

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.



Winter 2017

Winter Workshops
January – April 2017

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 Lori Barden at (401) 270-0101, extension 154 or email at barden@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

It's easy to join RIPIN's mailing list!

Just send your email address by text message:

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

Message and data rates may apply.

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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.*

12/28/16 - 10:00 am; 3/22/17 - 10:00 am; 5/17/17 - 6:00pm

Public Policy 101

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)

1/17/17 - 10:00 am; 5/16/17 - 10:00 am

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) *Also available in Spanish*

4/4/17 - 10:00 am
Available Online Tool!

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 IEP form for children ages 3-13.* (2 hours) *Also available in Spanish*

Prerequisite: *Basic Rights in Special Education*

1/25/17 - 10:00 am; 4/26/17 6:00 pm

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 Rhode Island's 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*

Workshop Currently Being Revised

RI Medicaid Options

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)

3/21/17 - 10:00 am

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)

1/17/17 - 4:00 pm; 4/11/17 - 10:00 am

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 and students are encouraged to attend this valuable training with their high school student (2 hours) Prerequisite: Section 504: A Parent's Guide.**

2/15/17 - 10:00 am; 5/3/17 - 4:00 pm

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.*

12/14/16 - 10:00 am; 3/7/17 - 10:00 am; 5/8/17 6:00 pm

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. (2 hours)

2/16/17 - 10:00 am; 6/15/17 10:00 am

All above workshops are offered at RIPIN and are also presented in community settings. For scheduling information, please see our [Workshop & Technical Assistance Fee List](#) or contact **Lori Barden, Workshop Coordinator** at barden@ripin.org or 270-0101, ext. 154

Early Childhood Workshops

The Successful Preschool 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)

3/20/17 – 6:00 pm; 6/19/17 - 10:00 am

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)

3/6/17 – 6:00 pm; 6/5/17 – 10:00 am

5...4...3 What's New For Me?

Tips for helping your child transition from ages 3 to 5. This is an exciting time in your child's life! Whether they are going off to school, daycare or staying at home. The objective of this workshop is to give parents the tools to help their child develop and learn while keeping it fun. (2 hours)

3/27/17 – 6:00 pm; 6/26/17 – 10:00 am



For further information about
Early Childhood
workshops or technical assistance,
please contact **Lori Barden**
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270-0101, ext. 154

Technical Assistance (for schools, parents and professionals)

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

- Family Leadership Training
- Developing Parent/Professional Partnerships: Collaboration Strategies
- Special Education Parent Panels

For more information on Technical Assistance or Educator Training, please see **Workshop & Technical Assistance Fee List** or contact **Deb Belanger** at belanger@ripin.org or 401-270-0101, ext. 109

MegaSkills® Parent Training

MegaSkills®

This five session workshop series is designed to help parents support their child's learning in school and beyond. Participants will learn fun, easy at home activities to encourage learning in the areas of Confidence, Motivation, Responsibility, Effort, Caring, Teamwork, Initiative, Perseverance, Common Sense, Problem Solving and Focus. (Each workshop is 1.5 hours for a series total of 7.5 hours). **Also available in Spanish.**

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.

For further information about our
MegaSkills® Parent Training,
schools and organizations should contact
Deb Belanger
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More Information

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NEW

On-line Webinars

RIPIN has recently recorded a few of our most requested workshops:

- Section 504: A Parent's Guide**
- Section 504: A Parent's Guide (SPANISH)**
- Basic Rights in Special Education**
- Bullying & Harassment of Students with Disabilities**
- RI Family Guide to Multi-Tier Systems of Supports (MTSS)**

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



RIPIN also presents the following comprehensive educational opportunities:

Pathways to Adult Services For Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Workshop



In order for consumers and 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!

Join us at our centrally located site in Cranston for information, tips & support!

FREE Workshop — Pre-registration is required.

Thursday, March 2, 2017 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

REGISTRATION:

To register online visit:
<http://ripin.org/workshop-schedule.html>

To register by phone:
Contact Lori Barden at 270-0101, ext. 154 or email barden@ripin.org

DEADLINE:

2/28/17



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SEAC Strategies for Success: Building Special Education Local Advisory Committees Parent Leadership Training

Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) is offering an exciting training opportunity for Special Education Directors and the districts/schools they lead. Rhode Island has always valued home/school collaboration at the local level and shows its commitment to parent involvement by **mandating local special education parent advisory committees through state statute**. Rhode Island's legal requirement gives all districts the responsibility and authority to ensure parents have the opportunity to be involved.

As Rhode Island's federally designated **Parent Training and Information Center**, RIPIN has provided technical assistance to districts for over 25 years, specifically in supporting ways to improve outcomes for students with disabilities. In order to support those efforts, we have created a **15 hour training curriculum** for parent leaders.

Topics in this curriculum include: *Background & Basics, Recruiting & Retaining Members, Developing a Mission Statement, Strategies for Disseminating Information, Collaborative Leadership and Partnership, By-Laws, Running a Meeting and Prioritizing Needs and Setting Goals.* The target audience for this comprehensive training includes:

1. Current parent leaders within local advisory committees
2. Identified future parent leaders within a school district
3. District teams of 4-5 parent leaders developing a Local Advisory Committee

WHERE:	RI Parent Information Network, 1210 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI
WHEN:	Saturday, 9/9/17 and Saturday, 9/16/17
TIME:	8:30 am – 4:00 pm (both days)
DISTRICT/Charter School:	\$1,200 for maximum of 4-5 parent leaders \$600 for maximum of 2-3 parent leaders

(Includes all materials and four hours of follow up technical assistance)

More than 30 years of research shows that parent engagement impacts student achievement. With increasing expectations and challenges to provide quality education that leads to meaningful post-school outcomes, parent involvement is more important than ever before. We encourage districts to take advantage of this opportunity!

For more information, **Special Education Directors** should contact Deb Belanger, Community Education and Outreach Manager at 270-0101, ext. 109 or email her at belanger@ripin.org.

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