



## Mission

The purpose of the Long Island Parent Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) is to help parents and professionals enhance their knowledge of programs and services that meet the needs of children with disabilities, age birth through 21, by:

- ◇ Offering information about services available and how they are provided
- ◇ Promoting the provision of Special Education Services in the least restrictive environment (LRE)
- ◇ Demonstrating support of New York State Education Department (NYSED) Special Education Initiatives
- ◇ Encourages parent involvement as a means of improving a child's educational outcomes
- ◇ Assists parents by providing information on available resources and by enhancing their skills through education and training
- ◇ Facilitates the development and implementation of parent-to-parent and other models of parent support.

**THE LONG ISLAND  
PARENT CENTER**

## Our Goals

The goals of the Long Island Parent Center are to:

- ◇ Collaborate with local school districts targeted for improvement through NYSED initiatives
- ◇ Identify the needs of parents of children with disabilities residing in Nassau and Suffolk counties
- ◇ Create relationships that will reach and assist parents who have language barriers
- ◇ Actively engage in outreach to support the involvement of parents in their children's education
- ◇ Provide training and resources to community organizations and school personnel
- ◇ Assist parents in developing skills that support their child's education and independent living in the community
- ◇ Establish a parent information center and clearinghouse that links parents to the vast network of currently available programs in the areas of special needs
- ◇ Coordinate with local school districts to promote inclusion and education of students with disabilities in the least restrictive environments (LRE)
- ◇ Assist NYSED in implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) initiatives.

## Workshops

PTAC provides workshops/training for parents and professionals in English and Spanish on many topics, including, but not limited to:

- ◇ What Is Special Education, and How Can It Help My Child?
- ◇ Evaluation and Eligibility through the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education Process
- ◇ Day Care and Child Care services
- ◇ How to be an Effective Partner at Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Meetings
- ◇ Communication and Problem-Solving
- ◇ Home and School Collaboration
- ◇ Knowing and Understanding Your Rights as a Parent
- ◇ Transition
  - ◆ Early Intervention to Preschool
  - ◆ Preschool to School-Age
  - ◆ Transition planning for students age 15 years and older
- ◇ Parent Involvement: Partnering for Your Child's Success

Workshops are held at times convenient to parents, including evenings and weekends in community locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties.

To schedule a workshop, or for more information, contact Helene Fallon at:

(516) 815-5659

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information about \_\_\_\_\_

I have a child with special needs in the area(s) of \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to attend a training on \_\_\_\_\_

I have the following questions/concerns about services for my child \_\_\_\_\_

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# Long Island Parent Center

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