

Workshop & Technical Assistance Catalog

RIPIN offers a wide variety of interactive workshops and training opportunities. Our experienced presenters offer information and support to all Rhode Island families as well as the professionals who work with them each day.



Spring/Summer 2014

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May - August 2014

Founded in 1991, the Rhode Island Parent Information Network is a non-profit organization that helps thousands of families and individuals each year. RIPIN's more than 20 statewide programs and services assist all Rhode Islanders in becoming better advocates for themselves and their children in school, in health care and in their communities.

Registration

Pre-registration for scheduled workshops/trainings is required a week in advance of each scheduled workshop.

On-line registration is suggested by visiting our website at www.ripin.org and click on *Workshop Schedule* to register.

You can also register by calling Michele Percival at (401) 270-0101, extension 154 or email at percival@ripin.org.

Scheduling Workshops

As we continue to improve the educational experience we offer families and professionals, RIPIN offers workshops to schools, agencies and organizations in order to meet the needs of their individual audiences. Additionally, RIPIN hosts multiple free workshops open to the public throughout the year, both at our office in Cranston, and in the five regions across the state.

For Schools, Agencies and Organizations:
Visit our website for prices associated in offering workshops/trainings at your location.

For Participants:
*There is **no charge** for individual participants to attend RIPIN workshops*



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Workshops

Basic Rights in Special Education (Children and Youth Ages 3-21)

This workshop focuses on how to access special education and related services for children with disabilities. Participants will learn the laws that affect special education in Rhode Island and will receive an overview of parents' rights and responsibilities.

(2 hours) *Also available in Spanish.*

Basic Homework & Study Skills

This parent workshop will give tips on how parents can help their child be successful in school and reduce the stress of homework.

(2 hours) *Also available in Spanish*

Beginner's Guide to Public Policy

This training provides families with the tools necessary to navigate the political arena and advocate for their children. Participants will learn the fundamentals of government, how to compose letters to elected officials and provide testimony, thus enhancing their advocacy skills. **(2 hours)**

Bullying and Harassment of Students with Disabilities – What Parents and Educators Need To Know



Students with disabilities are two to three times more likely to be bullied than the general population. The focus of this workshop will be on the school's responsibility to keep students safe and how parents can work with schools in preventing bullying. We will also discuss what happens when bullying limits a student's ability to receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE). **(2 hours)**

Individualized Education Program IEP: Blueprint for Success (Pre-school and Elementary)

Each public school child who receives special education and related services must have an IEP designed to meet his/her unique needs. *This step by step walkthrough provides an overview of the major components in Rhode Island's newly designed IEP form for children ages 3-13.*

(2 hours) *Also available in Spanish*

Prerequisite: *Basic Rights in Special Education*

Individualized Education Program IEP: Blueprint for Success (Secondary Transition)

This workshop provides an overview of the major components of the IEP as well as a step by step walkthrough of RI's newly designed IEP form. The workshop also covers the Secondary Transition IEP for students 14 years or older and includes post-school goals in areas of employment, education and training and where appropriate, independent living skills.

(2 hours) *Also available in Spanish*

Prerequisite: *Basic Rights in Special Education*

Options for Medical Assistance for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) & Their Families

This workshop explores what options CYSHCN & their families have under Medicaid in Rhode Island, where these services are located and how to apply for them. **(2 hours)**

Section 504: A Parent's Guide

A basic overview of Section 504 will be discussed along with basic changes to the law. Participants will learn how this pertains to children with disabilities and includes an exploration of how some students may now qualify for additional supports and accommodations in public schools. **(2 hours)**

Section 504 after High School: College & Career

There are no IEP's after high school! Whether students receive services through a 504 Plan or an Individualized Education Program (IEP), parents of youth (and youth themselves) will receive information about the legal background of disability laws. In addition, participants will learn the process for securing needed accommodations and services under Section 504/ADAAA. *Parents are encouraged to attend this valuable training with their high school student* **(2 hours)**

Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy

Every parent wants to see their child happy, healthy, and part of their community. The goal of this presentation is to empower parents so they can become effective advocates for their children and receive the services their child needs. The intended audience for this training is parents of children with disabilities. **(2 hours)** *Also available in Spanish.*

Support Group Facilitator Training

This training provides individuals with the tools necessary to start a support group. Participants will learn the basics of how to organize and maintain a support group while enhancing leadership skills. Participants and trainers will maintain contact as needed for technical assistance as new groups form until they become self-sustainable. **(5 hours)**

Teen MegaSkills®

This two session parent workshop series offers parents tips to help their teens develop and practice responsibility and to make responsible choices and decisions. It also explores the development of the teen brain.

(Each workshop is 2 hours for a series total of 4 hours).

The Right Question

This workshop helps parents support, monitor and advocate for their child. Participants will practice using brainstorming and prioritizing technique to formulate questions and develop an action plan to address specific topics. **(1.5 hours)**

The Successful Pre-IEP Meeting

The objectives of this workshop are to provide ideas on how to prepare for your child's Early Childhood IEP meeting, define the family's role and discuss practical ways to advocate for your child. Questions will be answered on what to bring to the IEP meeting and how to organize and present information that represents your child's best interests. The content of **this workshop focuses on meeting skills** and does not provide a walkthrough of the IEP form. This curriculum was developed in collaboration with the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities. **(2 hours)**

Transition from Early Intervention (Children Birth to Age 3)

Participants will learn about the support services necessary to design and implement a successful transition from Early Intervention. The transition plan and differences in systems will be explored. **(2 hours)**

All above workshops are offered at RIPIN and are also presented in community settings.

For scheduling information, please see *Workshop & Technical Assistance Fee List*.

Technical Assistance (for schools)

RIPIN staff will provide **Technical Assistance** to schools on the following topics:

- Supporting family engagement
- Family leadership training
- Professional development for schools, organizations and agencies
- Developing Parent/Professional Partnerships: Collaboration Strategies
- Special Education Parent Panels

For more information, please see *Workshop & Technical Assistance Fee List*.

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Educator Training

Family Engagement Basics for Educators

Participants will learn how to apply the PTA Standards for Family Engagement to their work with families. The connection to educator evaluation will also be discussed. This professional development opportunity will be designed to meet your individual needs.

For more information, please see *Workshop & Technical Assistance Fee List*.

MegaSkills® Leader Training

Participants in this full day training will learn how to facilitate the five basic MegaSkills® sessions. Participants also must purchase leader kit which contains all handouts and activities for the series.

For more information, please see *Workshop & Technical Assistance Fee List*.

More Information

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For more information about **Technical Assistance or Educator Training**, please contact Deb Belanger, Training and Technical Assistance Manager at belanger@ripin.org or (401) 270-0101, extension. 109.



On-line Webinars

RIPIN has recently recorded two of our most requested workshops:

- **Section 504: A Parent's Guide**
- **Basic Rights in Special Education**

These recordings are available at www.youtube.com by searching the above titles.

It's easy to join our email list. Just send your email address by text message:

**Text RIPINORG
to 22828 to get started.**

RIPIN also presents the following comprehensive learning opportunities:

Community Information Sessions

Training and Professional Development Opportunities

The RIPIN is committed to providing information and resources to family leaders and professionals throughout Rhode Island. Community Information Sessions (CIS) are mini-trainings made available to families and professionals who support families. The below series is a follow up to the *Pathways to Adult Services* workshop with a focus on community resources to families of transition age (14 – 21) students with disabilities.



All CIS presentations will take place at RIPIN on Fridays from 10:00 – 11:00 am.		
Please register on-line at http://www.ripin.org/cis.html		
5/9/14	SSI & Children with Disabilities	Social Security Administration
5/30/14	Guardianship & Alternatives to Guardianship	RI Disability Law and RI Developmental Disability Council
6/13/14	Overview of supports available through ORS	Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS)
6/20/14	Overview of Medicaid for students ages 14-21 and CEDARR	Executive Office Of Health and Human Services (OHHS)
8/22/14	Self-Directed Supports (for Adults with Developmental Disabilities)	Sherlock Center on Disabilities

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Pathways to Adult Services

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In order for consumers/families to make informed decisions about life after high school, information is needed in understanding Rhode Island's adult service system for **individuals with developmental disabilities**. This workshop provides families/guardians with a **BASIC OVERVIEW** of adult services. Participants will explore a variety of options that will guide their decision making in determining how to direct supports and services necessary in creating a meaningful life!

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FREE Workshop — Pre-registration is Required.

- **Wednesday, 2/12/14**
10:00 – 12:00 pm
- **Wednesday, 5/29/14**
6:00 – 8:00 pm
- **Wednesday, 9/17/14**
6:00 – 8:00 pm

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