

ECAC's Presentation Topic Options

IDEA and the Special Ed Process:

The “world” of special education is complicated and difficult to navigate at times. There are lots of processes and paperwork too! This workshop will help to take the mystery out of special education and provide participants with an overview of IDEA and the special education.

EVERYONE Belongs!: Inclusion:

This workshop discusses the philosophy, legal issues, barriers and strategies related to the inclusion of students with disabilities in regular classroom settings. Participants will have a better understanding of how to partner with teachers to create inclusive school environments for students, including students with significant disabilities.

Becoming Your Child's Best & Most Effective Advocate:

Strong advocacy skills are critical as you work to ensure your child's benefits from his/her education. Learn the steps to help you effectively advocate for your child's needs. Remember, you are an *equal* partner in your child's education.

Early Intervention I'm Growing Up! – Moving from Early Intervention to Preschool Services and/or Kindergarten:

This workshop includes important information for parents of children 2.5 through 5. Prepare for the big move from Early Intervention services into school-age rights and services (beginning at age 3) and continue building a strong educational foundation for your child. Learn about the school-age special education process and your role and responsibilities in that process. Become better prepared to participate on the IEP Team and develop an appropriate program for your child. This workshop is easily modified and can be used as two separate workshops with children birth to 3 and 3-5.

Writing Effective IEPs:

Learn how to actively participate in writing the IEP and navigate the “maze” of forms and paperwork. This workshop will help you identify your child's strengths and needs and use evaluation information to prepare for writing an Individualized Education Program. Tune up your skills and identify strategies to ensure that your child's IEP is implemented and changed as she/he grows.

When Behavior Gets in the Way: Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports:

Learn skills that will help parents and teachers to identify and understand challenging behaviors while creating an atmosphere for positive change and support. Discover how Functional Behavior Assessments and Positive Behavior Intervention Supports can work at school and at home.

Assistive Technology: It's NOT Rocket Science!

Assistive Technology (AT) is not just about electronic equipment – but more about discovering the tools to support your child in their learning. This workshop explores AT devices and services, both high and low tech tools, evaluations and how to include AT in your child's IEP!

Life is a Journey, Prepare for the Trip! – Transition to Adulthood:

This workshop will help parents and students to prepare for the future. Beginning at age 14, students and schools must begin the journey in planning for life after high school. Learn how to write an Individualized Transition Plan (ITP) and how to include your child in this important process. This workshop will include information and strategies for students preparing to work after high school and students going on to college or other educational settings.