

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

2016 - 2017

PARENT MEETING SCHEDULE

PLEASE LISTEN FOR MONTHLY CONNECT-ED MEETING REMINDER MESSAGES

Morning and evening sessions to be held: 10 AM - NOON and 6:00 - 8:00PM

All events will be held at the Durkin Administration Building, 20 Irving St. Worcester

In order to accommodate our parents and families selected meetings below will be held during the day from [10 AM- NOON] and evenings from (6:00 -8:00PM) All meetings are held at the Durkin Administration Building, located at 20 Irving Street, Worcester, MA. Please contact us if you will require accommodations, and/or if you will need an interpreter or have any questions: (508)-799-3093

September 12, 2016

Sessions: [AM & PM]

Meet and Greet-All parents are welcome to attend this reception to meet the Worcester Special Education Administration Leadership TEAM. Nomination papers will be available for upcoming election for SPED PAC officers.

October 17, 2016

Special Education Regulations and Basic Rights-Panel discussion designed to help parents learn how to be effective partners with their child's school to decide the child's eligibility for special education, and to plan, make decisions and monitor their child's progress in school.

SPED PAC Officers' election will take place at this training

November 14, 2016

Sessions: [AM & PM]

Disability Awareness: What does it mean that my child has a disability? This workshop will assist parents to understand the IEP team meeting process and how TEAMS collaborate with parents to develop of an effective education plan, for example: Parents will learn how to articulate a vision statement, the purpose of evaluations and assessments analyzing data to write measurable goals, and measuring their child's progress, statewide and district assessments.

January 9, 2017

Session: [PM ONLY]

Post-secondary and Transition Planning-Parents will have an opportunity to learn about the transition time line age 14-22 for students with disabilities; steps to take to create a successful transition at middle school, high school, 18-22 level and become familiar with adult services and other community agencies.

***SPED PAC is planning an additional morning session for this training, date and location to be determined.**

February 13, 2017

Session: [PM ONLY]

Sensory Integration, Visualization and Executive Functioning - Parents will have an opportunity to engage in a discussion which includes the following: Occupational Therapist, Behavioral Specialist, BCBA and Learning Disability Specialist. The focus of this workshop will provide parents with these strategies and the impact on academic instruction, behavioral interventions, organizational and social skills. This training will also look at the role of executive functioning in managing the demands of schoolwork, describing what Executive Function challenges look like in classroom related to reading, Math, and writing.

March 13, 2017

Session: [AM & PM]

ADHD-A parental training that will present a overview, discuss strategies and tips for a parent to manage a child with ADHD, and how to help their child find ways to excel in school, as well as effectively control and improve behaviors.

April 24, 2017

Session: [AM & PM]

ABC's of Behavioral Strategies: What we know, don't know, and think we know as strategies will be discussed to help you "Love and Logic" – Easing Peer Pressure, End the Bedtime Blues, Preparing Kids for the Teen World between development and learning, and the scope of disorder versus difference.

June, 2017

DATE & LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Celebrate Our Students' Success and Those Who Support Them: Recognizing and embracing student's talents, abilities, and strengths; and their self determination and self advocacy skills.

The location of this event: TBD

For questions and to register please contact

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SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE FAIR PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES

DATE: TBD

LOCATION:

TIME:

RESOURCES

Community Participants:

Girls and Boys Club

Worcester Connections Family Resource Center

Worcester Family Partnership

Ecotarium

YWCA of Central Mass

You Inc.

Transition Planning & Age of Majority

Getting from A to Z: How to create successful transitions using effective strategies.

Discussion will address transition within various settings including school, home, post-secondary planning and community.
