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Building Bridges To Success**

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SPAN Workshops: Building Bridges To Success

The Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) has been providing workshops for parents and professionals for over twenty years. Our workshops are designed to meet the needs of the adult learner and provide information and resources combined with hands on activities. These activities help participants learn to apply their newly acquired knowledge in real life situations. Sign up for a workshop today!



REGISTER at www.spannj.org/training or call 1-800-654-7726 x 116 for information.

WHY ATTEND A SPAN WORKSHOP?

SPAN workshops are an excellent way to increase your knowledge of your rights regarding your child's educational or health needs and improve your ability to secure appropriate services for your child. They are also a great opportunity to connect with other parents who "understand" what you are experiencing. Workshops last approximately 2 hours and include both presentations and activities for participants.

TRANSLATION?

All workshops are available in English and Spanish. Sign Language interpretation can also be made available. If you have additional translation needs, please let us know.

WORKSHOP FEES?

SPAN is a non-profit agency. Each year, we provide a limited number of FREE county-based and regional workshops open to all. Due to fiscal constraints, fees are charged to districts, agencies and service providers sponsoring additional parent and/or professional workshops. All workshops listed in this booklet are provided at no charge.

SPAN's E-NEWSLETTER - SIGN UP TODAY!

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*SPAN empowers families, professionals and communities
interested in the health, well-being and education of children.*



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**WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS ARE
AVAILABLE AROUND THE CLOCK!**

SPAN Teleconference Archives allow you easy access to information that until now you could only get by attending a SPAN workshop. Now, all of those resources are available to you with the click of a button. The archives allow easy access to information, are available anytime day or night, and can be replayed as often as you wish. You can learn about special and general education, health advocacy, parent leadership, public policy and much more --whenever it's convenient for you.

**Visit the SPAN Website to access the
teleconference archives at**
<http://www.spannj.org/resources/index.htm>

Some of the topics covered:

[Health Advocacy](#)

[Transition To Adult Life](#)

[Education Topics](#)

[Inclusion](#)

[Conflict Resolution](#)

[Information for Parents: Self Assessment/Monitoring Process](#)

[Public Policy & Lobbying](#)

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Success For All Students

Universal Design for Learning (UDL)



Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a research based framework used to enable ALL children to gain knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm for learning. During this mini-conference, families of children with disabilities will learn about UDL and ways that this approach can help their children achieve success in the general education classroom.

In addition to an interactive presentation, a panel of educators, parents, and students from school districts in New Jersey will share stories and experiences of how they have embraced a universal design for learning to ensure that ALL students have equal opportunities to learn the general curriculum in the least restrictive environment.

Target Audience

Parents, grandparents, educators and caretakers.

Professional Development

Certificates for Professional Development Hours will be available.

Registration is Free!!

9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker and Interactive Presentation

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Panel Discussion

Two Dates and Locations:

SOUTH
Saturday, October 22, 2011
Cherry Hill Library
1100 Kings Highway North
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
856-667-0300

CENTRAL/NORTH
Saturday, October 29, 2011
City of Perth Amboy
Alexander F. Jankowski
Community Center
One Olive Street,
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
732-826-1690

Register Online Now!

To register or for more information call SPAN at 973-42-8100 ext. 123 or Fax: 073-642-3766
Email: start@spannj.org

Co-sponsored by New Jersey Department of Education Office of Special Education (NJOSE)
Statewide Parent Advocacy network (SPAN) Funded by IDEA Part B



Basic Rights In Special Education

REGISTER at www.spannj.org/training or call 1-800-654-7726 x 116 for information.

SCHEDULE

- 10/3/11 in Voorhees
Camden County
- 10/3/11 in Parsippany
Morris County
- 10/5/11 in Livingston
Essex County
- 10/11/11 in Vineland
Cumberland County
- 10/11/11 in Aberdeen
Monmouth County
- 10/13/11 in Westampton
Burlington County
- 10/17/11 in Glassboro
Gloucester County
- 10/17/11 in Lawrenceville
Mercer County
- 10/18/11 in Northfield
Atlantic County
- 10/19/11 in Jersey City
Hudson County
- 10/20/11 in Milltown
Middlesex County
- 10/24/11 in Pilesgrove
Salem County
- 10/25/11 in Jackson
Ocean County
- 10/26/11 in Maywood
Bergen County
- 10/26/11 in Plainfield
Union County
- 11/3/11 in Phillipsburg
Warren County
- 11/10/11 in Flemington
Hunterdon County
- 11/15/11 in Newton
Sussex County
- 3/13/12 in Cape May Courthouse
Cape May County
- 3/20/12 in Clifton
Passaic County
- 3/26/12 in Somerville
Somerset County

For additional details visit:
www.spannj.org

Whether you're new to special education or have been involved for a while, this workshop is for you. This presentation provides families with an introduction to their rights and responsibilities as parents of children with special needs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the New Jersey Code, and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. Parents begin to identify dreams and goals for their children, understand laws and learn advocacy strategies that will help them help their children reach those goals. Parents of classified children and children who are having difficulty in school, but may not be classified, will benefit from this training.

En Espanol

- 11/29/11 in Newark
Essex County

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Essential Components of the IEP

SCHEDULE

- 10/18/11 in Florham Park
Morris County
- 11/7/11 in Oradell
Bergen County
- 11/30/11 in Bridgewater
Somerset County

For additional details visit:
www.spannj.org

This interactive workshop provides participants with a description of the essential components of an IEP. As a result of this workshop, you will be able to read and understand an IEP document, effectively participate in IEP meetings and improve your ability to address IEP concerns/issues in a proactive and positive way. Participants are encouraged to bring their own IEP document to review during the session. Information and strategies will be provided to assist in understanding it's components.

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IEP & Measurable Goals

SCHEDULE

- 11/8/11 in Bayville
Ocean County
- 11/21/11 in Hamilton
Mercer County

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www.spannj.org

This workshop provides parents and professionals with strategies to create IEP's with measurable annual goals and objectives as well as the required information regarding student progress. Step-by-step guidance in writing measurable goals to meet student needs is provided. Maintaining high expectations and accountability through the measurement of student progress is also discussed.

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Creating Agreement

SCHEDULE

- 11/22/11 in Mount Holly Burlington County
- 2/22/12 in Newark Essex County

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www.spannj.org

This workshop will focus on helping parents and professionals “create agreement” and avoid, minimize or appropriately address conflict in the IFSP and IEP process. Join us to explore the benefits and challenges of parent-professional collaboration, learn best practices for resolving conflict, address power imbalances and implement cultural reciprocity.

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PBS: Addressing Challenging Behaviors

SCHEDULE

- 11/29/11 in Bayville Ocean County
- 1/18/12 in Dover Morris County
- 3/21/12 in Red Bank Monmouth County

For additional details visit:
www.spannj.org

This workshop provides an overview of a cycle of failure that often results for students with behavioral challenges. The focus is on intervention with students with students who exhibit challenging behaviors. An emphasis on educational strategies to help students learn alternate behaviors that can lead to long-term change. Information on due process rights of children in the discipline process is also provided.

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Look to the Future Transition to Adult Life

SCHEDULE

- 3/6/12 in Egg Harbor Twnshp Atlantic County
- 3/8/12 in Burlington Burlington County
- 3/12/12 in Westville Gloucester County
- 3/14/12 in Dover Morris County
- 3/14/12 in Brick Ocean County
- 3/27/12 in Cape May Crthse Cape May County
- 3/28/12 in Union City Hudson County

For additional details visit:
www.spannj.org

It's never too early to start planning for the future. This workshop will discuss issues relating to a student's transition 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.

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SPAN Awareness/NJ Resources for Families

SCHEDULE

- 10/6/11 in Elizabeth Union County
- 10/13/11 in Newark Essex County
- 11/16/11 in Dover Morris County

For additional details visit:
www.spannj.org

This workshop provides information about the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network, NJ's federally funded parent training and information center that provides educational training, technical assistance, information and support to parents throughout the state. In addition, a review of the many resources available to families of children with special needs will be provided, including government agencies, educational programs, community service providers and disability specific organizations. Information on accessing programs and services will also be shared.

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Inclusion/LRE

SCHEDULE

- 11/2/11 in Union Union County

For additional details visit:
www.spannj.org

This presentation will provide an overview of the IEP process, describe the legal requirements for Least Restrictive Environment and stresses the value of inclusion of children with disabilities for all children and their families.

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Child Welfare

SCHEDULE

- 2/9/12 in Newark Essex County

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Youth involved in NJ's child welfare system do not lose their rights to appropriate education or health services. This workshop will provide a brief overview of NJ's child welfare system and describe the education and health rights of youth in the system.

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Health Advocacy

SCHEDULE

- 11/1/11 in Hackensack Bergen County

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This presentation focuses on accessing health coverage and service for children with special health care needs. Topics covered include an introduction to various health insurance models- who is eligible and how to apply; mental health services and the child behavioral health system, health support services and more!

Visit us at www.spannj.org/training for the most up to date workshop information.



Using Multiple Intelligences To Help Children Learn

SCHEDULE

- 1/25/12 in Newton
Sussex County
- 2/7/12 in Willingboro
Burlington County
- 3/26/12 in Union
Union County

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Each child has unique gifts and strengths that may not be identified through traditional assessments. Learn how to identify each child's unique "multiple intelligences" and gain teaching strategies designed to help bring out the best in each child. Participants will also learn how to assess their own Multiple Intelligences during this session.

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Understanding ADHD

SCHEDULE

- 10/19/11 in Dover
Morris County
- 10/25/11 in Passaic
Passaic County

For additional details visit:
www.spannj.org

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.

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Lunchtime Teleconferences

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Lunchtime Teleconferences are a great way to access a training from the comfort of your home or office.

So grab your lunch and dial in!

All calls are from 12 noon to 1PM followed by a 30 minute Q&A session.

Once you are registered you will be provided instructions on how to join the call and access the training materials.

IMPLEMENTING NJ's NEW ANTI-BULLYING LAW TWO PART PRESENTATION

PART 1 Presented by Martha Brecher, Legal Director,
Oct 25, 2011 Statewide Parent Advocacy Network

PART 2 Presented by Stuart Green, Executive Director,
Nov 1, 2011 NJ Coalition for Bullying Awareness & Prevention

Join us for this unique opportunity for parents/caregivers to learn about the legal requirements of New Jersey's new Anti-Bullying Law. This two-part teleconference series will provide information on both the legal requirements of the law and best practice for implementation. Key elements of bullying as well as school-wide prevention strategies. Ways to identify, intervene and remedy situations will also be discussed.

REGISTRATION: www.antibullyinglaw.eventbrite.com

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FUTURE TELECONFERENCE TOPICS & DATES!!**



Success for All Students Mini-Conference Series



Reading & Literacy Strategies for Families



MID-ATLANTIC: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C.

Date

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Time

9:00 pm to 12:30 pm

Location

Rutger's University-Cook Campus Center
59 Biel Road, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Hosted by:

Statewide Parent Advocacy Network
Mid-Atlantic Regional Educational Lab

Presenters:

Dr. Joseph Torgesen,
Florida State University
Ms. Christine Carriere,
Carl Von Linne Elem School, Chicago

Registration:

www.literacy2011.eventbrite.com
Deadline to register is Nov 17 at 8:00 pm

Breakfast will be provided.

Join Us For This FREE Event!

Join us at this exciting event for parents/caregivers to learn about resources and hands on activities to improve reading comprehension for young readers. Students who read with understanding at an early age gain access to a broader range of texts, knowledge, and educational opportunities. The presenters will share five recommended steps that parents, teachers, reading coaches and principals can take to improve reading comprehension.

More Information:

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973-642-8100 x 116
trainings@spannj.org

800-654-SPAN(7726)

35 Halsey Street, 4th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102

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The Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) is committed to engaging parents and professionals as partners in improving outcomes for infants, toddlers, children and youth in NJ.

We offer programs that address parent involvement, child care, general and special education, dropout and bullying prevention, child welfare, health care, mental health, youth leadership, transition to adult life, incarcerated youth, military family support, violence prevention and more!

SPAN offers training and professional development for educators and other individuals interested in the healthy development of children. Visit our website for a complete listing of Workshop Offerings or call us to customize a presentation just for you!

Agencies, organizations and other groups interested in hosting a SPAN Workshop in their community are invited to contact us at 973-642-8100 for more information.

SPAN workshops are funded by:

- US Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education Programs
- US Dept. of Health and Human Services
- New Jersey Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education Programs
- New Jersey Bar Foundation, IOLTA
- New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities

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REGISTRATION FORM

5 Ways To Register!

Register Early
Space is Limited

Online: www.spannj.org/training
E-mail: trainings@spannj.org
Phone: 1-800-654-7726 x 116
Fax: 1-973-642-3766
Mail: 35 Halsey St - 4th Floor
Newark, NJ 07102

WORKSHOP SELECTIONS		
DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION

To register for a workshop by mail, complete and return this form to:
SPAN, 35 Halsey Street - 4th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102
Attn: Workshop Registrations

Name _____

Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

I am a Parent Professional _____

Please list any special accommodations needed: _____

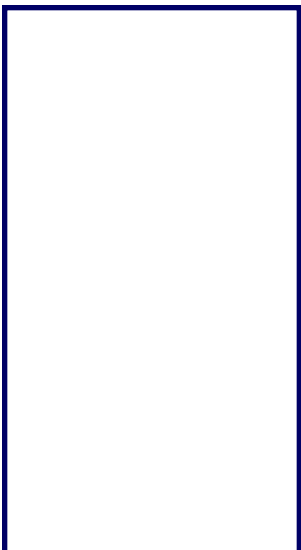
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35 Halsey St.
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Newark, NJ
07102

- Attend a workshop and learn to:**
- Access resources
 - Navigate the education system
 - Understand health and mental health systems
 - Advocate for your child
 - Secure services
 - Connect with other parents
 - Know your rights!

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