



2019 Back to School Webinar Series

Join Michigan Alliance for Families Parent Mentors for a series of **FREE** webinars for parents and caregivers preparing for the new school year.

All webinars take place on Thursdays. Each topic is presented twice, at noon and 7pm. A webinar is an online presentation. Attend the entire series or just the ones that interest you most.

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August 22 - Back to School with an IEP with Joyce Dearhamer and Jackie Van Horn
Let's get the school year off to a good start with practical ideas for students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

August 29 - Key Parts of the IEP with Kenya Harper-Black and Diane McGraw
Take a deep dive into the IEP. Knowing the key parts are important to having better conversations while working to achieve a free appropriate public education for your student.

September 5 - Preparing for Your Next IEP Meeting with Debbie Rock and Genevieve Hecht
Get ready for your child's next IEP. Learn tips for what to expect for each section of the IEP, and tools for writing an effective parent input letter.

September 12 - Effective Advocacy and Communication Tips with Emilie Mullins and Stephanie Nicholls
Explore the skills parents can use to become more effective advocates for their child with a disability, as well as tools to be a better communicator.

September 19 - Advocating for Inclusion with Clare Brick, Joyce Dearhamer, Emilie Mullins
Hear from fellow parents about special education services and supports that are available to ensure that children with IEPs receive a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.

September 26 - Do I Really Need an Advocate? with Kristen Columbus and Nicole Miller
A parent is their child's first and best advocate. But if things aren't working, who can you go to for help? We'll discuss concrete steps that can be done before needing to call an advocate. Learn the difference between a mentor and an advocate.

If you require accommodations or materials in an alternative format, please let us know at least two weeks before the webinar.

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