



**SEAC Strategies for Success:
Building Special Education Local Advisory Committees**
Parent Leadership Training

Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) is offering an exciting training opportunity for Special Education Directors and the districts/schools they lead. Rhode Island has always valued home/school collaboration at the local level and shows its commitment to parent involvement by **mandating local special education parent advisory committees through state statute**. Rhode Island's legal requirement gives all districts the responsibility and authority to ensure parents have the opportunity to be involved.

As Rhode Island's federally designated **Parent Training and Information Center**, RIPIN has provided technical assistance to districts for over 25 years, specifically in supporting ways to improve outcomes for students with disabilities. In order to support those efforts, we have created a **15 hour training curriculum** for parent leaders.

Topics in this curriculum 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 training includes:

1. **Current parent leaders within local advisory committees**
2. **Identified future parent leaders within a school district**
3. **District teams of 4-5 parent leaders developing a Local Advisory Committee**

WHERE:	RI Parent Information Network, 1210 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI
WHEN:	Saturday, 9/9/17 and Saturday, 9/16/17
TIME:	8:30 am – 4:00 pm (both days)
DISTRICT/Charter School:	\$1,200 for maximum of 4-5 parent leaders \$600 for maximum of 2-3 parent leaders

(Includes all materials and four hours of follow up technical assistance)

More than 30 years of research shows that parent engagement impacts student achievement. With increasing expectations and challenges to provide quality education that leads to meaningful post-school outcomes, parent involvement is more important than ever before. We encourage districts to take advantage of this opportunity!

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