# **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:

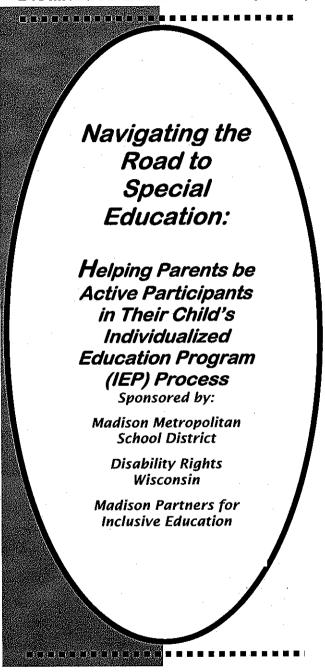
- Participants will develop a better understanding of the IEP process.
- Participants will understand the changes in the law due to IDEA-2004 Reauthorization.
- Participants will develop strategies that will help them be more involved in their child's special education program.

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Madison Metropolitan School District

2004 Reauthorized Individuals with **Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** 



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

#### INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

This session focuses on <u>changes</u> 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.

### <u>Agenda</u>

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.

### <u>Agenda</u>

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 Participants can attend 1 session

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

7:30-8:00 Questions & Answers

#### Presenters:

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