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Parents helping parents and professionals enable individuals with disabilities to reach their own potential.

About Parent Network of WNY

Parent Network of WNY is a community resource for families of individuals with special needs and professionals who work with these families. Our dedicated staff members are parents of children with special needs themselves, which gives us a unique perspective. Parent Network is a designated Technical Assistance Parent Center funded by NYS Education Department and several other sources (see below).

Who We Serve

Parent Network is committed to empowering families to successfully advocate for their children with special needs and communicate effectively with professionals. The families we serve, along with various professionals, play a critical role in helping individuals with disabilities achieve success in their lives.

What We Do

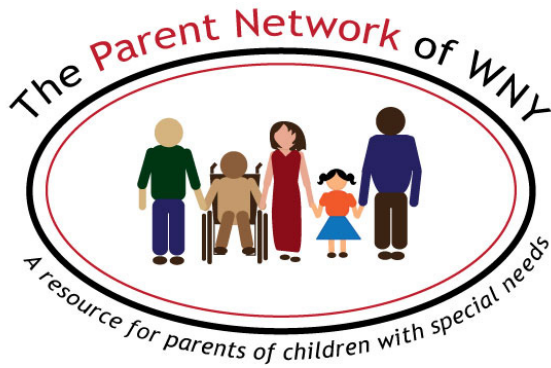
Parent Network offers the tools necessary for parents and professionals to take an active role in the education of children and young adults with special needs. Services include:

- Seminars, workshops and conferences
- Information and referral services
- Website, What's Happening in WNY, *Special Insights* newsletter
- Library and resource materials
- Technical assistance provided to school districts and community organizations
- Wrap around family training services

NOTE: All of these services are **free of charge** for families and service providers of individuals with disabilities.

Current funding sources include:

- NYSED – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds
- NYS Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (CQCAPD)
- Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) - Family Support Services (FSS)
- Erie County Works
- Fee for Service
- NYSED – Model Transition Program grants
- NYSED – Transition Coordination Site
- SSA/YTD: Transition Works
- Thomas Reynolds Center for Special Education at Daemen College
- Citizens Bank
- PIRC – Parent Information & Resource Center



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Workshops

Special Education

- Overview of Special Education (Also in Spanish)
- Developing the Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Transition to Adulthood topics

Services

- Roles of the Service Coordinator
- Overview of Office of Mental Health (OMH)
- Overview of Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD)

Disability Specific

- Various Autism topics
- Down syndrome
- Nonverbal Learning Disabilities (NLD)
- Attention Deficit /Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Helpful for Everyone

- Assistive Technology
- Benefits/Financial Planning
- Guardianship/Wills/Trusts
- Binder Building Workshop
- Letting Go... Empowering Your Child
- Inclusion: Know Your Choices
- Making It Work: Effective Communication
- Person Centered Planning
- Sensory Integration Dysfunction
- Can I Make It?

Information & Referral

This service links people with the information and resources they are looking for about:

- ☎ Disabilities
- ☎ Community resources
- ☎ Services available
- ☎ Concerns about school

Call: (716) 332-4175

Library Resources

The Dena B. Goldstein Family Resource Initiative is a collection of books, videos and resource materials. It memorializes the courageous daughter of Bruce & Betsy Goldstein, both tireless advocates for children with disabilities.

Networks

In an effort to reach more families, we collaborate with other organizations that serve the community. We work with these organizations to plan and conduct workshops, participate in events and serve as a resource on disability related topics.

To make a donation and become a member, please complete the form below and mail to:

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Your donation allows us to continue offering services free of charge to parents and service providers of individuals with disabilities. Members/donors will receive the "Special Insights" newsletter through the next membership year. Please make checks or money orders payable to "The Parent Network of WNY."

Amount enclosed: \$5.00 \$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 Other _____
 Individual/ Family Bronze Silver Gold Platinum (over \$100.00)

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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