities
- **DDAWNY** - Developmental Disabilities Alliance of WNY
- **DDP** - Developmental Disabilities Profile
- **DDPC** - Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
- **DDRO** - Developmental Disabilities Regional Office
- **DME** - Durable Medical Equipment
- **DOH** - Department of Health
- **DOL** - Department of Labor
- **DSM** - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual
- **DSS** - Department of Social Services
- **DTx** - Day Treatment

E

- **EAP** - Employee Assistance Program
- **ED** - Emotional Disturbance
- **EEOC** - Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- **EI** - Early Intervention
- **ELL/MLL** - English Languge Learner/Multi-Linqual Learner
- **EMOD** - Environmental Modification
- **ESSA** - Every Student Succeeds Act
- **ESY** - Extended School Year
- **ETP** - Employment Training Program

F

- **FA** - Family Assistance
- **FACE** - Family and Community Engagement
- **FAPE** - Free and Appropriate Public Education
- **FAS** - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- **FBA** - Functional Behavior Assessment
- **FD** - Front Door
- **FERPA** - Family Education & Right to Privacy Act
- **FET** - Family Education and Training
- **FOIL** - Freedom of Information Law
- **FSS** - Family Support Services

H

- **HCBS** - Home Community Based Service Waiver
- **HHS** - Health and Human Services
- **HI** - Hearing Impairment
- **HHUNY** - Health Homes of Upstate New York
- **HMO** - Health Maintenance Organization
- **HUD** - Housing and Urban Development

I

- **IBS** - Intensive Behavioral Services
- **ID** - Intellectual Disability
- **IDEA** - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- **IEE** - Independent Educational Evaluation
- **IEP** - Individualized Education Program
- **ILC** - Independent Living Center
- **IPE** - Individualized Plan for Employment
- **IRA** - Individualized Residential Alternative
- **IRWE** - Impairment Related Work Expense
- **ISS** - Individual Support Services
- **ITT** - Interdisciplinary Treatment Team
- **IWRP** - Individual Written Rehabilitation Plan

L

- **LCED** - Level of Care Eligibility Determination
- **LD** - Learning Disability
- **LDA** - Learning Disabilities Association
- **LEA** - Local Education Agency
- **LLMSW** - Licensed Master Social Worker
- **LRE** - Least Restrictive Environment

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Parent's Guide to Special Education

Two-Part Training Workshop

Learn about the Special Education Process and the Individualized Education Program!

- Gain understanding about **procedures, NYS regulations, and strategies to promote a parent's understanding** and participation in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting.
- This course is required to receive a **Parent Member Certificate** to support a parent of a child with a disability in an IEP meeting.

Part 1

Online videos
& activities

Complete at least 1 day prior to
Live Zoom Session

Part 2

Saturday,
September 17

9 - 11 am
Live Zoom Session

CTLE Credits
Available

[Register online at www.ParentNetworkWNY.org/events](http://www.ParentNetworkWNY.org/events)

Instructions will be sent via email on how to access and complete the Part 1 online videos and activities.

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FAMILY/CAREGIVER GROUPS

A family/caregiver group provides an opportunity for people to share personal experiences and feelings, coping strategies, or firsthand information about disabilities and resources.

THE LINK – WNY'S FAMILY & CAREGIVER GROUP

If you are a parent of a child with disabilities or if you suspect they have a disability, get the support you need from Parent Network of WNY, Empower & other group members.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FAMILY & CAREGIVER GROUP

Receive FREE support, connect with other parents and caregivers, express yourself.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYTIME GROUP

Improve your child's social skills while connecting with other parents of children with special needs. *(For ages 3-5 who are OPWDD Eligible)*

716 TEENS CLUB

716 Teens Club is an opportunity for young adults who enjoy games, activities, and hobbies to get together and have fun, while working on social skills. The Club is open to students with learning differences from the age of 14 - 21 yrs old.

CHARLA CON NOSOTROS

Respondemos sus preguntas sobre ... Transiciones, Educación Especial y Discapacidades, Comportamiento, Recursos tecnológicos en Buffalo y cualquier otro tema que desee discutir.



If interested in joining a group:

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