

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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W – Workshop	SP – Spanish Event
G – Group	FE – Family Event
C - Conference	O – Online

Date & Time		Title and Description	Location
Online Workshops & Support Groups			
O	Tuesday November 11 6:30PM – 8:00PM	Advocating for Your Child: Preparing for Your Next IEP Meeting – This workshop will empower parents and families to confidently navigate the IEP process and effectively advocate for their child's unique educational needs.	Online Workshop Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Wednesday November 12 1:00PM – 3:00PM	Agency 101 – Join this Agency 101 training to increase your knowledge of available post-secondary resources so you can advocate for your child with confidence!	Online Workshop Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Tuesday November 18 6:30PM	ADHD/Learning Differences Support Group – Are you a parent of a child with ADHD or do you suspect they have a learning difference? We will be sharing experiences, discussing strategies, and providing support.	Online Support Group Support Group – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Wednesday November 19 6:00PM	Rural Disability Family & Caregivers Support Group – Our goals are to support families and caregivers of loved ones with disabilities in rural communities, provide a space for connection and mutual support, and share tools, knowledge, and resources tailored to rural caregiving. Whether you're a parent, sibling, spouse, or extended family member providing care for an individual with a disability, you're welcome here.	Online Support Group Support Group – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Monday November 24 6:00PM – 7:30PM	EI To CPSE Transition for Parents – Parents will be guided through the process of transitioning their child from Early Intervention to the Committee on Preschool Special Education.	Online Workshop Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Tuesday November 25 6:00PM – 8:00PM	Special Education 101: Training a Parent Member – Learn about the Special Education Process and the Individualized Education Program (IEP)! Gain an understanding about procedures, NYS regulations, and strategies to promote a parent's understanding and participation in an IEP meeting.	Online Workshop Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Thursday December 4 6:00PM	Disability Care: Men's Support Group – This ongoing support group is designed specifically for men who are caregivers to individuals with disabilities, whether they are fathers, brothers, spouses, partners, or friends. Each session focuses on relevant topics such as stress management, navigating systems, advocating for loved ones, and maintaining personal well-being.	Online Support Group Support Group – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Monday December 8 6:30PM	The Link WNY's Family & Caregiver Group – Are you a parent of a child with disabilities or do you suspect they have a disability? Do you want to feel less overwhelmed, feel a sense of belonging? Get the support you need from Parent Network of WNY, Empower & other group members! Discuss topics such as Special Education, Sensory Processing Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, & more!	Online Support Group Support Group – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events

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O	Tuesday December 9 6:30PM – 8:00PM	<u>Every Student, Every Story: Developing Meaningful PLEP Statements</u> – Families will gain the confidence and knowledge to actively contribute to creating meaningful PLEP statements that capture their child's unique story and lay the groundwork for a truly individualized and effective IEP.	Online Workshop Series Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Wednesday December 10 12:00PM – 2:00PM	<u>Transition & The Individualized Education Program (IEP)</u> – An IEP must reflect transition services by the time the student reaches the age of 15. Each part is meant to help the student to continue to learn, develop, and maintain the skills that will help them reach their post-secondary goals. Join us to discuss the IEP and transition planning.	Online Workshop Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Wednesday December 10 5:00PM – 6:00PM	<u>Special Education Mediation for Families</u> – Mediation is usually a faster and more affordable way for both sides to settle disagreements. It gives them a chance to talk through the issues, work together on a solution they both accept, and is often very effective in resolving special education concerns. This workshop will help participants understand mediation and families' rights and learn the benefits of mediation to solve special education disputes.	Online Workshop Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Thursday December 11 6:00PM – 8:00PM	<u>Student Involvement in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) for Families</u> – Participants will learn the how and why to meaningfully engage and promote their child's participation in the development of their IEPs and Committee on Special Education (CSE) meeting. Attendees will be able to identify and discuss how to build and encourage their child's self-determination skills and will receive and review materials and resources to promote student involvement in the IEP.	Online Workshop Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Tuesday December 16 6:30PM	<u>ADHD/Learning Differences Support Group</u> – Are you a parent of a child with ADHD or do you suspect they have a learning difference? We will be sharing experiences, discussing strategies, and providing support.	Online Support Group Support Group – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Wednesday December 17 6:00PM	<u>Rural Disability Family & Caregivers Support Group</u> – Our goals are to support families and caregivers of loved ones with disabilities in rural communities, provide a space for connection and mutual support, and share tools, knowledge, and resources tailored to rural caregiving. Whether you're a parent, sibling, spouse, or extended family member providing care for an individual with a disability, you're welcome here.	In-Person Support Group WNY Rural Area Health Education Center (R-AHEC) 20 Duncan Street Warsaw, NY, 14569 Support Group – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events

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