

Notes from the Navigator....

A Monthly Newsletter about Serving Customers with Disabilities in the One-Stop System

LONG ISLAND PARENT TECHNICAL CENTER

The purpose of the Long Island Parent Technical Center is to help parents and professionals enhance their knowledge of programs and services that meet the needs of children with disabilities, ages birth through 21. The goals include:

- Collaborating 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
- Provide training and resources to community organizations and school personnel
- Establish a parent information 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

Workshops/training for parents and professionals in English and Spanish include, but not limited to:

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- What is Special Education, and How Can It Help My Child?
- Evaluation and Eligibility through the Committee on Special Education
- Communication and Problem-Solving
- Home and School Collaboration
- Transition

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

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