

Explore a curated schedule of workshops delivered by RIPIN Peer Professionals, designed for individuals with special health care needs and their caregivers. Click on the topic to register for each event.



SPECIAL EDUCATION

» Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy	Sep 10	Virtual	6:00 PM
» Bullying Awareness for Students in Special Education	Oct 8	Hybrid	6:00 PM
» Dyslexia Awareness with Decoding Dyslexia RI	Oct 22	Virtual	6:00 PM
» Navigating the Transition from Early Intervention	Nov 18	Virtual	12:00 PM
» Section 504	Dec 10	Virtual	6:00 PM
» Parental Rights in Special Education	Jan 14	Virtual	6:00 PM
» IEP vs Section 504	Mar 11	Virtual	6:00 PM
» Local Advisory Committee Training	May 20	Virtual	6:00 PM



SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT

» Employment Supports for Individuals Who Self-Direct	Aug 26	Virtual	6:00 PM
» Self-Direction Special Needs Trust	Sep 23	Virtual	6:00 PM
» Self-Direction Rhode Island's ABLE Accounts	Oct 21	Virtual	6:00 PM
» TBD	Nov TBD	Virtual	6:00 PM
» Healthy Relationships with RI Cross Disability Coalition	Dec 2	Virtual	6:00 PM



HEALTH CARE & SKILL BUILDING

» Public Policy 101	Sep 9	Hybrid	10:00 AM
» The Right Question	Oct 7	In-Person	10:00 AM
» Medicaid for Children with Special Health Care Needs	Oct 28	Hybrid	12:30 PM

» RIPIN 101 for Families of Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs Feb 5 Hybrid 10:00 AM

Click on the title of the workshop you are interested in to be taken to the registration page.

SPECIAL EDUCATION



Navigating the Transition from Early Intervention

This workshop explores the transition plan, differences in systems, and how to prepare and organize information needed for your child's first IEP meeting. Join us on Zoom to gain the skills and knowledge you need to successfully transition from Early Intervention for your child.



Parental Rights in RI Special Education

From the initial referral process to dispute resolution, the workshop will cover key milestones in the journey of students with disabilities. Whether you are a parent, caregiver, or advocate, this workshop is designed to empower you with knowledge and understanding.



IEP vs 504 Plans

Understanding Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and 504 Plans is crucial for ensuring students with disabilities receive the support they need to thrive in school. This workshop will guide you through the essential differences between IEPs and 504 Plans, helping you advocate for your child's educational needs.



Bullying & Harassment of Students with Disabilities

This workshop is designed for parents, educators, and advocates to learn about how bullying impacts students with disabilities, how to recognize harassment, and what can be done to protect students' rights. Learn prevention strategies, advocacy, and legal protections available to ensure a safe and supportive environment for all students.



Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy

Learn valuable skills and strategies to communicate more effectively with educators, resolve disagreements, and understand your rights and responsibilities. This workshop is designed to empower you with the tools needed to ensure your child receives the support they deserve.

HEALTH CARE & MEDICAL HOME



Introduction to Cedar

Cedar is a free, family-centered program designed to support Rhode Island families of children with special health care needs. In this workshop, learn how RIPIN Peer Professionals help families navigate the complex world of care coordination, ensuring your child gets the support they need to thrive.



RI Medicaid for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

Understand the Medicaid system and how to access essential services. This workshop gives a clear overview of Medicaid, eligibility, and how to advocate for services on behalf of families.

SKILL BUILDING



Enhancing Facilitation Skills

Build confidence in leading discussions and engaging diverse groups. These workshops provide practical skills for facilitating meaningful conversations in both small and large groups.



Public Policy 101

Learn how policies impact families and how to advocate effectively. This workshop helps you understand the decision-making process and equips you with tools to influence public policy.



The Right Question

Master skills to ask the right questions and navigate systems effectively. This workshop empowers you with techniques to better understand complex systems and find the resources you need.

SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT



Self-Directed Toolkit

In this workshop, the RIPIN Self-Directed Support Program will share helpful tools and resources for managing your self-directed services. We will focus on activities and social planning, documentation, scheduling, and staffing and recruiting. You will leave the session with examples and templates that you could use or adapt to manage your own needs.



Mental Health for People with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities

May is Mental Health Month, and to recognize this important topic, we will address questions like "Who can help?" "Where can I go?" "How can I connect?"