

One Great Topic:

Navigating the Road to Special Education

**3 different dates, each with a
slightly different focus**

**Parents need to attend only one
session.**

Who should attend?

Parents of children with disabilities
and/or special needs

A light meal and childcare will be
provided. Transportation is available
upon request.

**Contact Sara Halberg at 663-8485 to
request child care, transportation or
special accommodations.**

This is a free workshop for parents in
the Madison Metropolitan School
District. As a result of the training:

- Participants will develop a better understanding of the IEP process.
- Participants will understand the changes in the law due to IDEA-2004 Reauthorization.
- Participants will develop strategies that will help them be more involved in their child's special education program.

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2004 Reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Navigating the Road to Special Education:

Helping Parents be Active Participants in Their Child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) Process

Sponsored by:

***Madison Metropolitan
School District***

***Disability Rights
Wisconsin***

***Madison Partners for
Inclusive Education***

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attend only one session.**

Wednesday, February 21, 2007
Cherokee Middle School Rm 109
5:00-8:00

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

This session focuses on changes in the law and the IEP process as a result of the 2004 Reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It is intended for parents who have a general understanding of the law and the IEP process.

Agenda

5:00-5:30 Registration, dinner

5:30-6:30 Changes in the law and practical applications

6:30-7:30 Break out sessions

Participants can attend 2 sessions

- Inclusive Practices
- Conflict/Dispute Resolution
- Transition to Life After High School

7:30-8:00 Questions & Answers

Presenters:

- Jack Jorgensen, Executive Director of Special Education, MMSD
- Pat Kelly, Disability Rights Wisconsin Specialist
- Fil Clissa & Beth Swedeen, Madison Partners for Inclusive Education
- Ted Szalkowski, Special Education Coordinator, MMSD
- Dan Jackson, Parent

Saturday, March 10, 2007
East High School LMC
9:00-12:30

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL

This session includes an overview of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and how parents can become active participants in the IEP process. It is intended for parents who are just beginning to understand the special education process.

Agenda

9:00-9:30 Registration continental breakfast

9:30-10:30 Understanding Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

10:30-11:30 Becoming an active participants in the IEP process

11:45-12:15 Break out sessions

Participants can attend 1 session

- Inclusive Practices
- Conflict/Dispute Resolution
- Transition to Life After High School

12:15-12:30 Questions & Answers

Presenters:

- Pat Kelly, Disability Rights Wisconsin Specialist
- Fil Clissa & Barb Katz, Madison Partners for Inclusive Education
- Ted Szalkowski, Special Education Coordinator, MMSD
- Dan Jackson, Parent

Monday, March 19, 2007
Harambee Center, 2202 S. Park St.
4:30-8:00

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL
SESSION FOR YOUTH -12 AND OLDER

This session includes an overview of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and how parents can become active participants in the IEP process. It is intended for parents who are just beginning to understand the special education process.

A parallel training that focuses on developing self- advocacy skills will be offered for students 12 and older.

Agenda

4:30-5:00 Registration, dinner

5:00-6:00 Understanding Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

6:00-7:00 Becoming an active participants in the IEP process

7:00-7:30 Break out sessions
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