

Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Family Workshops Winter/Spring 2021



Event Title	Date	Time	Location	Details
Assistive Technologies Presenting: Elisa Wern	Tuesday, January 26th	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Virtual https://bit.ly/2SQUBC4	*Appropriate for the caregivers of any child in the public school system that is on an IEP or 504 plan *Workshop will give information of some commonly used technologies and explain the process involved to get these technologies through the district *Other ways of getting technologies will also be presented such as grant money from local nonprofit organizations
Dyslexia and Dysgraphia: Insights for Parents Presenting: Anne-Marie Slinger-Constant, MD, FAAP.	Thursday, Feb. 11th	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Virtual https://bit.ly/2SQUBC4	*Appropriate for caregivers of any child in the public school system that is showing struggles with reading, writing, math, or currently is on an IEP or 504 *Dyslexia and dysgraphia are terms surrounded by myths and misperceptions. The focus of this presentation will be to demystify these terms, discuss the core characteristics of dyslexia and dysgraphia and the reading brain *Identify key elements of effective instruction for students with dyslexia, and discuss ways in which parents can support the development of their child's reading and writing skills
Create an IEP Binder Presenting: Michelle Surman Terri Hill	Thursday, March 11th	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Virtual https://bit.ly/2SQUBC4	*Appropriate for all caregivers who have at least one child identified as ESE that is placed on an IEP, including PreK-ESE children *During this workshop, caregivers will be given ESE basics and electronic inserts for an official IEP Binder. These binders help caregivers better advocate for their ESE children at IEP meetings and allow them to objectively follow changes in progress to best improve the learning experience and environment of their children
Executive Function: The skills our kids need for learning & life! Presenting: Anne-Marie Slinger-Constant, MD, FAAP. Pamela Connolly, M.Ed.	Thursday, April 22nd	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Virtual https://bit.ly/2SQUBC4	Appropriate for caregivers of any child in the public school system that is showing struggles with reading, writing, math, or currently is on an IEP or 504 *This presentation will focus on the "what" of executive function *How parents can help their children acquire the necessary building blocks for self-regulation and learning (at home and at school), *Evidence-based resources for parent *Appropriate for caregivers of any child in the public school system showing struggles with executive function, is on an IEP or 504 plan
Guardianship Advocacy Presenting: Nancy Wright Pamela Dunmore	Thursday, May 6th	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Virtual https://bit.ly/2SQUBC4	*Appropriate for caregivers of ESE students in middle and high school who will require guardianship at 18 years of age. *When a child turns 18, the legal system presumes that he or she is now an adult and entitled to make independent decisions. For someone whose decision-making is impaired, there are ways to help in those decisions by trusted adults/parents. For some, a document like a power of attorney might be appropriate. For others, the only option will be a type of guardianship. At this workshop an attorney who works primarily with persons with disabilities will teach families on how to navigate this process. Additionally, information will be provided to help families learn about what to expect if they file for guardianship without an attorney

Key Terms:

ESE - Exceptional Student Education is the special education help given to students with disabilities and learning challenges.

504 Plan - An education plan to meet the needs of a child with a disability, long-term illness, or other disorder(s) affecting the child's learning environment.

IEP - An Individual Education Plan is a written statement of the educational plan to meet the educational needs of a student with a disability.

FDLRS - The Florida based program that provides diagnostic, instructional, and technology support services to district ESE programs, students, and families.