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The Early Childhood Direction Center



We provide confidential information and referrals on infant and preschool programs and services. We link families to many community resources including respite, recreation programs, support groups, counseling, private evaluations and advocacy services. We offer a series of free workshops on kindergarten readiness, managing challenging behaviors, learning through play, early literacy and a variety of other topics concerning children from birth to five years old. The workshops are designed for both parents and professionals. S.I. ECDC is funded by The Office of Special Education of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and locally sponsored by Staten Island University Hospital, Northwell Health.



Event & Workshop Updates



Wednesday, Oct. 3, Understanding Your Preschool Child's IEP, Community Resources Joan P. Hodum Early Learning Center 3651 Richmond Rd., 8:30am-10am. This workshop will help you to understand the components of your child's Individualized Education Program. You, as the child's parent are an important member of this team. Parents only. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. Call the staff of ECDC at 718-226-6670.



Wednesday, Oct. 3, OPWDD Services Workshop, Institute for Basic Research (IBR) 1050 Forest Hill Rd., 10am-12pm. If your child has a developmental disability they may be eligible for supports and services administered by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). This training will educate families about service options that can help meet their child's needs including Community Habilitation, Respite, and Recreational Programs. Participants will gain an increased awareness and understanding of OPWDD eligibility criteria and the determination process necessary to obtain the Medicaid Waiver. RSVP Julia Luppino at 718-494-3462 or Jluppino@ptopnys.org.

Friday, Oct. 12, from 10am-12pm

Thursday, Oct. 25, from 5pm-7pm

Front Door Information Sessions at 930 Willowbrook Rd., Bldg. 12G.

Understand the process of how your child can become eligible for OPWDD supports and services, the types of supports and services available and where you can go to get assistance. For registration contact Eileen Maturi at 718-982-1913.



Friday, Oct. 12, Workshops for Parents, NYPL Dongan Hills Branch 1617 Richmond Rd., 10:30. The staff of the ECDC will be conducting FREE workshops for parents at local public libraries. These hour long sessions include discussions about positive discipline, guiding and improving a child's behavior, using everyday activities to enhance general learning, early literacy and numeracy skills, and various topics of interest to parents. The sessions are interactive and open to questions and concerns from parents about their children. Numerous handouts are provided. For more information and to register, contact ECDC staff member Dolores Reig at 718-226-6374 or dreig@northwell.edu.



Wednesday, Oct. 17, Understanding Preschool Special Education, Regina McGinn Education Center at SIUH 475 Seaview Ave., 6pm-7:30pm. The staff of the ECDC will be conducting a FREE workshop for parents and professionals who want to understand what services are available for the preschool child and how to access these services. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. Call the staff of ECDC at 718-226-6670.

