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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



### FREE Webinars by Parent to Parent of New York State

**Monday, Apr. 1 from 6pm-7pm** Preventing Parent Burnout for Parents of Children with Special Needs

**Monday, Apr. 8 from 6pm-7pm** Loss, Grief and Adjustment for Parents of Children with Special Needs

**Wednesday, Apr. 10 from 6pm-7pm** Education Records Organizer

**Wednesday, Apr. 17 from 6pm-7:30pm** A Guide for Families to Understanding Supports & Services Administered by OPWDD

To register for any of these webinars visit the Parent to Parent of New York State's Website:

<http://parenttoparentnys.org/news/statewide-events/>.



### ECDC WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

**Tuesday, Apr. 9, NYPL St. George Branch** 5 Central Ave., 10:30am.

**Tuesday, Apr. 16, NYPL West New Brighton Branch** 976 Castleton Ave., 11:45am.

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. Handouts are provided. For more information and to register, contact ECDC staff member Dolores Reig at 718-226-6374 or [dreig@northwell.edu](mailto:dreig@northwell.edu).

**Wednesday, Apr. 10, Sibling Needs Across the Life Span Presentation** at IBR 1050 Forest Hill Rd., 6pm-8pm. Sponsored by SIBSNY and Parent to Parent NYS. Lindsay Hyland, the New York State Representative for the Sibling Leadership Network, will be presenting information to parents on what it is like to be the sibling of someone with a disability. The needs of siblings of people with disabilities are complex, varied, and change over time. Though each sibling experience is unique, Lindsay will be providing some insight on what siblings need throughout the different stages of their lives. RSVP Mary Alice Fegeley at 718-494-3462 or [mfegeley@ptopnys.org](mailto:mfegeley@ptopnys.org).



**Thursday, Apr. 11, from 10am-12pm.**

**Thursday, Apr. 25, from 4pm-6pm. Front Door Information Session** 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.

**Thursday, Apr. 11, Family Support Services Advisory Council Meeting**, The Conference Room at Elizabeth Connelly Center 930 Willowbrook Rd. Building 41, 9:30am. Attend the FSSAC meeting and learn about the changes in supports and services. New members are urged to join at any time. There will be morning and evening meetings to accommodate working families. You are encouraged to invite other self-advocates or family members who might be interested in joining. Membership is open to all family members who have a relative with a developmental disability and to individuals with a developmental disability. An OPWDD state representative will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have. Email Diane Peruggia at [dperuggia@aol.com](mailto:dperuggia@aol.com) or Gail Decker at [gaiser6@aol.com](mailto:gaiser6@aol.com) to confirm attendance, or call 718-983-5276.



**TRAININGS FOR CAREGIVERS OF PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES** Presented by Project Grow at IBR 1050 Forest Hill Rd.

**Tuesday, Apr. 16, 10am-1pm, Behavior Management 101:** Top tricks and tips to manage challenging behaviors from YAI's signature Project Grow curriculum.

**Tuesday, April 30, 6pm-9pm, Preparing for Changes:** Techniques to best prepare your child for life transitions.

Person must reside at home with their family on Staten Island. OPWDD eligibility required. Registration is required. Call 212-273-6259 or email [projectgrow@yai.org](mailto:projectgrow@yai.org).



**Wednesday, Apr. 24, 2nd Annual Beeping Egg Hunt** Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden 1000 Richmond Terr., northwest lawn by Randall Statue, 11am-2pm. (Rain Date: Thursday, Apr. 25 from 11am-2pm.) Sponsored by City Access New York in partnership with Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden. A FREE fun family day for people of all abilities, including the visually impaired and the blind. Eggs beep allowing everyone to participate. Other activities include raffles, DJ, food trucks, rock wall, face painting, and balloon animals. For more information or to RSVP contact Ilene Rosen, Director of Development. Call 718-982-8380 or email [rosen@cityaccessny.org](mailto:rosen@cityaccessny.org). Hunt times are scheduled by age:

Toddlers - 6 yrs. at 12 pm  
Ages 6 - 14 yrs. at 12:30 pm  
Young Adults and older at 1pm

