

The  
**Parent Network**  
of WNY

**Family Education and Training (FET)**

**Medicaid Waiver Service**

2007/2008 Schedule of Trainings

The sessions below are for parents/families who have children with developmental disabilities and take part in the Medicaid Waiver Service,

<p>Tues., September 18, 2007      10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  <b>“Sensory Integration”</b> Does your child have coordination and balance difficulties? Have they ever shown sensitivity to sounds, textures, or touch? Has there been any difficulty with speaking or learning basic sounds? You may want to learn more about sensory integration and what services to ask for to help your child.</p>	<p>Tues., February 12, 2008      10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  <b>“What To Do With All That Paper”</b>  Having well-organized papers at your fingertips gives you the upper hand when advocating for your child with special needs. Learn what papers to keep, why, and how this can help you receive necessary services for your student.</p>
<p>Tues., October 23, 2007      10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  <b>“Transition to Adulthood”</b> Does your student have plans for what their life will be like after school? What questions should you ask about college, work, and independent living? What should you do while in school to help make the transition to the “adult world” smoother?</p>	<p>Tues., March 11, 2008      6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  <b>“Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder”</b>  Learn more about various types of autism (classifications, characteristics, criteria). How children with autism learn and process information. Address behavioral concerns for children with autism and modifying the school environment to promote success.</p>
<p>Tues., November 13, 2007      6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  <b>“Self Determination”</b> Promotes all individual with disabilities to have the same rights as all others to pursue a meaningful life, embedded in our communities, rich in relationships and individually crafted. This levels the playing field.</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 15, 2008      6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  <b>“Development of the IEP”</b>  Learn more about developing an IEP (Individualized Education Program), the different parts involved and the parents’ role in the process.</p>
<p>Tue., December 11, 2007      6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  <b>“Options for People Through Services”</b>  Get answers to these questions and more: What is OPTS? Can I get involved in an OPTS proposal? Who is eligible to receive services? What services are provided? Is it a long process?</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 13, 2008      10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  <b>“Overview of Down syndrome”</b>  Understand more about Down syndrome - the causes, characteristics and associated conditions. Learn to look beyond the myths.</p>
<p>Tue., January 8, 2008      6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  <b>“Overview of the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD)”</b>  An introduction to the OMRDD system, where to start, what services are offered, and ways to navigate the system to help your child.</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 17, 2008      6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  <b>“Overview of the Mental Health System”</b>  My child is having trouble in school, at home, in the community. I think we need help. Where can I turn? What can I do? An introduction to the mental health system, where to start and how to navigate the system.</p>

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seats are limited please call to confirm availability and your FET status.