



## Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) Schedule of Upcoming Trainings

***For detailed workshop locations and for updated information on SPAN trainings visit our online calendar:  
[http://spannj.org/training/training\\_for\\_parents\\_and\\_professionals.htm](http://spannj.org/training/training_for_parents_and_professionals.htm)***

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### Basic Rights in Special Education

An introduction to the rights and responsibilities of parents of children with special needs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004, the State Special Education Code 2006, and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act.

**Dates:**

9/15 - Warren County  
10/14 - Bergen County  
10/15 - Atlantic County

10/15 - Essex County  
10/20 - Union County  
10/29 - Middlesex County

11/18 - Bergen County  
1/13/10 - Morris County  
1/21/10 - Ocean County

*To register contact Vivian DeWitt @ 973-642-8100 x116 or [trainings@spannj.org](mailto:trainings@spannj.org)*

### Basic Rights in Transition

This workshop discusses issues relating to transitioning from school to adult life, identifying outcomes and developing goals as part of the IEP process. Parents and young adults will become knowledgeable regarding resources in the community in order to build linkages, and ensure a dignified life as a contributing citizen.

**Date:**

10/13 - Ocean County - *To register contact Eileen Davis-Kovar, 732-473-9630*

### Child Welfare

This workshop addresses the overrepresentation of children and youth with special needs in NJ's child welfare system. Youth involved in NJ's child welfare system do not lose their rights to appropriate education or health services; their parents also continue to maintain their rights to participate in decision-making regarding their youth's education and health, unless their parental rights have been terminated. The workshop will provide a brief overview of NJ's child welfare system and then describes the education and health rights of juveniles in the child welfare system.

**Dates:**

9/3 - Sussex County - To register contact Kimberle Approvato at (973) 940-3194 or email at [kim@fso-ms.org](mailto:kim@fso-ms.org)  
9/11 - Somerset County - To register contact Stanley Crougter at (908) 213-9932 x12 or email at [scrougter@fso-hsw.org](mailto:scrougter@fso-hsw.org)  
9/14 - Morris County - To register contact Kimberle Approvato at (973) 770-2700 or email at [kim@fso-ms.org](mailto:kim@fso-ms.org)  
9/30 - Teleconference - To register contact Vivian DeWitt at 973-642-8100 x116 or [trainings@spannj.org](mailto:trainings@spannj.org)  
10/16 - Hunterdon County - To register contact Stanley Crougter at (908) 213-9932 x12 or email at [scrougter@fso-hsw.org](mailto:scrougter@fso-hsw.org)

## Essential Components of the IEP

This interactive workshop provides participants with a review of the essential components of an Individualized Education Plan. As a result of this workshop, participants will be able to read and understand an IEP document, be able to effectively participate in IEP meetings and know how to address IEP concerns/issues in a proactive and positive way.

Date:

10/19 - Mercer County - To register [HTPAC@aol.com](mailto:HTPAC@aol.com) or call Beverly 609-341-8690 or Lauren 609-584-5779

## Health Advocacy - Accessing Health Coverage and Services For Children with Special Health Care Needs

This workshop focuses on accessing health coverage and services for children with special health care needs. Topics covered include an introduction to the various health insurance models, who is eligible and how to apply; mental health services and the child behavioral health system; advocacy in the managed care environment; health support services; consumer laws-COBRA, HIPAA, ERISA, FMLA; and adult systems of care.

Dates:

9/14 - Essex County - To register contact Marilyn Elward, 973-744-4050 x1202 or [melward@programsforparents.org](mailto:melward@programsforparents.org)

9/15 - Union County - To register contact Evelyn Gonzalez, 973-923-1433 x138 or [egonzalez@cccunion.org](mailto:egonzalez@cccunion.org)

9/16 - Passaic County - To register contact Damaqu at 973-278-0220 or [damaqu@gmail.com](mailto:damaqu@gmail.com)

9/22 - Hudson County - To register please contact Gladys Payton-Ford at 201-451-8888 x117 or email [gpayton-ford@ulohc.org](mailto:gpayton-ford@ulohc.org)

9/30 - Atlantic County (rescheduled) - To register contact Patty Freedman at 609-601-9925 x240 or register online at [www.acwc.org](http://www.acwc.org)

10/8 - Essex (register after 9/15) - To register contact Carole Brotspies at 973-677-4515 or [carolebrotspies@gmail.com](mailto:carolebrotspies@gmail.com)

## Juvenile Justice

Youth involved in New Jersey's juvenile justice system do not lose their rights to appropriate education or health services; their parents also continue to maintain their rights to participate in decision-making regarding their youth's education and health, unless their parental rights have been terminated. This workshop will provide a brief overview of NJ's juvenile justice system and then describes the education and health rights of juveniles in the juvenile justice system as well as the procedural safeguards available to their parents.

Dates:

9/16 - Morris County - To register contact Kimberle Approvato at (973) 770-2700 or email at [kim@fso-ms.org](mailto:kim@fso-ms.org)

9/23 - Sussex County - To register contact Kimberle Approvato at 973-940-3194 or [kim@fso-ms.org](mailto:kim@fso-ms.org)

9/23 - Teleconference - To register contact Vivian DeWitt at 973-642-8100 x116 or [trainings@spannj.org](mailto:trainings@spannj.org)

## TELE-CONFERENCIAS AL MEDIODIA DE DEFENSORIA EN EDUCACION 2009

Las Tele-conferencias serán presentadas de 12:00-1:00 pm y la sesión de preguntas y respuestas será de 1:00-1:30 pm

Dates:

8/6 - Transición a la Edad Adulta y Graduación

8/13 - Disciplina, Determinación de Manifestación, Evaluación de Comportamiento Funcional y Soporte al Comportamiento Positivo

8/20 - Creando Acuerdos

Para inscribirse por favor llame al 973-642-8100 x 111 (María Rodríguez) o a través del correo electrónico: [trainings@spannj.org](mailto:trainings@spannj.org)

## Special Education Parent Leadership Round Tables

This is an opportunity to exchange ideas around what works to enhance and sustain family engagement in schools to improve outcomes for children with disabilities. Strategies to start and run local special education parent advisory groups will be discussed. Network with other parent leaders and educators in your county.

Dates:

8/3 - Burlington County - Contact: Geri Elmer-geritaliano@yahoo.com 609-526-5468

8/4 - Monmouth County Contact: Lynn Muller-Guiser - [lmullerguiser@spannj.org](mailto:lmullerguiser@spannj.org) - 732-933-1202

To register call or email the START Project contact for your county. For more information contact the START Project Director at 856-397-5294 or email at [start@spannj.org](mailto:start@spannj.org)

## START Transition Teleconferences

Calls are scheduled from 12 noon - 1pm

Participant dial-in number: 877-850-9955

Dates:

8/4 - Community-based Instruction

Presenter: Bill Freeman

New Jersey Dept of Education, Office Special of Education Programs

Conference ID: 21283798

8/11 - Structured Learning Experience

Presenter: Bob Haugh

New Jersey Dept of Education, Office Special of Education Programs

Presenter: Anne Freeman

New Jersey Dept of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education

Conference ID: 21266966

For more information call SPAN at 973.642.8100 ext. 123 or email [start@spannj.org](mailto:start@spannj.org).

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## Understanding ADHD

Children with Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) represent 3-5% of America's school-age population. They can and do succeed when adults who work with them understand that their behaviors respond to instruction and intervene in positive ways. This workshop has been developed to help educate parents, teachers and others about ADHD. It consists of areas addressing diagnosis (what it is, who can diagnose it, services/interventions), disability categories under which a child may qualify for services, behavior management and instructional strategies.

Dates:

9/23 - Essex County - To register contact Darlene Reeves at 973-202-7472 or [rambria@yahoo.com](mailto:rambria@yahoo.com)

9/24 - Middlesex County -To register contact Amyrl at 732-548-7610

9/24 - Atlantic County\_- To register contact Maurice Lesser at 609-383-6800 x2240 or [lesser.maurice@pps-nj.us](mailto:lesser.maurice@pps-nj.us)

2/10/2010 - Bergen County\_- To register contact Gina Mead at 201-637-7722 or [meadgina@aol.com](mailto:meadgina@aol.com)

## Using Multiple Intelligences to Help Children Learn

Each child has unique gifts and strengths that may not be identified through traditional assessments. This workshop will explore how you can learn how to identify each child's unique "multiple intelligences" and gain teaching strategies designed to help bring out the best in each child.

Dates:

9/17 - Essex County - To register please contact Catherine Bumper at 973-566-0554 or [catzellb@msn.com](mailto:catzellb@msn.com)

3/10/10 - Mercer County - To register contact Susan at [xCJSHAx@verizon.net](mailto:xCJSHAx@verizon.net)

## Section 504

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act focuses on meaningful access, services and accommodations for students with disabilities and special health/emotional needs. This workshop will provide information on requirements of the law. Information regarding the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) will also be provided.

Date:

10/21 - Bergen County - To register contact Anna Maria Recanati at 201-996-5222 or erecanati@huned.com

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