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SPAN Workshops: Building Bridges To Success





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Make A Difference....

The SRP Program is an intensive training program designed to educate volunteers to assist parents of children with disabilities and special health needs in understanding their rights and responsibilities under federal and state laws. Participants will learn strategies on how to obtain appropriate educational programs and related services for children and youth. Attendees, both parents and professionals, are provided with extensive training and ongoing support to help them understand the dynamics of the systems that serve children with special needs. Individuals who complete the entire training series will receive a compilation of useful local, state and national resources and will be prepared to provide support to families around issues or concerns they may have about their child's education and development.

Become an SRP and volunteer your time to help families!



6 week program includes:

Session 1 - Basic Rights & Resources for Families

Session 2 – Laws/Regulations & LRE/Inclusion

Session 3 - IEP & Transition to Adult Life

Session 4 - Student Supports & Self Determination

Session 5 - Advocacy & Leadership Skills

Session 6 - Health Advocacy & Health Manual

North

Morris County
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Dover, NJ

2016 Dates: March 30 April, 6, 13, 20, 27 May 4

www.srp2016 north.eventbrite.com

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Easter Seals
East Brunswick, NJ

2016 Dates: July 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

www.srp 2016 central.event brite.com

South

Bayada Pediatrics Mount Laurel, NJ

2016 Dates: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April 4

www.srp2016 south.eventbrite.com

All Sessions are from 9:30am – 3:00pm Lunch will be provided REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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SPAN Workshops: Building Bridges To Success

The Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) has been providing workshops for parents and professionals for over 25 years. We provide information and resources combined with hands on activities. Our workshops are also a great opportunity to connect with other parents who "understand" what you are experiencing. Workshops last approximately 2 hours. Learn new information and develop skills to apply this new knowledge in real life situations. Professional Development certificates available at every workshop.



Don't miss out...sign up for a workshop today!

SPAN empowers families, professionals and communities interested in the health, well-being and education of children.

WHY ATTEND?

SPAN workshops are an excellent way to increase knowledge of your rights regarding your child's educational or health needs and improve your ability to secure appropriate services for your child.

TRANSLATION?

All workshops are available in English and Spanish. Sign Language interpretation can also be made available. If you have additional translation needs, please let us know.





SPAN workshops are funded by:

US Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education Programs; US Dept. of Health and Human Services; New Jersey Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education Programs; New Jersey Bar Foundation; IOLTA; New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities



How to Make a Smooth Transition

Saturday, April 16, 2016 9 am ~ 3 pm at Pemberton Township High School

Featuring agency representatives conducting workshops on such topics as:

- Resources for Independent Living Supportive Decision Making IEP Planning
 - Student Guided Self Determination College Connection—and much more!

To register and for more information go to: https://life-after-high-school.eventbrite.com

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Basic Rights In Special Education

SCHEDULE

- 3/1/16 in Vineland, Cumberland County
- 3/9/16 in Bayonne, Hudson County
- 3/28/16 in Bayville, Ocean County
- 4/13/16 in Manalapan, Monmouth County
- 4/14/16 in Dover, Morris County
- 4/20/16 in Bloomfield, Essex County
- 5/26/16 in Bridgeton, Salem County
- 9/1/16 in Cape May Courthouse, Cape May County
- 9/15/16 in Willingboro, Burlington County

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• 3/15/16 in Phillipsburg, Warren County

Whether you're new to special education or have been involved for a while, this workshop is for you. This presentation provides families with an introduction their rights and responsibilities as parents of children with special needs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the New Jersey Code, and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. begin to identify Parents dreams and goals for their understand children, laws and learn advocacy strategies that will help them help their children reach those goals. Parents of classified children and children who are having difficulty in school, but may not be classified, will benefit from this training.



NJ Resources for Families

SCHEDULE

- 3/12/16 in Forked River Ocean County
- 8/18/16 in Newton Sussex County

This workshop will cover the many resources available in NJ to families of children with special needs. There will be an overview of government agencies, educational programs, community service disability providers and specific Information on how to organizations. access programs and services will also be Detailed information about provided. SPAN, New Jersey's federally funded PTI (Parent Training & Information Center) will be shared.



Paperwork for Families: Get Organized!

SCHEDULE

- 4/26/16 in Gillette Morris County
- 9/27/16 in Mt. Holly Burlington County

Are you overwhelmed by the mountains of paperwork created by your child's school records? Not sure what to keep, what to toss? Want to be better prepared for that next meeting at school? Join us for this hands-on workshop to finally get those papers organized so you can more effectively advocate for your child. Participants should bring a 3 ring binder and their child's most recent school records. We will provide you with resources and strategies so you leave organized for success!



Essential Components of the IEP

SCHEDULE

- 3/15/16 in Westampton Burlington County
- 4/14/16 in Newark
 Essex County

Bring your IEP and join us for this interactive workshop that provides participants with a review of the essential components of an Individualized Education Plan. As a result of this workshop, participants will better understand the IEP document and the parent's role in the development of an IEP. How to address IEP concerns/issues in a proactive and positive way will be discussed. During this session, attendees will review their own IEP document and will be given tools to support their participation in the development of future Individualized Education Plans.



Developing an IEP with Measurable Goals

SCHEDULE

- 3/16/16 in Pleasantville Atlantic County
- 4/28/16 in Newark
 Essex County

This workshop provides parents and professionals with strategies to create an IEP with measurable annual goals and objectives as well as the required information regarding student progress. guidance Step-by-step in writing measurable goals to meet student needs provided. Maintaining high expectations and accountability through the measurement of student progress is also discussed.



Least Restrictive Environment: Including ALL Children

SCHEDULE

- 3/7/16 in Green Brook Somerset County
- 4/7/16 in Basking Ridge Somerset County
- 4/8/16 in Wayne Passaic County
- 6/16/16 in Sicklerville Camden County
- 9/29/16 in Willingboro Burlington County

Inclusion is a right, not a privilege. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requires students with disabilities be educated with their non-disable peers to the maximum extent appropriate. Learn how the IEP impacts placement, the legal requirements for Least Restrictive Environment and the value of the inclusion of children with disabilities for all children, their families and communities.



The System for Student Success

SCHEDULE

- 3/22/16 in Clementon Camden County
- 9/22/16 in Newark
 Essex County

PBS: Addressing Challenging Behavior

There is often a cycle of failure for students with behavioral challenges. This workshop will focus on interventions for students who exhibit challenging behaviors (e.g. aggression, self-injury, tantrums). Identifying the function of behavior will be discussed with an emphasis on educational strategies that help students learn alternate behaviors that can lead to long-term change. Information on due process rights of children in the discipline process is also provided.



Literacy Strategies for Families

SCHEDULE

- 3/1/16 in Newton Sussex County
- 3/22/16 in Elizabeth Union County
- 4/13/16 in West New York Hudson County
- 5/18/16 in Pleasantville Atlantic County
- 7/26/16 in Mt. Holly Burlington County

Families play a crucial role in their child's reading development. Families support their children's reading success in many ways - by spending time together reading, making quality reading materials available at home and working with their child's teacher. This workshop will help families child's support their reading achievement, especially children who are readers. struggling Fun. hands-on activities and other resources to use with children will be provided.



Interventions & Supports for Struggling Students

SCHEDULE

- 4/20/16 in JacksonOcean County
- 10/12/16 in Newark Essex County

Students who may be struggling academically and/or behaviorally can often benefit from early and intensive services and supports. This workshop will provide information on resources and helpful strategies for use at school and at home to help avoid student failure. Information on multitiered interventions, including RTI, and student progress monitoring will be shared.



Creating Agreement: Working Together To Resolve Conflict

SCHEDULE

- 3/9/16 in Phillipsburg Warren County
- 4/13/16 in Hillsborough Somerset County
- 4/19/16 in Glassboro Gloucester County
- 6/9/16 in Newton
 Sussex County

This workshop will focus on helping professionals "create parents and agreement" and avoid, minimize, or address, conflict. appropriately Participants will explore the benefits and challenges of parent-professional collaboration, learn best practices for creating agreement, address power imbalances implement cultural and reciprocity. Individuals will learn how to resolve conflict and "create agreement" when working with others.



Bullying Prevention Strategies

SCHEDULE

- 3/16/16 in Lumberton Burlington County
- 4/19/16 in Phillipsburg Warren County
- 5/31/16 in Mt. Holly Burlington County

Bullying is a harmful action towards another student or any act that infringes on a student's rights at school. It is important to know ways to prevent and respond to bullying in school. This presentation will discuss what schools are required to do under the law including creating a positive environment for ALL students. Come join the conversation regarding what students, families, educators and communities can do to help in providing a safe and welcoming environment for all students.



Procedural Safeguards: Protections Under IDEA

SCHEDULE

- 7/26/16 in Hamilton Mercer County
- 10/19/16 in Newark Essex County

Procedural safeguards are the protections afforded students and their families by the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). This presentation will provide information on parental rights under the law. Join us to learn how to respond when problems arise.

504

Problems at School? A 504 Plan May Help

SCHEDULE

- 3/24/16 in Flemington Hunterdon County
- 4/13/16 in Newark Essex County
- 5/3/16 in Newton
 Sussex County
- 5/18/16 in Northfield Atlantic County

If your student is struggling in school, he/she may be more successful if they have needed interventions and assistance. Learn how a 504 accommodation plan can get your child the help they need. This workshop focuses on the right to services and accommodations for students with disabilities and special health/emotional needs.



Rights of Youth in the Juvenile Justice System

SCHEDULE

- 3/17/16 in Newark Essex County
- 5/11/16 in Somerville Somerset County
- 6/6/16 in Phillipsburg
 Warren County

Children and youth with disabilities are overrepresented in NJ's Juvenile Justice system. These youth maintain their rights to appropriate education and health services. This presentation will explain these rights and their parents rights regarding decision making for their children.



Rights of Youth in the Child Welfare System

SCHEDULE

- 3/29/16 in Hamilton Mercer County
- 4/6/16 in Dover Morris County
- 4/12/16 in Vineland Cumberland County
- 5/11/16 in Woodland Park Passaic County
- 5/17/16 in Jersey City Hudson County
- 6/7/16 in Sicklerville Camden County
- 6/9/16 in Flemington Hunterdon County

Youth involved in NJ's child welfare system do not lose their rights to appropriate education or health services. This workshop will provide a brief overview of NJ's child welfare system and describe the education and health rights of juveniles. The overrepresentation of children and youth with special needs will also be addressed.



Look To The Future: Transition to Adult Life

SCHEDULE

- 3/7/16 in Ridgewood, Bergen County
- 3/8/16 in Gillette, Morris County
- 3/23/16 in Manville, Somerset County
- 4/5/16 in Washington, Warren County
- 4/7/16 in Westville, Gloucester County
- 4/12/16 in Holmdel, Monmouth County
- 4/13/16 in Hamilton, Mercer County
- 4/20/16 in Pleasantville, Atlantic County
- 4/27/16 in Flemington, Hunterdon County
- 5/4/16 in East Brunswick, Middlesex County
- 5/10/16 in Vineland, Cumberland County

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• 4/6/16 in Woodland Pk, Passaic County

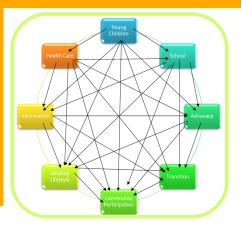
Transition planning is crucial to increasing successful outcomes for life after high school. This workshop will discuss issues related to transitioning from school to adult life. Activities and help discussion to identify interests, future plans, and supported decision making will be Strategies included. for developing appropriate goals as part of the IEP process will be offered. Parents and students will be informed about resources in the community they can connect with to build linkages, and ensure a dignified life as a contributing and participating member of their community.



Visit www.spanadvocacy.org/training or call 1-800-654-7726 for workshop details.



Navigating the Healthcare System



SCHEDULE

- 3/9/16 in Livingston **Essex County**
- 4/18/16 in Jersey City **Hudson County**
- 4/21/16 in Englewood **Bergen County**
- 4/27/16 in Hamilton **Mercer County**
- 5/3/16 in Somerville **Somerset County**
- 5/5/16 in Willingboro **Burlington County**
- 5/10/16 in Westville **Gloucester County**
- 5/16/16 in Forked River **Ocean County**
- 5/26/16 in Flemington **Hunterdon County**
- 5/26/16 in Whitesboro **Cape May County**
- 6/8/16 in Phillipsburg Warren County
- 6/15/16 in Woodland Park Passaic County

PART 1 **Accessing Health Care Coverage and Services For Your Family**

Many families have difficulty accessing health coverage and services for children with special health care needs. This workshop will provide information about the various insurance models- who is eligible, what is covered and how to apply. Information on the benefits of the Affordable Care Act will also be provided. Suggestions on what to do if you are having difficulty accessing health care services will be offered.

PART 2

Health Manual Workshop Health Advocacy Across the Lifespan

is an *Advocacy Manual* developed by individuals with disabilities and special healthcare needs and their families to help other families.

This workshop will show you how to use the manual to navigate the healthcare system. Think of it as a GPS for families of children, youth and adults with disabilities & special healthcare needs.

These sessions are 1 hour each presented back to back to help you navigate the healthcare system.



Parents as Leaders in Early Childhood: Creating Change so ALL Children Succeed

This conference will help families develop their skills advocating for their children and impacting the systems that affect their children birth to age 8 and beyond.

Parents will have the opportunity to gain skills for participating on decision-making groups.

Connect with parents who are creating change so ALL Children Succeed.

A panel of parents and professionals will discuss best practices in addressing:

- · Family Literacy
- Access to High Quality Early Care and Education
- Inclusion in Early Childhood
- Positive Behavior Supports in Early Childhood Programs
- · Early Learning Issues and More

With knowledge, tools, and passion parents can help ALL children succeed.

Target Audience: Parents, grandparents, caretakers, professionals and educators of children birth to age 8.

South Saturday, April 2 9am-1pm

Atlantic Cape Community College C Building 5100 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, NJ 08330 North Saturday, April 16 9am-1pm

Leaguers 405-425 University Avenue Newark, NJ 07102 Central Saturday, April 30 9am-1pm

Neptune Middle School 2200 Heck Ave Neptune, NJ 07753

To register online: http://tinyurl.com/start-upcomingevents
To register by phone: 1-973-642-8100 ext. 123
For more information: call 973-642-8100 ext. 123 or email start@spannj.org

Certificates for professional development hours will be available.

Co-sponsored by Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN), New Jersey Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs (NJOSEP) and Funded by IDEA Part B, and The New Jersey Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Division of Family and Community Partnerships (FCP) Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Grant (RTT-ELC)

Need to learn more about Preschool Special Education Services?

Are you the parent of a child receiving Early
Intervention services who will be turning 3 soon?
The Regional Early Intervention Collaboratives offer
workshops with information on Transitioning Your
Child from Early Intervention to Preschool Special
Education Services.

Workshop Highlights:

- Transition planning in the IFSP
- Understanding your IFSP Transition Page
- Talking to you Service Coordinator about Transition
- ■The Transition Process and Timelines
- IDEA Components of the Federal Law
- Inclusion/Least Restrictive Environment
- Eligibility & Registration Requirements
- Learn about your Parental Rights and family resources for the school aged years
- Helpful Tips



Regional Early Intervention Collaboratives

- •Southern New Jersey Early Intervention Collaborative (serving Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties): www.njeis.org/snjreic
- •Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative (serving Bergen, Hudson and Passaic Counties): www.nreic.org
- •Mid-Jersey CARES for Special Children REIC (serving Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset Counties): www.cnjmchc.org
- •Family Link REIC (serving Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union and Warren Counties): www.njeis.org/familylink/

Learn the Signs. Act Early.

years includes many developmental milestones for how he or she plays, he journey of your child's early learns, speaks, and acts. Look inside to learn what to look for in your child. Talk with your child's doctor about these milestones.

other children, could be a sign of Not reaching these milestones, or reaching them much later than a developmental delay.

YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD BEST.

If you are concerned about your child's development, talk to your child's doctor

specialist and call 800-654-7726 to If you or the doctor is still concerned, learn how to get connected with your state's early childhood system to get ask the doctor for a referral to a the help your child might need.

DON'T WAIT.

Acting early can make a real difference!







development and what to do if you have For more information about your child's a concern, visit:

www.SPANadvocacy.org 800-654-7726 SPAN

NJ Early Intervention (ages 0 to 3 years) 888-653-4463 Project Child Find (ages 3 to 21) 800-322-8174

Inquire About an Evaluation: www.CNNH.org 855-852-8150 CNNH

Developmental milestones adapted from Caring for Your Baby and Young Child: Birth to Age 5 (AAP, 2009) and Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents (AAP, 2008).





Track Your Child's Developmental Milestones



ourney. Use this map of milestones to know what to look for along the way. Your child's early development is a

For parents of children from birth to 4 years



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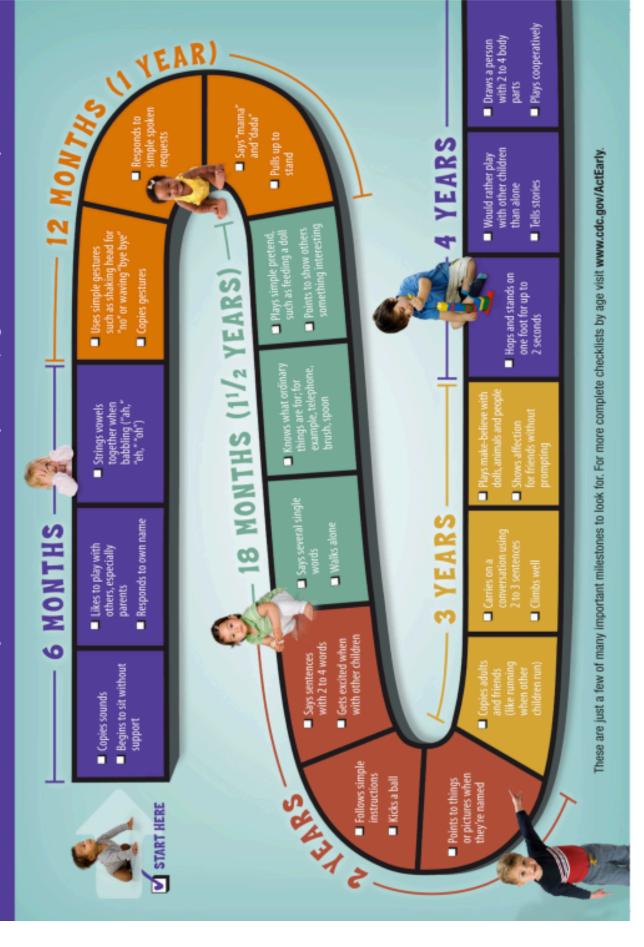
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Your Child's Early Development is a Journey

Check off the milestones your child has reached and share your child's progress with the doctor at every visit.



Want To Be More Effective In Your Family Engagement Activities?



Customized Training & Consultation



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SPAN is your one-stop resource for learning, sharing and connecting regarding the development, education and health of children. We offer training, coaching and consultation designed to improve your practices in working with families.

☑**School Districts**- professional development to increase family engagement and improve outcomes for students with the greatest needs.

☑Professionals in Health Care & Social Services- help meet the needs of children, especially from underserved and diverse families.

☑ Corporate Employee Resource Groups- help employees learn how to meet their child's needs, decrease on-the-job distractions.

With over 25 years of experience and nationally recognized speakers, we can work with you to develop customized trainings and action plans to meet your specific needs.

The feedback from the attendees
is most gratifying and positive,
is most gratifying and positive,
and we are glad to have provided
and we are glad to help meet the
this training to help meet the
needs of our staff.
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For more information regarding fees and services, contact: Carolyn Hayer, Director Parent & Professional Development chayer@spannj.org 800-654-7726

SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING & ALTERNATIVES TO GUARDIANSHIP

How would you feel if you had no say in: where you live? where you work? who you spend time with? what you can buy?

That's what can happen to youth and young adults with disabilities when someone else has the power to make decisions for them. For far too long, parents have been told that the only way to protect their youth/young adult is to get guardianship. Learn ways parents/families, professionals, children & youth with disabilities can get prepared to make choices and decisions about their own lives



Visit our website to find more information on this important topic:

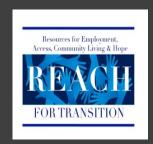
- ✓ Informative resources and fact sheets
- ✓ Recording of webinar presentation
- ✓ Links to helpful websites

Visit:

http://tinyurl.com/SPAN-Supported-Decision-Making



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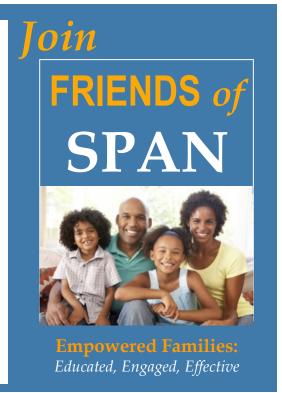
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Your support of SPAN is needed. The demand for our services for children and families is increasing every day. SPAN serves families free of charge. We need your support to continue our vital services!

Your donation will help support our work with New Jersey's neediest children and their families. Our organization is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, so your contributions are tax deductible.

Visit us online at www.spanadvocacy.org to donate.



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5 Ways To Register!

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