

## 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
<b>Online Workshops &amp; Support Groups</b>			
<b>FE</b>	Saturday <b>April 11</b> 10:00AM – 1:00PM	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Recreational Festival</b> – Learn about recreational programs and services in WNY for individuals with all abilities. Face painting, Disney princesses, Superheroes, Balloon twister, Snacks, Raffles, and Giveaways.	Family Event  Event – Sign up for free <a href="http://www.parentnetworkwny.org/events">www.parentnetworkwny.org/events</a>
<b>G</b>	Monday <b>April 13</b> 6:30PM	<b>The Link WNY's Family &amp; Caregiver Group</b> – 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 <a href="http://www.parentnetworkwny.org/events">www.parentnetworkwny.org/events</a>
<b>W</b>	Tuesday <b>April 14</b> 4:00PM – 5:30PM	<b>Family Guide to Transition Planning: Preparing Students with Disabilities for Life After High School</b> – Parents and families will learn about post-secondary options such as employment, education and independent living so that they can actively participate in the transition planning process for their child's journey to adulthood.	In-Person Workshop  Dunkirk High School 620 Marauder Dr. Dunkirk, NY, 14048  Workshop – Sign up for free <a href="http://www.parentnetworkwny.org/events">www.parentnetworkwny.org/events</a>
<b>W</b>	Tuesday <b>April 14</b> 4:00PM – 5:00PM	<b>Kindergarten Readiness Series with APOT</b> – This is a 45-minute group for kids ages 3-6 led by a pediatric occupational therapist (OT) focusing on skills necessary to get everybody Kindergarten ready. This 5-week course will cover pre-academic, social emotional, and daily living/life skills development to help support caregivers & kids of all needs.	In-Person Workshop Series  Niagara Falls Public Library 1425 Main Street Niagara Falls, NY, 14305  Workshop – Sign up for free <a href="http://www.parentnetworkwny.org/events">www.parentnetworkwny.org/events</a>
<b>O</b>	Tuesday <b>April 14</b> 6:30PM – 8:00PM	<b>Ready, Set, Kindergarten! Preparing for a Great Start</b> – A workshop designed for families to help their children transition smoothly and confidently into kindergarten.	Online Workshop  Workshop – Sign up for free <a href="http://www.parentnetworkwny.org/events">www.parentnetworkwny.org/events</a>
<b>O</b>	Wednesday <b>April 15</b> 11:00AM – 1:00PM	<b>How to Foster and Support Self Determination in All Students</b> – Participants will learn how to empower and encourage action for independence through foundational concepts, resources and strategies.	Online Workshop  Workshop – Sign up for free <a href="http://www.parentnetworkwny.org/events">www.parentnetworkwny.org/events</a>
<b>O</b>	Thursday <b>April 16</b> 6:00PM – 8:00PM	<b>Student Involvement In The Individualized Education Program (IEP) For Families</b> – The workshop will promote and encourage student and family involvement in the IEP development process and Committee on Special Education (CSE) meetings.	Online Workshop  Workshop – Sign up for free <a href="http://www.parentnetworkwny.org/events">www.parentnetworkwny.org/events</a>

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<p><b>W</b></p>	<p>Monday <b>April 20</b> 6:00PM – 8:00PM</p>	<p><b><u>Student Involvement In The Individualized Education Program (IEP) For Families</u></b> – Why should your child participate in the CSE process for their IEP? How will it help them in the future? Join us for this training to find out the how and why to promote their participation in the IEP and CSE process and meetings. Resources will be provided.</p>	<p>Hybrid Workshop</p> <p>Attend via Zoom <i>or</i> Bush Elementary School 150 Pardee Avenue Jamestown, NY, 14701</p> <p>Workshop – Sign up for free <a href="http://www.parentnetworkwny.org/events">www.parentnetworkwny.org/events</a></p>
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<p><b>G</b></p>	<p>Tuesday <b>April 21</b> 6:30PM</p>	<p><b><u>ADHD/Learning Differences Support Group</u></b> – 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.</p>	<p>Online Support Group</p> <p>Support Group – Sign up for free <a href="http://www.parentnetworkwny.org/events">www.parentnetworkwny.org/events</a></p>
<p><b>C</b></p>	<p>Wednesday <b>April 22</b> 8:00AM – 3:30PM</p>	<p><b><u>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Engagement Conference</u></b> – This conference supports those who want to develop and strengthen community partnerships. Participants will hear about best practices and high-impact engagement that they can use in their day-to-day work. Through discussion and work sessions, attendees will learn and share important information about family and community engagement. This conference offers a unique opportunity to build strong collaborations and take valuable information back to their schools and agencies.</p>	<p>In-Person Conference</p> <p>Classics V Banquet &amp; Conference Center 2425 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Amherst, NY, 14228</p> <p>Conference – Sign up at <a href="http://www.parentnetworkwny.org/events">www.parentnetworkwny.org/events</a></p>
<p><b>O</b></p>	<p>Tuesday <b>April 28</b> 5:00PM – 7:00PM</p>	<p><b><u>Family Guide to Transition Planning: Preparing Students with Disabilities for Life After High School</u></b> – Parents and families will learn about post-secondary options such as employment, education and independent living so that they can actively participate in the transition planning process for their child's journey to adulthood.</p>	<p>Online Workshop</p> <p>Workshop – Sign up for free <a href="http://www.parentnetworkwny.org/events">www.parentnetworkwny.org/events</a></p>

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