

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	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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O	Wednesday March 20 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA): Essential Information for Families of Students with Disabilities – Families/caregivers will understand the essential elements and implications of NYSAA participation.	Online Webinar Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
W	Wednesday March 20 6:00 – 7:30 PM	Specially Designed Instruction: A Guide for Families and Caregivers – Learn how teachers use SDI to meet the needs of your child with disabilities in the classroom, examine what SDI looks like in the IEP, and understand your value as an engaged meaningful partner in the special education process of your child.	In-Person Workshop Olean City School – PLC Building 402 North 7 th Street Olean, NY, 14760 Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Friday March 22 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Effective Communication for Professionals – Families that are supporting students with IEPs and 504 Plans need a unique level of communication from schools and providers, which may be due to medication, behavior, or more scrutiny for academic progress. This workshop will help providers learn about navigating those levels of communication, how to increase communication from the beginning of the school year and continue it throughout.	Online Webinar Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Wednesday March 27 9:00 – 10:30 AM	CPSE to CSE for Parents – Guardians and family members will understand the timeline vocabulary and process for the transition from Committee on Preschool Education (CPSE) to School Age Committee on Special Education (CSE).	Online Webinar Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
O	Wednesday April 3 7:00 – 8:00 PM	How to Have Difficult Conversations – Communication is important in all aspects of your life. We communicate with our coworkers, families, friends, other professionals, and even people we do not always get along with. Effective communication can help to foster a good relationship between you and the people in your life, which, in turn, can help you achieve your goals and make life a little less stressful. Join Parent Network staff to learn more about how to have difficult conversations to facilitate change and growth!	Online Webinar Workshop – Sign up for free at www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Jueves 4 de Abril 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 sus experiencias y dificultades.	REGISTRACIÓN www.parentnetworkwny.org/events
G	Monday April 8 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

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