

Free special education workshop for parents in English

- *“I can be a better advocate now for my son, because now I have facts.”*
- *“I believe that the challenges are going to be a lot easier now, because I’ve attended this program, and I’m educated on what to do.”*

Date: Tuesday, June 8th, 2021

Time: 10am-12pm

Place: ZOOM

Workshop participation is by reservation only. Please register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlceqhrTIpE9PmavtmtvZpMFQ_TmE685NW

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI) is pleased to invite you to a **FREE SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP**. NYLPI’s two-hour workshop gives you the tools to successfully navigate the special education system. NYLPI’s education program works to make sure that children with disabilities receive the educational services to which they are entitled in public, charter, and private schools.

Topics will include:

- **Basics of special education** rights and procedures, including the least restrictive environment requirement, functional behavioral assessments / behavior intervention plans, and the IEP meeting.
- Getting and using **independent educational evaluations** -- and what to do when you encounter roadblocks.
- The rights of students with disabilities who attend **charter schools** -- and tips for parents and guardians considering these schools.
- Rights and practical options as students **transition from high school** to life after high school.
- How to advocate for your child who has experienced **abuse, harassment, or mistreatment** by school staff or contractors in the Department of Education: how to file a complaint, your right to information and participation about any incident, investigation, or follow-up, and a student’s right to be protected from harm during and after an investigation
- Your right to **language interpretation** at school meetings and to translated educational documents, so you can participate in your child’s education.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

This is a general workshop. We will NOT address any individual education matters.

If you have personal concerns about special education, please call NYLPI at (212) 244-4664 during our intake hours: Monday through Friday 10am-3pm.