



A Training Opportunity from the Education Law Center-PA!

Early Intervention (Birth through Age 5): Legal Myths & Legal Realities & Developing Inclusive Early Intervention Programs

What:	<p>A telephone conference and Webinar training on early intervention laws. The early intervention (EI) system in Pennsylvania can be mysterious to many families. This presentation is designed to demystify that system. EI is a statewide system of programs, services, and supports for young children (birth to age 5) and their families. EI is designed to enable young children with developmental delays and other disabilities to participate fully in early childhood experiences at home, in early childhood education programs, and in their communities. Appropriate EI services improve long term educational outcomes and foster increased independence for young children. Topics for this training will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Legal rights of children to appropriate early intervention services (birth to age 5);▶ How the system is suppose to work – from eligibility (birth to age 5) to decisions about what, when, and where services can and should be provided;▶ What to do when it is not working – how to resolve disputes between parents and EI providers, and what happens to a child’s services while the dispute is pending;▶ Tips for ensuring inclusive EI – understanding the terms “natural environment” and “least restrictive environment” within early childhood education; and▶ Information and resources for parents and advocates.
Who:	<p>Presented by Nancy Hubley, Esq., Director – Pittsburgh office of the Education Law Center-PA, & Jenny Lowman, Esq., Director of Client Services & Training with the Education Law Center-PA.</p>
When:	<p>Wednesday, April 28, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>
Where:	<p>Twenty-four (24) locations across Pennsylvania including Allentown (Carbon Lehigh IU), Altoona (Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services), Beaver Falls (Beaver County Behavioral Health), Camp Hill/Shiremanstown (UCP Central PA), Downingtown (Chester County IU), DuBois (DuBois Middle School), Eagleville (Arc of Montgomery, Berks, & Bucks Counties), Edinboro (Northwest Tri-County IU), Elizabethtown (Elizabethtown College), Erie (Mental Health Assoc. of NW PA), Greensburg (Westmoreland Casemanagement & Supports, Inc.), Johnstown (Richland Office – Appalachia IU 8), Mansfield (Mansfield University’s Center for Lifelong Learning), McVeytown (Tuscarora IU), New Castle (Disability Options Network), Philadelphia (2 sites – Education Law Center & Arc of Philadelphia), Pittsburgh (ACHIEVA), Reading (Arc of Montgomery, Berks, & Bucks Counties), Scranton (The Advocacy Alliance), Warren (Holiday Inn Hotel Warren), Washington (TRIPIL), Wexford (Total Learning Centers), and Williamsport (CILNCP).</p>
Audience:	<p>Parents, parent advocates, early intervention service providers, early childhood educators, service coordinators, case managers, attorneys, and other interested persons. Please note that there are <u>NO</u> Act 48 Credit Hours available for this training.</p>
How to Register:	<p>Although this training is free, you <u>must</u> pre-register by April 14, 2010 to secure a space. Please register online at http://www.elc-pa.org/trainingregistration.html. If you do not have access to a computer, contact Jenny Lowman at 215-238-6970, ext. 312 to register. Please give your name, your phone number, the location at which you would like to attend, and please specify if you need special language or disability accommodations.</p>

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