

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			
C	Wednesday February 28 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM	4th Annual Family Engagement Conference – 6 breakout sessions to choose from (Themes: Mental Health, Disability, and Adverse Childhood Experiences) Opportunities to network with other professionals. Keynote Speaker: Hasan Davis "Hope Dealer". Afternoon Speaker: Antoine Johnson, Fatherhood Practitioner. Continental breakfast and Buffet lunch. <i>Registration: \$100</i>	In-Person Conference M Hotel Buffalo 2040 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga, NY, 14225 Sign up at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Monday March 4 5:00 – 7:00 PM	How to Foster and Support Self-Determination in All Students – Participants will recognize and identify the definition of self-determination and the elements that comprise self-determination as well as access and utilize materials and resources to aid in the promotion of self-determination throughout the transition planning process.	Online Webinar Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Wednesday March 6 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Test Accommodations for Students with Disabilities – Participants will learn the purpose of test accommodations, define the types of test accommodations, understand their role in supporting a student with their test accommodations, and recognize that instructional accommodations used in the classroom should be aligned with the testing accommodations provided during assessment.	Online Webinar Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Wednesday March 6 12:00 – 12:45 PM	Live, Learn, Work and Play: What to do after graduation – The Amherst School District Family Support Center and Parent Network are partnering to provide families with three informative lunch and learn sessions about transition! Do you have a child that is entering high school, or do you just want to learn about services out there for special education students? Does your child have an IEP or a 504 Plan?	Online Webinar Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
W	Thursday March 7 6:00 – 7:30 PM	Family Guide to Transition Planning: Preparing Students with Disabilities for Life After High School – Families that have children with an IEP will learn about the transition planning process starting at an early age, although focusing primarily on high school to postsecondary, which will help them to support students in establishing measurable postsecondary goals and annual goals, based on their preferences and interests and how to utilize resources embedded in the Guide to further enhance their understanding of each of the topic areas.	In-Person Workshop John F Kennedy High School 305 Cayuga Creek Road Cheektowaga, NY, 14227 Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Jueves 7 de Marzo 6:30 PM	Charla Con Nosotros Grupo De Apoyo – ¿Eres padre de un niño/a que tiene una discapacidad o sospechas que tengan una discapacidad? Consigue información práctica, constructiva, y útil. Consigue información práctica, constructiva, y útil. Aprende más sobre cómo manejar con sus problemas a través de experiencias compartidas. Tén un espacio seguro para compartir tus experiencias y dificultades.	REGISTRACIÓN www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Monday March 11 6:00 – 7:30 PM	Family Guide to Transition Planning: Preparing Students with Disabilities for Life After High School – Families that have children with an IEP will learn about the transition planning process starting at an early age, although focusing primarily on high school to postsecondary, which will help them to support students in establishing measurable postsecondary goals and annual goals, based on their preferences and interests and how to utilize resources embedded in the Guide to further enhance their understanding of each of the topic areas.	Online Webinar Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events

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G	Monday March 11 6:30 PM	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 Meeting Support Group – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Wednesday March 13 7:00 – 8:00 PM	What is a NY ABLE Account? – The NY ABLE Program is a tax-advantaged savings program for individuals with disabilities and their families to save for their current or long term needs while maintaining their ability to benefit from federal benefits programs such as SSI, SSDI and Medicaid. Our program offers multiple investment options including a checking account and debit card option allowing individuals with disabilities to maintain their independence and have quick and easy access to their own money.	Online Webinar Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Thursday March 14 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Student Involvement in the IEP for Families – Participants will learn 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 as well as how to identify and discuss how to build and encourage their child's self-determination skills. Families will also learn how to receive and review materials and resources to promote student involvement in the IEP and utilize qualitative data from previous participants to support the team throughout the process.	Online Webinar Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Thursday March 14 6:30 PM	Chautauqua County Family & Caregiver Support Group – Providing a welcoming environment for parents, family members, and other caregivers of individuals with disabilities to meet, share experiences, ask questions, and receive support.	Online Meeting Support Group – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
W	Monday March 18 6:00 – 7:00 PM	Special Education 101: A Parent Member – Learn about the Special Education Process and the Individualized Education Program! Gain 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: 2 Part Training Parent Network of WNY 1021 Broadway Street Buffalo, NY, 14212 Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events <i>Part 1 must be completed online at least 1 day prior to in-person workshop.</i>
W	Tuesday March 19 6:00 – 8:00 PM	Williamsville Agency Fair – A great opportunity to learn more about activities, programs, and events available for young adults with disabilities both while in school and after high school. You will be able to speak to agencies and organizations about recreational programs, respite, housing, dayhab without walls, pre-voc, college programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities.	In-Person Workshop Williamsville North High School 1595 Hopkins Road Williamsville, NY, 14221 Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Tuesday March 19 6:30 PM	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 Meeting Support Group – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events

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