

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			
W	Wednesday May 6 5:00PM – 7:00PM	About My Child: A Family Workshop to Share What Matters Most – You don't need special knowledge or experience—just what you already know about your child. This welcoming workshop helps you organize what you know about your child and share it in a way that helps school teams better support them. Join us to learn, ask questions, and feel more confident advocating for your child. <i>*Light dinner provided*</i>	In-Person Workshop Salamanca High School 50 Iroquois Drive Salamanca, NY, 14779 Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Thursday May 7 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. Through open conversation, shared experiences, and expert-led discussions, we create a safe, judgment-free space for men to connect, reflect, and recharge. 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
O	Thursday May 7 6:00PM – 7:30PM	Instrucción Explícita De Vocabulario Para Padres – ¡Únase a nosotros para aprender cómo fomentar el desarrollo del vocabulario y las habilidades de lectura de su hijo, y evitar el retroceso del verano! Los participantes se llevarán un conjunto tangible de recursos que podrán utilizar en casa para apoyar el desarrollo del vocabulario.	Online Workshop Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Monday May 11th 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
O	Tuesday May 12 6:00PM – 8:00PM	New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA): Essential Information for Families of Students with Disabilities – Participants will learn the criteria for NYSAA eligibility, the type of assessments used to measure a NYSAA student's performance and how often, and how a NYSAA determination affects graduations options and plans for life after high school.	Online Workshop Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Tuesday May 12 6:30PM – 8:00PM	Making the Leap: High School Expectations vs. Adult Realities – This workshop will provide families with essential information and resources to bridge the gap between high school expectations and the realities of adult life.	Online Workshop Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events

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W	Tuesday May 19 5:00PM – 7:00PM	Family Guide to Transition Planning: Preparing Students with Disabilities for Life After High School – The workshop will support families in understanding the transition planning process specifically from high school to adulthood. When families are knowledgeable about the transition process students with disabilities experience improved post-school outcomes in the areas of employment, post-secondary education, and independent living.	In-Person Workshop Dunkirk High School 620 Marauder Dr. Dunkirk, NY, 14048 Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Tuesday May 19 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
O	Thursday May 21 4:30PM – 6:30PM	Special Education 101: Training a Parent Member – Learn about the Special Education Process and the Individualized Education Program! Gain an understanding about procedures, NYS regulations, and strategies to promote a parent’s understanding and participation in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting. This course is required to receive a Parent Member Certificate to support a parent of a child with a disability in an IEP meeting.	In-Person Workshop Parent Network of WNY 1021 Broadway Street Buffalo, NY, 14212 Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Tuesday May 26 6:00PM – 7:30PM	Instrucción Especialmente Diseñada (SDI): Una guía para familias y cuidadores – Acompáñenos en esta capacitación fundamental, diseñada para que las familias y los cuidadores adquieran una comprensión más profunda de las Instrucciones Especialmente Diseñadas (SDI, por sus siglas en inglés). Descubra cómo puede convertirse en un colaborador más involucrado y empoderado en el recorrido de educación especial de su hijo.	Online Workshop Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Tuesday May 26 6:00PM – 7:30PM	Specially Designed Instruction: A Guide for Families and Caregivers – Join us for this foundational training designed for families and caregivers to gain a deeper understanding of Specially Designed Instructions (SDI). Learn how you can become a more engaged and empowered partner in your child’s special education journey.	Online Workshop Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
W	Wednesday May 27 10:00AM – 12:00PM	Evaluación Alternativa del Estado de Nueva York (NYSAA) – Los participantes aprenderán los criterios de elegibilidad para NYSAA, el tipo de evaluaciones que se utilizan para medir el rendimiento de los estudiantes de NYSAA, y cómo la determinación de NYSAA afecta las opciones de graduación y los planes para la vida después de la escuela secundaria.	In-Person Workshop Parent Network of WNY 1021 Broadway Street Buffalo, NY, 14212 Workshop – Sign up for free www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Wednesday May 27 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

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