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**TACONIC RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENCE, INC. HOSTS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP  
FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

***Monthly workshops to address COVID-19 and its impact on students with special needs***

Poughkeepsie: Taconic Resources for Independence, Inc. (TRI) will host a virtual workshop entitled: **“Tips on Special Education Advocacy During Covid-19” on August 19 from 9:30 – 10:30 am** to provide information and guidance to parents, family members and guardians of students with special needs during this time of extended school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

TRI Special Education Advocates Karen Lynch and Jennifer O’Neill will offer guidance on ways that will help parents and caregivers problem solve, implement ways to support remote learning, and how to work with their child’s educational team to address concerns in a hybrid environment when school reopens in the fall.

“We are aware that students with disabilities and their respective families or caregivers are under immense stress as they attempt to navigate and address the impact of the extended school closures and remote learning and proposed hybrid learning models for the upcoming school year,” says Lynch.

To register for this workshop contact either Karen Lynch at [k.lynch@taconicresources.org](mailto:k.lynch@taconicresources.org) 845-249-8293 or Jennifer O’Neill at [j.oneill@taconicresources.org](mailto:j.oneill@taconicresources.org) at 845-214-7893.

If you require a Sign Language Interpreter to participate in this meeting, please contact Karen Lynch at: [k.lynch@taconicresources.org](mailto:k.lynch@taconicresources.org)

*Taconic Resources for Independence, Inc. (TRI) was founded in 1986 and is Dutchess County’s leading disability advocacy organization, dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities to lead self-directed lives. TRI works within the community to provide disability awareness and advocacy for the removal of barriers.*

