



**Parent Network of WNY
and Buffalo Public Schools
present**



Date & Time	Topic	Description
Tuesday September 22, 2015 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	The Special Education Process and the BPS Parent Guide	What is special education and where do you start? Utilizing the BPS Parent's Guide participants will learn the steps in the special education process at BPS and learn what to expect at meetings of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) to (Preschool - CPSE). Families will learn to be an active part of the process and walk away with resources for the future.
Wednesday September 30, 2015 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Preparing for High School: Now What?	Do you attend school planning meetings for your middle school child/student? Beginning at age 15, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) is required to provide a section for the student's future called a transition plan. Participants will develop an understanding of graduation requirements and the transition process by focusing on identifying the student's interests, strengths and needs for all areas of life.
Tuesday October 6, 2015 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	What to do About Challenging Behavior in the Home and Community	Parenting is a full time job with many daily challenges. As parents we teach are children what is the right thing to do and what they should not do. The purpose of this workshop is to help parents recognize the early signs of conflict and implement strategies that can manage the conflict in a proactive way and prevent the conflict from turning into a full blown storm.
Wednesday October 14, 2015 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Psychological Testing For Special Education Services	The workshop will focus on the basics of psychological testing and how it impacts special education decision making. Participants will learn what is involved in testing and what the results mean for them and their child.
Tuesday October 20, 2015 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Individualized Education Program	Every child receiving special education services has an Individualized Education Program (IEP). What is it? Who writes it? What does individualized mean? In this workshop participants will learn about the parts of an IEP, receive tips and tools to become more involved in the planning process.
Wednesday October 28, 2015 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Autism Spectrum Disorders: An Overview	In this workshop participants will learn about Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and will discuss how and why Autism Spectrum Disorders are diagnosed and by whom. The workshop will also cover learning styles, recent research and ways to promote success at home, school and in the community.
Tuesday November 3, 2015 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Introduction to Mental Health	Participants will be introduced to what mental health is and examples of types of mental illness, the causes, treatments, and the various services available in school, at home and in the community.
Tuesday November 17, 2015 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Going to Kindergarten for Children with Special Needs (CPSE to CSE)	Going to Kindergarten is an exciting time for every child and family. In this workshop we will discuss the differences between preschool special education and school age special education. We will answer your questions and help you prepare for this transition.
Wednesday December 2, 2015 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Pathways to Graduation	What does it mean to get a Regent's diploma? A local diploma? An IEP diploma? A SACC? What can you do? What can you not do? How much effort does it take? Can your child do the work? This workshop explores the options and outlines the updates to NYS regulations.

**All Workshops at Parent Network of WNY
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