



Helping Parents Help Their Children
The Parents' Empowerment Academy: Professional Parent Advocacy Training
Morristown, NJ

Empowering the Parent Team

NJPC is offering a FREE five-week Professional Parent Advocacy Training program for parents, grandparents, foster parents, adoptive parents, and other caregivers. Parents and caregivers attending the training are given the opportunity to strengthen their knowledge of the systems that serve their families, their rights and responsibilities within those systems, and the advocacy, professional, and collaborative skills needed to successfully negotiate those systems. Parents will become better able to advocate for themselves and their communities, resulting in increased access to appropriate care and treatment for all children. Professional Parent Advocacy is approved for foster, adoptive and kinship training credit. Lunch will be served and transportation stipends are available. Early registration is recommended.

Location: American Legion, Post 312, 78 Abbett Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960
Time: 9:00am to 3:30pm
Instructors: Dr. Helene Robbins, NJPC Advisory Board; Sydney Rose, Youth, Special Education Advocate, PPAT Graduate, NJPC; Jill Seropian, Parent, NJPC Board Member, PPAT Graduate; Kathy Wright, Parent, Executive Director, NJPC; Consultant, National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health, Georgetown University; Consulting Pool, National Cultural Competency Center, Georgetown University.

October 17

Introduction to Professional Parent Advocacy
Empowering the Parent Voice: Motivation & Assertiveness
Conflict Resolution Skills & The Power of Persuasion
Empowering vs. Enabling
Professionalism & Communication Skills

October 24

Navigating the Special Education System & the IEP Process
Developing a Transitional Plan
Zero Tolerance & IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
NCLB – No Child Left Behind Act

November 7

Understanding Childhood Mental Health Challenges & the DSM IV
How Knowledge of the Brain Influences Adult/Child Interaction

November 14

Understanding the Child Welfare System & Family Involvement in DYFS
Strengthening the Juvenile Justice System through Family Involvement
Cultural Competency & Diversity in the Child-Serving Community
Collaborating with Agencies Dedicated to Children & Families

November 21

Empowering the Parent Trainer-Train the Trainer

TBA

Graduation

Empowering the Statewide Parent Movement

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to use their newly-trained skills to deliver Parent Advocacy Workshops in their local community with the support of NJPC and other certified parents throughout the state.



To register, or for additional information, call Jessica at 1-866-560-NJPC, fax the registration form to 973-989-8867 or email jessicaa@njparentcaucus.org.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

County _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parent _____

Provider/Professional _____

Training is made available through funding from OJJDP!