



Pathfinder Parent Center Training Options

2009-2010

Target Audience – Check YES if this training is for YOU or someone you know

Targeted Groups	We Provide . . .
Family members of children with special needs	Adult learning strategies
New teachers and/or para-educators	Family-friendly information
Experienced teachers and administrators	Practical resources
Related service professionals	Well-researched facts
Social workers or human service professionals	Relevant to diverse groups

Training Formats – Check your preferred training format (*Italicized items are under construction*)

Self-Study Fact Sheets – Each participant will be sent a two-page fact sheet by email. The fact sheet contains brief informative summaries, lists, strategies, related handouts and links to vetted educational resources. Participants will receive a follow-up contact with an opportunity to offer feedback or ask questions.

Self-Study Modules – Participants will access power point modules or podcasts directly through our website or our e-news bulletin. Formats include. Modules are available for a limited number of topics.

Topical Calls – Each call lasts one hour and includes a guest speaker who is an in-state or national expert on the topic. Calls are scheduled to take place after school and evenings and generally cover topics frequently requested by families. Participants may use our toll free number to access the call.

Webinars – Webinars focus on an emerging topic or key issues. Topics are chosen based on responses to annual surveys conducted by the Pathfinder Parent Center. Content is designed to address important issues and participants are given an opportunity to submit questions and interact with speakers.

Face to Face Training – The Pathfinder Parent Center offers regional trainings. While in your area we can speak to diverse parent, administrative and/or teacher groups on topics of your choice. Contact us to schedule a presentation and give us more information about your needs.

Training Topics – Consider topics you would like to know more about

Check any/all trainings that you want offered in your area. Tell us what formats you prefer or include other suggestions for training. Include your contact information so that we can respond.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____

Organization: _____ Email: _____

Suggestions:

Email Holly Major at familysupport@srt.com or Joan Karpenko at joankarpenko@hotmail.com or Cathy Haarstad at ptidirector@srt.com to schedule a training in your area.

Yes	Preferred option	Pathfinder Parent Center Training Topics
		What Can the Pathfinder Parent Center Do for You? Get an overview of services provided by Pathfinder Parent Center. Learn how to engage parents or understand how to access and use our services to strengthen parent involvement in education
		Student Led IEPs - Students need to learn to make decisions and solve problems. In this training learn practical strategies for involving elementary or high school students in leading their own IEP meeting.
		Navigating Supports for Transition Age Students – Learn how to prepare/get parents involved in transition planning. Find out about transition resources available in your area. Learn what works in rural communities.
		Think College! Learn about college options and transition support for ND students with developmental disabilities who would like to go on to higher education.
		Speak the Language / Break the “Code” –Do you feel like everyone is speaking another language when you attend meetings about your child? This training will help you “break the code” so you can understand what is being said and be an equal part of the IEP team.
		It’s Your Right –Parents have many rights when their student receives services under an IEP or IFSP. Learn about parent rights, responsibilities, and what happens when rights transfer when your child gets older.
		The IEP - a Tool for Realizing Possibilities – During this training we’ll discuss strategies for creating successful IEPs. You will learn tips for communicating, key components, ways to show student’s strengths & many more strategies to help make the IEP a productive and collaborative tool that helps parents feel confident and prepared to be an effective part of the IEP process.
		No Child Left Behind: Move out of the politics and learn what schools are doing to make certain ALL children receive a free and appropriate education. Find out what options you have when children are not making progress and how parents can get involved to help make a difference.
		Parent Expectations Support Achievement (PESA) teaches parents strategies that improve children’s academic achievement, communication with family members, and self-esteem. PESA creates a link between home and school through development of a consistent environment of high academic expectations, standards, and care, which leads to achievement.
		Is Your Child a Target of Bullying? Intervention Strategies for Parents of Children with Disabilities The appealing design and easy-to-understand, common-sense suggestions are sure to inform and encourage families and schools as they address bullying issues and help to create Safe Schools for ALL kids.
		Students with ADHD & Medication Teachers and parents often wonder if medication is an appropriate option for students with ADHD. Learn how IEP teams can navigate the decision-making process and work together to benefit students with ADHD.
		Modifications & Accommodations – Do you know the difference? In this hands-on training, you’ll create a resource to help in understanding the difference between modifications and have examples at hand when you need to use them.
		When Parents Have Learning Difficulties – Sometimes parents have learning difficulties too. Learn strategies you can use in the IEP process to support communication and create plans that work for the whole family.
		Putting the “Positive” in Behavioral Supports – this training will give teachers, parents and direct service provider’s awareness-level training on what PBS is and how to participate in a functional assessment. You’ll leave with some strategies to try and be thinking about next steps.
		Don’t Do This: Even experienced teams make mistakes and they learn together what NOT to do. In this training we’ll take a light-hearted look at 10 of the worst classroom modifications and accommodations as rated by IEP teams. Participants will learn what to do instead to make learning more effective for everyone.
		Social Skills & Making Friends: Schools focus on academics. Many parents want schools to be places where their children learn to make friends. Learn how to set up play dates, use social stories or teach young children with disabilities to make friends and fit in or be accepted.
		When the IEP Isn’t Working – When an IEP isn’t working or is difficult to implement, communication can quickly get bogged down. Learn what experienced teams do when an IEP doesn’t seem to be working or is difficult to implement in the classroom or elsewhere in a student’s life.
		504 Plans or IEPs – Some students benefit from 504 plans, others need an IEP. This training provides current information on how these important tools can work to meet the needs of students with special learning challenges such as ADHD and other conditions.
		Make A Request - Every family or school has unique needs. Contact our parent center and let us know what kind of training option would be helpful for families, educators or providers in your area.