



2010

**Tools for Parent Success in Special Education
Presented by The Arc of Lucas County, Inc
Learn what you need to know about
the NEW IEP & ETR FORMS**

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Registration is required however, there is no cost to attend the workshops.

This series of seven workshops is designed to empower parents by providing knowledge, tools and resources that build confidence and empower parents to become more effective advocates for their children. Each workshop in the series is designed to meet the needs of both parents and professionals by providing in-depth and specific information, tools, and resources related to the IEP process.

All sessions are located at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center

2213 Cherry St, Toledo OH 43608 , in the Auditorium near the main lobby

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Who should attend

Parents of school-age children with disabilities who receive special education services, educators and professionals who serve children with disabilities.

About the Workshops and the Presenters

How to Write Good IEP Goals

Anderia Ryley, M.Ed.

January 20, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Participants will learn the criteria and methods that comprise a good goal, how to measure goals, and the documentation needed to measure goals.

Andie Trail Ryley, M. Ed., has been working with individuals with ASD for over 31 years. Ms. Ryley is currently the Autism Consultant for Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and other Northwest Ohio schools and service providers. In addition Ms. Ryley is an adjunct instructor at Bowling Green State University in the School of Intervention Services co-teaching the Autism Certificate courses. Ms. Ryley is currently on the Autism Society of Ohio's Board of Directors and Chair of the Northwest Ohio Autism Advisory Council's Steering Committee.

Ten Steps to Parent Empowerment

Linell Weinberg, M.S.W.

February 17, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Participants will learn techniques and skills to become more effective advocates in the IEP process.

Linell Weinberg is the director of the Autism Society of Northwest Ohio (ASNO). She holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan. Along with managing the agency, Linell provides information and referral, Individual Education Plan (IEP) assistance to families, plans educational programs and family fun events, runs support groups, makes presentations about autism, and serves on various community-wide committees such as the Lucas County Board of DD Best Practices committee. In 2005 she received a Community Hero Award in the Community Service category from Big Brothers Big Sisters for her work with families affected by autism. Linell is inspired by her adult daughter with Asperger Syndrome.

Understanding The NEW IEP Form and (ETR) Evaluation Team Report

Lynn (Mielnik) Mckahan M.S., CCC-SLP & Tanya Braden Ed.S.

March 10, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Participants will gain increased understanding of the IEP content and the new Ohio form, increase functional knowledge about what the ETR is, its function in the IEP process, and how it is used.

Discussion will include who is required to be involved in the IEP process, what the school and parent roles are and the documentation needed to develop an IEP.

Lynn Mckahan is the State Support Team Region 1 Associate Director of Special Education Services. She serves as resource for staff, districts, and parents in Region 1 in the areas of special education compliance, school improvement, universal design for learning, and assistive technology. Lynn received a Bachelors of Education and a Masters of Science, majoring in Speech Pathology & Audiology from Miami University. She has over 25 years of professional expertise in the areas of education, special education, and speech pathology and audiology. Lynn serves as a speech pathologist and as a director of speech-language pathology for a hospital-based rehabilitation center with oversight of the department of speech pathology, audiology, therapeutic recreation and physical therapy.

Tanya Braden — Ed.S., is a State Support Team Region 1 consultant. In this role, Tanya serves Region 1 parents and community members in the area of special education. Tanya received a Bachelor of Education in Special Education from the University of Toledo. She received her Master of Science in School Psychology from Miami University and also an Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology. Tanya has 20 years of professional expertise in the area of education. She most recently served four years as a regional coordinator and school psychologist, providing consultations to school administrators and professional development to teachers and special education intervention specialists regarding special education service delivery and compliance. Tanya has a wide range of skills in the area of special education and legislation. She served as an assistant principal, school psychologist, school psychologist intern supervisor, undergraduate teacher supervisor and special education teacher. She also has been the co-owner and director of a group home daycare facility and managed several grant projects related to special education.

Parents' Rights in the Special Education Process

Sandy Brickner

March 17, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Participants will gain knowledge about parents' rights under IDEA.

Sandy Brickner began her career as an Early Childhood Educator. Special Education became an area of focus, serving families for 6 years as a parent mentor of 7 school districts for the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center. Sandy joined the staff of the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities in 2000. She is currently serving families and professionals providing advocacy and training opportunities related to the special education process. Sandy is also the western Ohio coordinator and lead trainer for the "It's My Turn" transition training for students age 14-21 and has provided training in various school districts across Ohio.

Negotiation Skills - Key to Successful Communication with Professionals

Honorable Charles D. Abood

April 21, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Participants will gain functional knowledge about the art of listening, compromise, consensus versus agreement and the art of negotiation.

Honorable Charles D Abood Mediator, Dispute Resolution Services, Inc., Toledo, Ohio B.A

University of Michigan; J.D., University of Toledo College of Law. Memberships: Ohio State Bar Association, Toledo Bar Association, Association for Conflict Resolution. Judge Abood has been a full-time mediator since founding his firm in 1997. He provides private mediation and other dispute resolution services and has served as a mediation trainer and faculty member nationwide. Judge Abood is a retired judge who previously sat on the Sixth District Court of Appeals, the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas and the Toledo Municipal Court. In 1993, he received national recognition for being selected for a 14-day lecture tour of the countries of Syria, Jordan and Yemen, where he presented a series of lectures on The Rule of Law in Theory and in Practice in the United States to judges, attorneys, law schools, judicial institutes and public officials in each country. Judge Abood has a brother with developmental disabilities and currently serves on The Arc of Lucas County Board of Directors.

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May 19, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Participants will gain knowledge about the components of a good transition plan and the implementation of transition planning in a good IEP. Discussion will include examples, measurements, tools and resources.

Chris Filler Transition Coordinator, Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence. A registered nurse and the Transition Coordinator for the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI). Chris has worked with individuals with autism and developmental disabilities and their families for over 20 years. She has served as an Early Intervention Service Coordinator, Family Resource Specialist, Autism/ Behavior Consultant for Lincoln Way Special Education Center and as a private consultant for many school districts throughout the state of Ohio. She is also a past president of the Autism Society of Ohio. Chris has presented for State and National conferences in the area of autism spectrum disorders, behavior supports, sensory processing supports, transition to adulthood and parent-professional collaboration. Chris now works for the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence as the Transition Coordinator where her efforts are towards the development of supports and resources for students with autism spectrum disorders and low incidence disabilities that are transitioning to the adult world. She is involved with efforts to coordinate the systems of adult service agencies to improve delivery of service for adults with disabilities. Chris has two children, one of which is an adult with autism.

Registration is Required

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