

# HOT TOPICS

## PARENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Presented by Parent Network of WNY - March 2016

### Do you have a loved one with special needs?

### Would you like help...

to make a difference for children and youth with disabilities?

to learn more than the basics?

to connect with other parents giving and receiving support?

Parent Network is pleased to announce we are now accepting applications for parents and family members to be part of the 6th annual class of the Parent Leadership Program which will take place in 2 locations this year – Buffalo and Wellsville. This is a **free** program!

This is a special opportunity for parents and family members of children and youth with disabilities to prepare for leadership roles in advocating for their own child and others in school and the community.

In depth information will be provided about

- special education
- graduation requirements
- preparing for life in the real world after high school
- conflict resolution
- ways to advocate effectively

Parent and family involvement can lead to greater success for a child or youth receiving special education services.



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As part of the program, you can choose from other additional topics that will be most meaningful to you.

- learning disabilities
- what to do about challenging behavior
- autism
- making sense of the common core
- much more

The last day of the series takes place at the beautiful Beaver Hollow Conference Center giving the class the opportunity to learn about themselves and others while connecting with and supporting each other.

For more information, check out our Parent Leadership webpage at <http://parentnetworkwny.org/information-and-resources/topic:parent-leadership> where you will find information about the series and a video of our graduates speaking with passion about their visions for making a difference.

**If you think the Parent Leadership Series is for you please submit an application by Friday, May 6th, 2016.** If you don't have the time right now or you don't feel the program is for you, encourage someone you know to join the class. Please call Rob Muldoon at 716-332-4178 with any questions.

Parent Network is here to support, educate, connect and empower you in your role with your loved one with a disability.

"Like" then watch our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ParentNetwork/?ref=bookmarks> for upcoming posts with updates about graduates from previous Parent Leadership classes. We are so proud of the difference they are making!



Information about the special education rules empower a parent to be their child's champion and make positive change.

Parent Network has many resources to help support, educate, connect and empower parents and family members of children and youth with disabilities and learning challenges. Check out our website at <http://parentnetworkwny.org/information-and-resources>.





“Change will not come  
if we wait for some  
other person or some  
other time. We are  
the one’s we’ve been  
waiting for. We are the  
change that we seek.”

-Barack Obama