

**MARCH AND APRIL PARENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
DENVER METRO AREA, 2010**

**** (April events will be revised at end of March to include additional offerings)**

1. **March 1.** *Clinical Assessment of Dyslexia: Case Studies and Resources.* 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Children's Hospital. For more information, ida_rmb@yahoo.com. **FREE for IDA members.**
2. **March 3.** *Special Needs Open House.* 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Front Range Christian School. For more information, 303-531-4541. **FREE.**
3. **March 4.** *Douglas County SEAC presents 'Project Eye to Eye'.* 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Mainstreet Center, Parker. For more information, c4hurt@aol.com. **FREE.**
4. **March 4-5.** *Practical Applications of Classroom and Intervention Strategies for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.* 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Xilinx Retreat Center, Longmont. For more information, 303-985-1133 or Elizabeth@rockymountainautismcenter.com. **\$.**
5. **March 4-6.** *Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation Tenth Annual Conference* at Denver Marriott South, Littleton. For more information, 303-794-1182 or www.spdfoundation.net. **\$.**
6. **March 6.** *Engaging Special Needs Conference.* 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Northeast Charter Academy School. For more information, 303-371-CARE or www.novalism.org. **FREE.**
7. **March 6.** *Denver Parent Transition Training.* 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Tivoli Conference Center. Lunch and translation services. For more information, 303-636-5700 or Maryanne_linzmeyer@dpsk12.org. **FREE.**
8. **March 6.** *Challenging Behavior and Boys.* 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Lakewood. For more information, 303-646-7741 or te@relationshiproots.org. **\$.**
9. **March 6.** *Refresh-Renew-Refocus: Advanced Survival Guides for Teachers to Support Students with Challenging Behaviors.* 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Denver Center at Lowry. To register, <http://cccdbrownbag.eventbrite.com/> or KMcgough@adams50.org. **\$10.** Free for CEC/CCBD members.
10. **March 6.** *Collaborative Problem Solving: Parenting Inflexible Children.* 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Red Hawk Ridge Elementary. Cherry Creek School District families. For more information, 720-554-4247 or sgardenhire@cherrycreekschools.org. **FREE.**

- 11. March 9.** *Communication That Really Works with IEP Teams.* 6:30-7:30 p.m. To register for webinar, 800-284-0251 or www.peakparent.org/workshopsTrainings.asp **FREE.**
- 12. March 9.** *Creating Trauma Informed Systems of Care for Human Service Settings.* 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Community Reach Center, Northglenn. For more information, 720-490-4401. **FREE.**
- 13. March 10.** *Central Auditory Processing and Autism.* 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Autism Society of Colorado. For more information, 720-214-0794 x10 or bridget@autismcolorado.org. **FREE.**
- 14. March 10.** *Augmentative Communication: Communication Through Technology.* 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Imagine, Boulder. For more information, 720-272-8231 or www.autismboulder.org. **FREE.**
- 15. March 10.** *Biomedical and Alternative Treatments for Autism.* 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Imagine, Boulder. For more information, 720-272-8231 or www.autismboulder.org. **FREE.**
- 16. March 11.** *Ergonomic Solutions for Computer Access.* 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Assistive Technology Partners Denver office. For more information 303-315-1280 or ATP@ucdenver.edu. **FREE.**
- 17. March 15.** *Supporting Strong Organizational Skills.* 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Boulder Valley School District Education Center. For more information, 720-561-5918 or anna.stewart@bvsd.org. **FREE.**
- 18. March 17.** *Ask the Experts About Dyslexia.* 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Lone Tree Library. For more information, dyslexiaresourcegroup@comcast.net or 303-721-9425. **FREE.**
- 19. March 17.** *My Child Qualifies for Special Education-Now What?* 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Doull Elementary School. Dinner, Spanish translation. DPS families only. To register, call Max at 720-423-8292 or Piero at 720-423-8013. **FREE.**
- 20. March 17.** *Give Me A Break Parent Respite Training.* 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Autism Society of Colorado. For application, bridget@autismcolorado.org or 720-214-0794 x10. (complete training and receive \$150 towards respite care, must apply). **FREE.**
- 21. March 18.** *My Child Qualifies for Special Education-Now What?* 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Anchor Center. Dinner, Spanish translation. DPS families only. To register, call Max at 720-423-8292 or Piero at 720-423-8013. **FREE.**

- 22. March 18.** *RDI Training: From Youth to Adulthood (youth ages 14-21).* 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Autism Society of Colorado. For more information, 720-214-0794 x10 or bridget@autismcolorado.org. **FREE.**
- 23. April 3 and 10.** *Things They Never Teach You About Autism with Dr. Goresko.* 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Niwot. To register, 720-290-2707 or stacy@help-autism.com. **\$.**
- 24. April 5.** *Helping Your Child Transition Through School.* 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Meadows Branch Library, Boulder. For more information, www.boulderpsychologicalservices.com. **FREE.**
- 25. April 5.** *Giftedness and Autism with Temple Grandin.* 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Fairview High School, Boulder. For more information, 720-272-8231 or programming@bvgt.org. **FREE.**
- 26. April 6 and 13 (2 week series).** *Guardianship and Options When A Person Turns 18.* 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Arc of Jefferson County. RSVP to Megan Martin at 303-462-6590. **FREE.**
- 27. April 7.** *Give Me A Break Parent Respite Training.* 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Autism Society of Colorado. For application, bridget@autismcolorado.org or 720-214-0794 x10. (complete training and receive \$150 towards respite care, must apply). **FREE.**
- 28. April 8.** *Computer Use for Toddlers with Special Needs.* 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Assistive Technology Partners Denver office. For more information 303-315-1280 or ATP@ucdenver.edu. **FREE.**
- 29. APRIL 8, 15, 22 (Thursdays).** *Training for Parent Volunteers to Attend IEP Meetings.* 5:30-8:30 p.m., location to be determined. Light dinner/childcare. To register, 303-365-2772 or jeannettec@denvermetroprc.org. **FREE.**
- 30. April 12.** *Accommodations and Modifications to Curriculum.* 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Adams 12 Training Center. Sponsored by PEAK Parent Center. Dinner, Spanish translation. To register, 800-284-0251. **FREE.**
- 31. April 12.** *Parenting Through Divorce.* 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Meadows Branch Library, Boulder. For more information, www.boulderpsychologicalservices.com. **FREE.**
- 32. April 12.** *The Special Education Legal Conference.* 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Red Lion Hotel, Denver Central. To register, 303-866-6645 or kochevar_1@cde.state.co.us. **FREE.**
- 33. April 17.** *Understanding Temperament to Help Manage Challenging Behavior.* 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Lakewood. To register, 303-646-7741 or te@relationshiproots.org. **\$.**

- 34. April 17.** *Strategies for Supporting Students with Mental Health Challenges.* 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Denver Center at Lowry. To register, KMcgough@adams50.org. or <http://cccbdbrownbag.eventbrite.com/>. **\$10.** Free for CEC/CCBD members.
- 35. April 20.** *Transition: Grade to Grade.* 6:30-7:30 p.m. To register for webinar, 800-284-0251 or www.peakparent.org/workshopsTrainings.asp **FREE.**
- 36. April 21.** *Let's Talk About It: Special Needs Approach to Teaching About Personal Safety.* 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at PPA Event Center, Denver. To register, training@DenverCAC.org or www.DenverCAC.org. **\$.**
- 37. April 27.** *KEJI College Fair.* 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Community College of Aurora. For more information, 303-751-3033 or forkeji@pgdworks.org. **FREE.**
- 38. April 28.** *Toilet Training: Is It That Time?* 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Developmental Disabilities Resource Center. To register, 303-233-3363. **\$.**
- 39. April 28.** *Give Me A Break Parent Respite Training.* 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Autism Society of Colorado. For application, bridget@autismcolorado.org or 720-214-0794 x10. (complete training and receive \$150 towards respite care, must apply). **FREE.**

New Online Mobilizing Families Series.

<http://www.arcarapahoedouglas.org/workshops/mob1/session1/cover/index.php>

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee. Next meeting, April 15.
www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/CSEAC.asp or 303-866-6943.

Adams County 12
Special Education Advisory Committee. 720-972-4227.

Boulder Valley
Special Education Advisory Council. anna.stewart@bvsd.org or 720-561-5918.

Brighton 27J
Brighton Parent Resource Group. Caryn Johnson at 303-655-2738 or
CJOHNSON@sd27J.org.

Cherry Creek
Special Education Advisory Council. 720-554-4490 or
dvanscoyk@cherrycreekschools.org.

Denver

Special Education Advisory Committee. Pam Bisceglia, Parent Liaison, 720-423-3571 or Pamela.bisceglia@dpsk12.org.

Douglas County

Special Education Advisory Council. <http://dcseac.yolasite.com> or dcseac@gmail.com

Jefferson County

Special Education Advisory Council. Call SEAC Hotline at 303-982-6583.

Littleton

Special Services Advisory Committee (SSAC). jshoup@lps.k12.co.us or 303-347-3471.

For other parent workshops contact the following organizations:

- PEAK Parent Center, calendar of statewide events, www.peakparent.org/calendarFULL.asp
- Local school district special education department or your local school district special education advisory council (SEAC)
- Denver Metro Community Parent Resource Center
- Disability specific organizations such as Mile High Down Syndrome Association, Autism Society of Colorado, Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado
- Your local ARC for classes like Mobilizing Families
- Your community centered board (Denver Options, Developmental Pathways, DDRC or North Metro Community Services)
- Colorado Assistive Technology Project for free labs
- Mental health organizations like EMPOWER Colorado or NAMI Colorado
- Local parent support groups in your area

To add or change an event contact: Karen Rutledge, Regional Parent Family Mentor, PEAK Parent Center at denver3mentor@peakparent.org. List updated every month.

Most of these opportunities were posted on the Parent to Parent of Colorado listserv, a listserv for families of children and adult-aged children with disabilities or special health care needs throughout the state. For information, go to www.p2p-co.org.