

**DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION – PARENT ENGAGEMENT**  
**PARENT WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS**  
**Spring 2020**

**AUTISM**

An overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Information will be provided how to implement some evidenced based practices at home, school and across other settings for children, youth and young adults with ASD (as recommended by the National Professional Development Center on ASD).

**DYSLEXIA**

***Dyslexia Basics for Parents***

This workshop provides awareness of dyslexia, early signs and indicators, and hands-on activities parents can engage in at home to support their children learning to read.

**INSTRUCTION**

***Understanding the Least Restrictive Environment for Your Child***

Understanding the Least Restrictive Environment for Your Child: This Workshop will provide parents a better understanding of the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and what that means for their student per the IEP. Parents will also learn about the benefits of Integration and how that fosters Independence for life after High School.

**SOCIAL EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ADVOCACY**

***Making the Home to School Connections***

This workshop will help parents identify the unique professional roles within each campus community, their scope of responsibility pertaining their child's education, and how to engage these staff members into a student-centered collaborative relationship that improves their child's educational experience.

***Supporting Your Child & Yourself During Challenging Times***

This interactive workshop provides opportunities for parents /guardians to reflect on their experiences of being a parent /guardian; engage in conversation about ways to support their child(ren); learn about utilizing wellness strategies for themselves and their child(ren); and become familiar with resources to support wellness.

***Tips and Tools for Positive Communication and Collaboration at IEP Meetings***

In order for IEP team meetings to be successful, it is essential to have a positive partnership between parents and the school members of the team. This workshop will provide parents with strategies on how to best advocate for their child while at the same time maintain a productive and positive relationship with the school site.

**TRANSITION**

***Graduation and Completion Requirements for Students with Disabilities***

This workshop will help parents understand the difference between a Certificate of Completion and a Diploma and how to know which one their children are working towards. We will also discuss the requirements for earning a diploma and the waivers that are available to students with disabilities.