

Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)



SPAN

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*Empowered Parents:
Educated, Engaged, Effective!*

SPAN'S MISSION



- To empower families & inform & involve professionals & others interested in the healthy development & education rights of children, to enable them to become fully participating & contributing members of our communities & society.

SPAN'S FOCUS

- SPAN's foremost commitment is to children with the greatest need due to disability; poverty; discrimination based on race, sex, language, or immigrant status; geographic location; or family or other special circumstances



SPAN'S ISSUE AREAS



- Early intervention & early childhood
- Education
- Health & Mental Health
- Human Services
- Children & families

SPAN ACTIVITIES

- Information
- Training
- Technical Assistance
- Support
- Leadership Development
- Public Policy Advocacy



INFORMATION



- E-newsletter
- Website
www.spannj.org
- List serve
- Fact sheets & information packets
- Basic Rights Manual
- CDs (Health Advocacy, Inclusive Child Care, IEP, Transition)

INFORMATION



- Laws and regulations
- Research-based best practices
- Advocacy strategies
- Collaboration & partnership skills

TRAINING

- 21 County-based workshops (Basic Rights, Health advocacy, child welfare, juvenile justice, IEP, etc.)
- Lunchtime teleconferences
- Regional trainings
- Annual SPAN Conference
- Annual Inclusive Child Care/ Health in Child Care Conference
- Mini-conferences on Inclusion, Transition to Adult Life



TRAINING - Comprehensive



- SPAN Resource Parent & Health Resource Parent Trainings
- Surrogate Parent
- Parent Leadership Development Institute
- Parent to Parent Orientations
- Parents Engaged in Public Policy
- Parent Support Group Training

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Registered provider of continuing education for teachers
- Medical Student Education Project: all 3rd year residents at UMDNJ Medical School attend forum on children with special needs & spend an evening with a SPAN Resource Parent family



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



- Telephone "warm-line" 800-654-SPAN
- Telephone: Community Resource Centers
- Telephone: Bilingual El Club de Padres
- Email

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- In-person:
 - Community Education Project (Essex)
 - MultiLingual Center/El Club de Padres (Passaic)
 - Family Resource Specialists @ all county SCHS CMUs
 - Child care centers re: quality care, working with families, and inclusion



SUPPORT



- NJ Statewide Parent to Parent Support parents
- Family Resource Specialists at SCHS Case Management Units
- SPAN Resource Parents at Community Resource Centers
- District Parent Support Groups
- Strengthening Families & Strengthening Multi-Ethnic Families & Communities

SPAN PROJECTS



- NE-PACT: Region 1 Parent TA Center
- Parent Training & Information Center (PTI)
- NJ START
- Family WRAP (Wisdom, Resources, Advocacy & Parent to Parent Support) (NJ DHSS):
 - Project CARE
 - Parent to Parent
 - Family Voices
 - FFCMH Chapter
- Family to Family Health Information Center
- Healthy Adolescent Partnership
- Transition to Adult Life

SPAN PROJECTS

- Integrated Community Systems for Children with Special Healthcare Needs & Families
- NJ Inclusive Child Care (NJ DHS) & Inclusive After-School Champions
- Education & Health Rights for Children/ Youth with Special Needs in Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice Systems
- Family Strengthening & Violence Prevention
- Military Family 360 Support Project
- CHIPRA Immigrant Outreach/Enrollment
- Prenatal Care Access
- Parent Leadership Development Projects
- Partnership for Family Success Training & Technical Assistance Center
- Parents Engaged in Public Policy
- County Family Councils



Contact SPAN



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TRAINING

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