



All WSPEI events are FREE, will be held virtually on ZOOM and are open to families, educators and community agency members.

Flyers with registration will be available in June, 2024.

Sign up for our [email list](#) for the monthly newsletter and event notifications.

Check our website frequently for updates.

[Calendar of Events](#)

Topic Specific Workshops

The Family's Role in the CCR-IEP Process

This 3-session workshop is aimed at equipping parents and other family members with knowledge and confidence to actively engage in the IEP process. For families who have a child between the ages 3-21 who have an IEP.

Sessions will run from 6-7:30 pm on October 15, 22 & 29, 2024. Educators are encouraged to participate as well!

Families As Partners

This series of four educational and leadership sessions for families is focused on building relationships with school staff and other supportive individuals in order to enhance student outcomes.

Our fall sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 5:30-8:30 pm, September 10, 17, 24 & October 1 OR on Fridays 9:00 am-noon, September 27, October 4, 11 & 18, 2024

Navigating Special Education Resources

Participants in this workshop will gain fundamental information and knowledge about special education, as well as explore resources and specific tools and strategies to use when collaborating with school staff to support and advocate for their child's needs.

Sessions are held from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Session 1 Topics: Acronyms/Terms; Birth-3; Pre-School; Communication

Session 2 Topics: Evaluation Reports; IEPs; Transition(PTP); General Information.

Session dates: 11/14/24 & 11/21/24

Engaging & Supporting Families Through Groups & Networks

A 4-part workshop series for families of a child with an IEP, Community Agency Members, and Educators held on Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00 am, September 12, 19, 26 & October 3rd, 2024.

Using the Serving on Groups curriculum participants will:

- Learn how to form a group, and identify a purpose and structures to ensure the group works well together.
- Assess and grow their strengths, knowledge, and skills for effective participation and leadership within a group.

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Continuous Monthly Network and Learning Opportunities

Family Support Community

A monthly learning opportunity designed for families and other caregivers supporting a child(ren) with a disability. These meetings occur on the first Wednesday of the month from 7-8 pm and the first Thursday of every month from 12-1:00 pm. Our supportive community meetings provide valuable learning opportunities and mutual support. They take place from September through May.

Family Engagement Community of Practice & Learning

A learning community for educators, administrators, statewide agencies, community partners, and families focusing on family engagement specific topics.

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month September to May, 4:00-5:30 pm.

Book Discussions

Powerful Partnerships; A Teacher's Guide to Engaging Families for Student Success

Karen Mapp, Ilene Carver and Jessica Lander.

In *Powerful Partnerships*, the goal is to strengthen family engagement practices and, in doing so, strengthen classroom success for all students. This work is incredibly impactful. In order for you to achieve the best possible results, one important factor is the strong ties you build with the families and community members that your school serves. Those strong partnerships are important to maximize student learning.

Discussions will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 4-5:30, October 16, 30 & November 13, 2024.

Crucial Conversations, Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High

Patterson, Grenny, McMillan, Switzler

How do you deal with topics that are sensitive yet important to you? Your daily interactions can hold pivotal moments, with outcomes that affect the quality of your relationships, careers and life. This book by Kerry Patterson et. al. helps you to identify and effectively conduct "crucial conversations", so you can overcome difficult or sensitive issues, to improve results and achieve your desired outcomes.

3 Sessions Thursday 9-10:30 am; 10/17, 10/31 & 11/14/2024