

Parent Empowerment Program Networking and Support Group

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Join Us for Support and Community!

What is the Special Education Parent Empowerment Program?

Parent Empowerment Program (PEP) is a new addition to Taconic Resources for Independence, Inc. (TRI). PEP provides training and information to families of children and young adults with disabilities, between the ages of 3 and 22. TRI's Special Education program offers specialized and collaborative advocacy training, parent-to-parent networking and support, information, and referral services.

Who We Are:

A supportive community for parents of individuals and children with disabilities, offering understanding, resources, and a safe space to share experiences.

What We Offer:

- Monthly Meetings: Connect with other parents navigating similar challenges.
- Expert Speakers: Insights from professionals in disability services, education, and healthcare.
- Resource Sharing: Access to valuable information, support services, and advocacy tools.
- Confidential Environment: A safe and non-judgmental space to share your journey and listen to others.

Upcoming Meeting- Day and Evening Sessions August 13, 2024:

9:30 am and **7:00 pm**



(Requests for American Sign-Language interpreters must be submitted by Monday, August 5th, Email j.kreitzer@taconicresources.org)

Topics for Discussion:

- Understanding and navigating IEPs and 504 plans
- Managing medical and therapeutic needs
- Strategies for inclusive education and socialization
- Emotional well-being for parents and children
- Advocacy and rights for individuals with disabilities

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