



Training Topics



The Parent Technical Assistance Center provides free trainings to parents and families of children with special needs on a variety of special education related topics. You can request FREE PTAC trainings anytime by contacting us at:

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Assistive Technology and iPad training- During this training, participants will learn how smartphones, tablets, and computers, can help children navigate and manage communication, school work, time, and wellness with increased independence. Strategies for using technology at school and at home to improve child's independence and functional use will also be discussed.

Challenging Behavior- Participants of this training will learn strategies to cope and manage challenging behavior at home and in the community. Learn typical developmental stages and how you can help your child through them.

Diploma/ Credential Options for Students with Disabilities- Have you heard about the CDOS? The SACC? The Local Diploma? The Regents Diploma? This training will explain all of these high school exiting options and how parents can be involved in the planning process.

Disability Awareness- Learning that your child has a disability is a difficult time in a parent's life. Your child's daily needs can be overwhelming and leave parents exhausted and wondering where they can find help. This training informs parents about certain disabilities and where to turn for assistance.

Effective Communication- Communication is the heart of education. Effective communication has a positive impact on students, parents and schools. During this presentation, parents/ guardians will learn about the special education process, how to communicate effectively with school districts as well as discover the role of the parents in the mediation process.

Executive Functioning- Executive function and self-regulation skills are the mental processes that enable us to plan, focus attention, remember instructions, and juggle multiple tasks successfully. This training assists parents in understanding the process and provides them with strategies to assist their child in building their executive functioning skills.

FBA's and BIP's- Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans are created when a child is having behavioral difficulty in school. This training will inform parents about the FBA and BIP process, how parents can partner with the school to create a successful plan, as well as and their role in the process.

Mediation- Mediation is a voluntary process in which the parent or guardian of a student with a disability and a representative of the school district meet with a mediator to resolve disputes. This training informs parents about the mediation process and their role in the process.

Parent Member Training- This training has been developed to ensure that all parent members build their knowledge about their role in the CPSE/ CSE process. Participants will develop a greater understanding of the role and requirements of the additional parent member and the special education process; and techniques and strategies to support the parent and fulfill the additional parent member role in an IEP meeting.

Preparing for a CPSE/ CSE meeting- This training will provide tips for preparing for your child's CPSE/CSE meeting. We will discuss the purpose of the meeting, roles of the attendees, important documentation you should have, and strategies for reviewing goals and objectives as well as suggestions for following up with members of the team. We will demonstrate ways to collaborate and effectively communicate with professionals on your child's team to ensure your child's success.

Special Ed 101- The special education process can be confusing. This training informs participants about the special education process. Topics like referral, eligibility and Individualized Education Program (IEP) will be reviewed. Commonly used acronyms from the "language of special education" will also be explained. Parents are invited to bring their child's IEP to the training to clarify any questions they may have about the document.

Transition- Transition occurs throughout a child's life. PTAC staff can assist parents in understanding each transition during their child's school years.

Preschool to school- This training reviews the changes between the Committee for Preschool Special Education (CPSE) and the Committee for Special Education (CSE). Parents are also provided with tips and techniques to try to ease their child's transition from preschool into kindergarten.

Elementary school to middle school- This training explains the changes between elementary school and middle school expectations. Parents are also given tips and techniques to try to ease their child's transition into middle school.

Middle school to high school- This training discusses high school expectations, supports and services. Parents are provided with tips and techniques to try to ease their child's transition into high school.

High school into the adult world- Creating effective transition plans for your child as they prepare to enter into the adult world is essential to their success. This training informs parents about the transition process, their role in the process and how to create successful transition plans cohesively with their child's school district.

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