

2018-2019 PARENT TRAININGS

Special Education



Free to ALL parents

REGION 9 | EDUCATION
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS | SERVICE
CENTER

Mark your calendar to attend these upcoming Parent Trainings

Location

Region 9 ESC
301 Loop 11
Wichita Falls, TX 76306

How to Register

See page 6 for specific instructions

Cost: FREE

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Special Reminders:

- Children ages 0-17 are not allowed to attend parent trainings at Region 9 ESC.
- Some in-person trainings may also be available via webinar. Please contact Paula Perkins for varied options of delivery.
- If you require an interpreter or accessible materials such as Braille or large print, please notify the Registration Office at least two weeks before the session.
- Any session may be cancelled if there are not at least five participants registered via the Region 9 system three days prior. For participants who are registered, a notification will be sent via email if a session is cancelled.

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

5:00–7:00 PM

Collaborative Engagement in ARD Committee Meetings (for Parents)

Presenter: Dr. Sally Earnest

Parent participation in the education decision making process is a critical factor for student success. A large piece of this process occurs at the ARD Committee meeting. When all IEP Team Members, including parents, are able to use core facilitation skills, the group is able to communicate, plan, and problem solve more effectively, leading to better educational programs and outcomes for students with disabilities. Be better prepared for your child's next ARD Committee meeting by learning more about core strategies and tools, establishing norms, conflict transformation, group decision making, and more.

Thursday, September 6, 2018

5:00–7:00 PM

Practicing Reading Skills

Presenter: Lynra Tackitt

Many students have difficulties in reading and need to practice specific reading skills at home. In this workshop parents will learn ways to help their students become more fluent, independent readers at home.

Thursday, September 13, 2018

5:00–7:00 PM

Putting Math Skills to Work

Presenter: Lynra Tackitt

This workshop will provide parents with tools and information on how to help provide math help at home. We will look at resources available on-line as well as create some hands-on math materials that can help your student at home.

Thursday, October 18, 2018

9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Supported Decision-Making, Self-Determination, & Transfer of Rights

Presenter: Jeff Miller, Disability Rights Texas

Saturday, October 20, 2018

9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Parent Symposium (FALL)

Presenter: Janelle Walta

Behavior Management for Home

This training will provide strategies and resources for parents and guardians in the area of positive behavior. Throughout the training we will explore behavior - functions, positive/ negative reinforcement, positive/negative punishment, behavior momentum, extinction, and, extinction burst. Participants will review real-life scenarios, discuss practical applications, and have an opportunity for questions/answers.

Presenter: Shamayn Kennedy, Partners Resource Network – PATH Project

Stress Management & Resiliency

This workshop will help parents understand the importance of managing stress and building their resiliency to stress. We'll talk about how to identify potential stressors and the main sources of your stress. You will then learn and practice some relaxation techniques to help reduce stress levels.

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

1:00–2:30 PM

Trauma Informed Care

Presenter: Pat Stacey

The need to address long-term effects of adverse childhood experiences is increasingly viewed as an important component of effective service delivery. This training will help parents and educators better understand the effects that trauma can have on child development, behaviors, and functioning, as well as recognize, prevent and cope with compassion fatigue.

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

2:30–4:00 PM

Special Education Basics (embedded into Surrogate & Foster Parent Training)

Presenter: Paula Perkins

This quick dive into the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) will cover processes and programs associated with: Identification; Collection of evaluation and re-evaluation data; ARD committee process; Development of an Individualized Education Program (IEP); Determination of Least Restrictive Environment (LRE); Implementation of an IEP; Procedural Safeguards; and Sources to contact to obtain assistance in understanding the laws, rules, and regulations relating to children with disabilities.



Thursday, November 8, 2018

4:30–6:30 PM

Communication Works!

Presenter: Starsha Canaday

This training is to provide parents and guardians with techniques to increase and improve their child's communication ability at home and in the community. Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to learn basic sign language and to create simple and effective communication boards and visuals to take with them.



Thursday-Saturday, December 6-8, 2018

One TEAM One Dream: Statewide Parental Involvement Conference

- This event will be held at the Frisco Embassy Suites & Convention Center. The conference will feature a special education strand, inclusive of a feature session hosted by special education personnel from the Texas Education Agency.
- The conference website can be accessed at www.implanners.com/parents. Registration will be through this website, not Region 9 ESC. Make your reservations early to secure availability.

Thursday, January 10, 2019

(Check back for session specifics!)

Special Education Transition Planning

Presenter: Dr. Vickie Mitchell

Saturday, February 2, 2019

9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Parent Symposium (SPRING)

Presenter: Haley Greer, The Arc of TX

PLAN IT! How to Save Money Long-Term while KEEPING BENEFITS!

This highly requested session will provide financial strategies and options for planning for your child's future. Need start-up advice? Does your working-age student want a job, yet you are concerned about the potential loss of benefits? We will specifically discuss ABLE savings accounts and special needs trusts. Come learn about tools to add to your toolbox to aid the financial journey. This is NOT to be missed, as it's never too soon to begin!

Presenter: Shelly Bailey, LTSS

Coordinator with MAXIMUS

STAR KIDS & STAR PLUS

Do you need more information about Medicaid programs for your child? Come learn how STAR KIDS & STAR PLUS work. We will discuss what services are covered/provided and help you be able to determine the differences in Managed Care Organizations within the Medicaid system. Information regarding access/utilization of medical transportation, service coordination within the health plan, and what to expect during transition between the two programs will be highlighted. Parents will leave with a direct contact to help navigate program education and potential enrollment needs.

Thursday, February 7, 2019

1:00–4:00 PM

Guardianship & Alternatives to Guardianship

Presenter: Jeff Miller, Disability Rights Texas

Thursday, March 7, 2019

5:00–7:00 PM

Learning Through Play at Home

Presenters: Starsha Canaday & Christi Kelton

Parents and their preschooler (ages 3-5) are invited to attend this hands-on session together. Attendees, both young and old, will engage in fun and playful activities to emphasize the importance of playing with a purpose to support education and learning at home. Bring your preschooler and come ready to play!

Thursday, April 11, 2019

4:30–6:30 PM

Happy Campers! A Preview of Area Summer Programs & Services for Students with Special Needs

Need an overview of what's available from over a dozen organizations offering summer programs, camps, respite, support groups, recreation, and much more? This will be a fantastic 1-stop shop for information, access to services, and networking, especially for the upcoming summer months. The resource fair is designed specifically for parents/guardians of children with special needs. Special Education personnel may also benefit in obtaining resources to pass to parents.

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

(Check back for session specifics!)

Tots to Teens Transition

Presenters: Starsha Canaday, Kristi Hankins & Christi Kelton

Friday, May 17, 2019

12:00–1:00 PM

Parent Roundtable

Facilitator: Paula Perkins

Region 9 strives to facilitate parent involvement within the special education process through dedicated trainings to build parent capacity. How did the offerings meet your needs during 2018-19? What trainings do you still need as a parent of a student with a disability? What are your recommendations for 2019-20? Let's gather 'round the table to discuss the possibilities.

Summer 2019

(Check back for session specifics!)

Region 9 Special Education Conference

This two-day conference traditionally focuses on multiple areas across education, highlighting best practices and key strategies for both practitioners and parents. Keynote speakers present emerging knowledge, and various breakout sessions are offered to cover topics such as curriculum, inclusion, behavior management, transition, struggling readers, and parental involvement and family engagement in the special education process.





Region 9 Account Setup & Registration Process

Before registration for any course can be completed, an account must be created.

- Go to www.esc9.net.
- Select the **Professional Development** tab.
- Click on the **New Users – click to create an account** link in the middle blue box
- Fill in the required information.
- Be sure to hit the **Save Record** button at the bottom of the page.
- An email will be sent to the provided address to confirm your account sign-up.

Take Note

- Special Needs refers to your learning needs, not your child's.
- Under the Position drop down box, select **Parent/Community**.
- Under the Region drop down box, select **Region 9 ESC**.
- If your child is not currently enrolled in school, please select the district/school he/she previously attended.
- In the Subjects box, select **Parent, Family, or Community**.
- Under Grade Level, select **No Grade**

Course Registration

- Click on the red **Sign-In** button.
- Once you have entered your login information, you have a few options:
 - Enter the course number, if you have it, in the Search box and click **Go**.
 - Enter a keyword (perhaps the title of the course) into the Search box and click **Go**.
 - *Note: Most relevant offerings will be searchable under **Special Education**.*
 - Select the **Calendar of Sessions** link on the left blue bar. From here, you will be able to search by date and see the full offering of all Region 9 sessions.
- When you have located your session, click the blue **Add to Cart** button.
- Follow the remainder of the instructions to **Check Out** and be formally registered for the course.
- Be sure to confirm your personal information and click the final **Check Out** button. Watch for a confirmation email.

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For questions or if you need further assistance, please contact Barbara Seigler at (940) 322-6928.