

Workshop & Technical Assistance Catalog

RIPIN offers a wide variety of interactive workshops and training opportunities. Our experienced presenters offer information and support to all Rhode Island families as well as the professionals who work with them each day.



Winter 2012

Winter Workshops
January – May, 2012

Founded in 1991, the Rhode Island Parent Information Network is a non-profit organization that helps thousands of families and individuals each year. RIPIN's more than 18 statewide programs and services assist all Rhode Islanders in becoming better advocates for themselves and their children in school, in health care and in their communities.

Registration



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Scheduling Workshops

As we continue to improve the educational experience we offer families and professionals, RIPIN offers workshops to schools, agencies and organizations in order to meet the needs of their individual audiences. RIPIN will host multiple free workshops open to the public throughout the year, both at our office in Cranston, and in the five regions across the state.

For Schools, Agencies and Organizations:
Prices listed reflect costs associated in offering workshops/trainings at your location.

For Participants:
There is no charge for individual participants to attend RIPIN workshops

Learn
something new
with a RIPIN
Workshop

inform

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Workshops

Basic Rights in Special Education (Children and Youth Ages 3-21)

This workshop focuses on how to access special education and related services for children with disabilities. Participants will learn the laws that affect special education in Rhode Island and will receive an overview of parents' rights and responsibilities.

(2 hours) Also available in Spanish. Fee: \$250

College Success for Students with Disabilities

The focus of this workshop is to help parents and teachers prepare students with special learning needs who are considering higher education as an option in their transition plan. *This workshop is most appropriate for those who have students finishing middle school or presently at the high school level.* **(2 hours) Fee: \$250**

Getting and Keeping the First Job

Families who understand the world of work and maintain high expectations of their youth, play a pivotal role in the employment success of youth with disabilities. One critical component is the building of work skills that lead to competitive employment. Participants will learn about strategies that help youth keep the jobs they get in addition to receiving additional resources. **(1.5 hours) Fee: \$200**

Individualized Education Program IEP: Blueprint for Success (Pre-school and Elementary)

Each public school child who receives special education and related services must have an IEP designed to meet his/her unique needs. *This step by step walkthrough provides an overview of the major components in Rhode Island's newly designed IEP form for children ages 3 -13.* **(2 hours)**

Prerequisite: Basic Rights in Special Education Fee: \$250

Individualized Education Program IEP: Blueprint for Success (Secondary Transition)

This workshop provides an overview of the major components of the IEP as well as a step by step walkthrough of RI's newly designed IEP form. The workshop also covers the Secondary Transition IEP for students 14 years or older and includes post-school goals in areas of employment, education and training and where appropriate, independent living skills. **(2 hours)**

Prerequisite: Basic Rights in Special Education Fee: \$250

Options for Medical Assistance

This workshop will explore the who, what, where, when, and why of Rhode Island Medical Assistance, Katie Beckett, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Rite Care, and Comprehensive Evaluation Diagnosis Assessment Referral Re-evaluation (CEDARR). **(2 hours)**

Funded by a grant from the RI Department of Health.

Public Policy 101

This training provides families with the tools necessary to navigate the political arena and advocate for their children. Participants will learn the fundamentals of government, how to compose letters to elected officials and provide testimony, thus enhancing their advocacy skills.

(2 hours) Fee: \$250

Section 504: A Parent's Guide

A basic overview of Section 504 will be discussed along with basic changes to the law. Participants will learn how this pertains to children with disabilities and includes an exploration of how some students may now qualify for additional supports and accommodations in public schools.

(2 hours) Fee: \$250

Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy

Every parent wants to see their child happy, healthy, and part of their community. The goal of this presentation is to empower parents so they can become effective advocates for their children and receive the services their child needs.

The intended audience for this training is parents of children with disabilities. **(2 hours) Fee: \$250**

Support Group Facilitator Training

This training provides individuals with the tools necessary to start a support group. Participants will learn the basics of how to organize and maintain a support group while enhancing leadership skills. Participants and trainers will maintain contact as needed for technical assistance as new groups form until they become self-sustainable. **(5 ½ hours) Funded by a grant from the RI Department of Health.**

The Successful IEP Meeting

The objectives of this workshop are to provide ideas on how to prepare for your child's IEP meeting, define the family's role and discuss practical ways to advocate for your child. Questions will be answered on what to bring to the IEP meeting and how to organize and present information that represents your child's best interests. This curriculum was developed in collaboration with the *Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities*. **(2 hours) Call for pricing**

Teens & Health Care Transition - A Team Sport!

Taking care of our health is an essential component of growing up and living a full life. This presentation will use the familiar metaphor "Life is a Game" to inform and engage participants in activities that will improve the health transition of our teens to adult care. Participants will learn the core areas of successful transition and gain information and tools to achieve success in a youth's health care transition. **(2 hours)**

Funded by a grant from the RI Department of Health.

Transition from Early Intervention (Children Birth to Age 3)

Participants will learn about the support services necessary to design and implement a successful transition from Early Intervention. The transition plan and differences in systems will be explored. **(2 hours)**

Call for pricing



Family Engagement

Your Growing Child

In this workshop, participants will develop a toolkit to help them understand basic child development and behavior from birth through the teen years **(2 hours)** **Fee: \$200**

Basic Homework & Study Skills

This parent workshop will give tips on how parents can help their child be successful in school and reduce the stress of homework. **(2 hours)** **Also available in Spanish** **Fee: \$200**

College: The Right Choice for Your Future

Targeted for middle and high school students and their parents, and especially those who may have not yet considered college as possibility, this workshop discusses the benefits of attending college. **(1.5 hours)** **Also available in Spanish** **Fee: \$200**

Ready for Kindergarten

This presentation teaches parents how they can help their child prepare for and do well in Kindergarten. Parents will learn how to use daily activities to help build social, language and thinking skills in order to put young students on the road to a successful academic future. **(2 hours)** **Also available in Spanish** **Fee: \$200**

The Right Question

Learning how to ask effective questions is an important skill needed to help parents support, monitor and advocate for their child's education. This workshop offers an opportunity to learn the *Question Formulation Technique*. Participants will practice their question formulation skills and apply them to a specific topic. **(1.5 hours)** **Also available in Spanish** **Fee: \$150**

MegaSkills® Training Series

MegaSkills®

This five session workshop series is designed to help parents support their child's learning in school and beyond. Participants will learn fun, easy at home activities to encourage learning in the areas of Confidence, Motivation, Responsibility, Effort, Caring, Teamwork, Initiative, Perseverance, Common Sense, Problem Solving and Focus. *(Each workshop is 1.5 hours for a series total of 7.5 hours).* **Also available in Spanish.**

\$1000 Maximum 25 participants

Teen MegaSkills®

This two session parent workshop series offers parents tips to help their teens develop and practice responsibility and to make responsible choices and decisions. It also explores the development of the teen brain. *(Each workshop is 2 hours for a series total of 4 hours).*

\$800 Maximum 25 participants

MegaSkills® Plus

This six session parent workshop series combines the basic MegaSkills® program with an introductory session on child development. Participants create a toolkit for understanding their child's development and behavior birth through the teen years. (Total 9.5 hours)

\$1,300 Maximum 25 participants

MegaSkills® Leader Training

Participants in this full day training will learn how to facilitate the five basic MegaSkills sessions. Participants also must purchase leader kit which contains all handouts and activities for the series.

\$300 Training Fee/\$125 Leader Kit

For further information about our MegaSkills training series and Technical Assistance, schools and organizations should contact Deb Meiklejohn at (401) 270-0101, ext. 108 or meiklejohn@ripin.org



Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

RIPIN staff will provide technical assistance to schools on the following topics:

- Family Engagement
- Parent Involvement Policies
- Title I Requirements for Parent Engagement

\$100 per hour/individual school site
district wide events – call for pricing

Family Friendly Assessment

This process leads a school team in a walk-through of their school to identify low cost ways to create a more welcoming and family friendly environment. Schools will receive a report with information that will help the school plan for improvements.

Fee: \$1,500

Family Engagement Basics for Educators

Participants will learn how to apply the PTA Standards for Family Engagement to their work with families. The connection to educator evaluation will also be discussed. This professional development opportunity will be designed to meet your individual needs.

Call for pricing

PTO University

PTO members will learn about recruiting members, running effective meetings and dealing with conflict. Participants will also learn the roles and responsibilities of each of the officers.

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Leadership Opportunities

SEAC Strategies for Success: Building Special Education Advisory Committees

RIPIN is offering an exciting training opportunity for Special Education Directors and the districts/schools they serve. Rhode Island has always valued home/school collaboration at the local level and shows its commitment to parent involvement by mandating Local Advisory Committees on Special Education through state statute. **Topics include:** Background & Basics, Recruiting & Retaining Members, Developing a Mission Statement, Strategies for Disseminating Information, Collaborative Leadership and Partnership, By-Laws, Running a Meeting, and Prioritizing Needs and Setting Goals.

The **target audience** for this comprehensive 15 hour training includes current parent leaders within local advisory committees, identified future **parent leaders** within a school district and district teams (2-4 parent leaders) developing a local advisory committee.

DATES: 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4 and 4/11/12
(5 three hour sessions)

TIME: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: RIPIN, 1210 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI

DISTRICT COST: \$1,200 for maximum of four parent leaders (includes all materials and four hours of follow-up technical assistance)

For further information, **Special Education Directors should contact Deb Belanger**, Training and Professional Development Manager at 270-0101, ext. 109 or belanger@ripin.org.



Family Leadership
Development Institute (FLDI)

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The **Family Leadership Development Institute (FLDI)** is a collaborative initiative created to develop a network of Family Leaders in Rhode Island who will be trained to make a positive impact on schools, communities and in health care arenas. The Family Leadership 101 training is designed to be the foundation and prerequisite training for further interest level training.

Topics include: *Leadership Style, Defining Leadership, Learning Styles, Stages of Group Development, Group Roles, Solving Problems in Groups, Critical Elements of Collaboration, Leading Effective Meetings, Understanding Conflict, Using the Power of a Personal Story, Public Policy 101, Networking & Developing a Personal Action Plan.*

\$399.00 for the full 10 sessions
(all training materials included). Group rates and scholarships available.

For more information, visit our website at www.ripin.org/fldi or contact **Jonna Mulvaney, FLDI Coordinator** at 270-0101, ext. 155 or email at Mulvaney@ripin.org