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Families Engaging Families Monthly Networking Call

What is Families Engaging Families?

As part of our advocacy and family engagement initiative PEATC is proud to launch the *Families Engaging Families* monthly *FREE* networking calls for families throughout Virginia. *Families Engaging Families* will gather each month on a conference call with families throughout Virginia and share information and resources. PEATC staff will help parents understand the workings of early intervention and special education, providing clarity of complex systems.

What are the benefits of joining the calls?

Monthly families throughout Virginia will gain new techniques to strengthen their collaborative relationships with their child's school. Not only is the monthly call *FREE* it is useful in keeping our families updated and informed. More importantly these interactive calls are designed to give families a chance to engage with other families regularly around the common goal to strengthen family engagement. *Engaging the family engages the child and positively impacts our schools and communities.*

Parents are not alone in rearing their children. Join other families and learn there is strength in numbers.

How can I participate?

Registration is now open. Click here to register <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FZDJXR2>
Call launches May 2015.

You will receive an email with the conference number once your registration is completed.



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PEATC Trainings and Workshops

Understanding Special Education This workshop will help you identify the seven phases of the special education process and identify the specific actions you may take during the special education process. You will become familiar with due process rights and learn ways to work as partners with teacher and other school personnel. This workshop is offered in both English and Spanish.

The ABCs of Behavior As a result of this workshop, participants will become familiar with the ABCs (Antecedent, Behavior & Consequence) of behaviors, behavior supports, and behavior management. Functional Behavioral Assessments will be covered and you will have an opportunity to practice using a FBA tool to assess behavior. This workshop is offered in both English and Spanish.

How to Talk So Schools Will Listen (and Listen So Schools Will Talk) This workshop will help participants discover communication techniques, learn how to recognize and prevent barriers to communication as they seek to find mutual agreement on IEPs and other issues related to education for students with disabilities. This workshop is offered in both English and Spanish.

Friendship Building Strategies Participants will explore the diversity and nature of their own friendships and build a vision of possibilities for children to develop positive relationships and friendships with each other, and will identify specific strategies that parents, general educators, and special educators can use to facilitate friendships for students. This workshop is offered in both English and Spanish.

Who, What, and When of Early Intervention This workshop covers the early intervention process and the family's role in developing an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Participants will come away from the workshop understanding how the information families have about their children is critical to developing a plan for the baby and the baby's family, and how to be their child's and their family's best and most effective advocate.

The Big Step: Transitioning Into Preschool This workshop is to give insight on the importance of successful transitions from Early Intervention services to preschool. It touches on the importance of the roles of the parents, service coordinators, and educators. Participants will learn the positive and negative effects of transitions. We will also focus on what to look for in a preschool program.

Measurable IEP Goals This workshop brings families and educators together using a common language to build measurable goals to all students. What is a measurable goal? How do you understand and write a measurable goal? These questions and much more will be answered in this workshop.

Is Your Child a Target of Bullying? This free workshop offers intervention strategies for parents of children with disabilities who may be the target of bullying at school. Participants will learn how to: identify types of bullying, develop strategies to prevent bullying, identify responses to bullying, talk to their child about bullying, obtain help from professionals and find out about disability harassment laws. This workshop is offered in both English and Spanish.

Bullying Prevention for Administrators and Teachers The objective of the workshop is to arm attendees with research based information on best practices in bullying prevention, including how to distinguish accurately between bullying and other forms of aggression, and how to foster a school culture that averts the development and reduces the occurrence of bullying.

Transition: Families Pave the Way Your child's future and adulthood may seem far off, but it's not too early to start planning. This workshop will teach you five powerful strategies for steering your child's life toward high expectations and happiness, and will clarify the vital leadership role that ONLY parents can bring to meaningful transition planning.

Successful Transition Planning and the IEP: All You Need to Know This workshop will prepare parents and students to be active participants in developing a meaningful and useful transition plan to help them as they prepare for life as an adult, when they finish school. It will tell you what needs to be in the transition plan, and what the law (IDEA) says about transition services.

Families and Social Media Using examples from numerous social media venues, presenters will define social media, review research findings on families' use of social media, consider the implications of mobile technology, examine cultural preferences regarding traditional and technological outreach efforts, and identify new electronic and print resources for families.

The Journey to Adulthood: Puberty and Sexuality A candid and practical discussion that offers parental strategies for assisting young adults with disabilities to (1) successfully navigate puberty, and (2) meet the emerging expectations of adult life. This research-based curriculum was developed in response to interviews with 1200 families from a variety of cultural perspectives. This workshop is offered in both English and Spanish

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