

ADAPT COMMUNITY NETWORK VIRTUAL FAMILY CONNECT SUMMIT

Monday, October 19th, 2020

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Registration is FREE.

Our annual Family Connect Summit will be held entirely virtually this year! Register now, and we'll email you on October 19th with a link to view all 8 of this year's sessions. You can find information about each of these sessions below. The ADAPT Family Connect Summit is for professionals, families, self-advocates and all individuals interested in the latest information regarding intellectual/developmental disability services and supports for children and adults.

WORKSHOPS

[A] FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES: WHAT ARE THEY AND HOW DO YOU GET THEM?

This workshop will provide an overview of the vast array of Family Support Services. Services to be discussed include community habilitation, family reimbursement, housing assistance services, recreation programs, home modification and Project Connect, an information and referral service.

PRESENTERS: **Nicole Pagano**, Director of Family Support Services, ADAPT Community Network and **Wendy De Leon**, Director of Housing Assistance Services, ADAPT Community Network

[B] HOW TO CREATE A SENSORY ENVIRONMENT

Every individual on the autism spectrum experiences the world differently from a sensory point of view. This talk will provide a brief background on the neurobiological evidence for sensory differences in ASD and then provide practical guidance on creating sensory friendly environments with a particular focus on the home environment. Several sensory sensitivities will be covered generally, and specific examples will be provided to illustrate individual preferences and needs.

PRESENTER: **Lorien Baker**, PhD, NYU Child Study Center "Distance Learning Provided through the NYC Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorder"

[C] A TIMELINE OF BENEFITS AND ENTITLEMENT ELIGIBILITY

This session will focus on how age and other factors impact eligibility for government benefits and entitlements such as Medicaid, SSI, SSDI and SNAP (Food Stamps).

PRESENTER: **Irene Pagonis**, Benefits and Entitlements Specialist, Care Design New York

[D] INNOVATIVE ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ADAPT Community Network offers a diverse array of innovative activities for people with disabilities. Options include Visual and Media Arts, Theatre, Music, Adaptive Fitness, Education, Computer and Cooking Courses and many more. This presentation will provide an overview of courses and events which take place in ADAPT locations as well as in community-based locations in New York City and beyond.

PRESENTERS: **Peter Cobb**, Director of Community Outreach, ADAPT Community Network, **Shaniece Frank**, Program Coordinator, Community Outreach, ADAPT Community Network, and **Noemi Rodriguez**, Person Supported by ADAPT Community Network

[E] BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT FOR HOME AND THE COMMUNITY

Children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other Developmental Disabilities can exhibit behaviors that may be challenging for parents, caregivers and educators, including repetitive and restrictive behaviors. This workshop will discuss tips and techniques for understanding and managing challenging behaviors using evidence-based strategies for preschool and early school age children.

PRESENTER: **Gili Segall, PhD**, NYU Child Study Center "Distance Learning Provided through the NYC Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorder"

[F] GUARDIANSHIP, SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING, AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

During this workshop, the presenter will use her professional experience to guide you through the intricacies of navigating special needs planning. This is the driving force of her practice. The key topics she will discuss are guardianship, special needs planning, and meeting the health, legal and financial needs of children and youth with disabilities. Alternatives to guardianship including supported decision making and advance directives as ways of planning for your child's future will also be discussed.

PRESENTERS: **Adrienne Arkontaky**, Vice President/Managing Attorney, Cuddy Law Firm and **Katherine Aquino Melendez**, Attorney, Cuddy Law Firm

[G] ADVOCATING WITH MY CARE MANAGER

Almost two years have passed since MSC transitioned to Care Management under the Care Coordination Organizations. This workshop will explore the accomplishments, challenges and opportunities for shaping the future by forging strategies and relationships between care managers, providers and families.

PRESENTERS: **Danielle Mazza**, Assistant Vice President of Care Management/Upsate, Care Design New York and **Kristen Ribnicky**, Senior Director of Care Management, Advance Care Alliance

[H] TOOLS FOR "THE TALK": TALKING ABOUT PUBERTY, SEX AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

For many parents or caregivers of children, teens, and young adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, it can be a challenge to speak with your child, teen or young adult about the important topics of puberty, sex, and healthy relationships. Join us to discuss tools that will help you feel better prepared for "the talk."

PRESENTER: **Dr. Michelle Gorenstein-Holtzman**, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai and Director of Community Outreach for the Seaver Autism Center

PLENARY SESSION

Join Edward R. Matthews and elected officials from the City and the State of New York, in a discussion about programs and policies addressing the needs of people with disabilities.

PRESENTERS: **Edward, R. Matthews**, CEO, ADAPT Community Network and **Special Guests**

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