

Advocacy Training and Events Calendar 2021

The Arc Advocates continue their advocacy series of presentations into the fall of 2021. Please contact rpolishan@thearcnepa.org or mcolville@thearcnepa.org for more information on attending or scheduling a presentation for your group.

Here is a calendar of events for the 2021-2022 school year.

AUGUST

"Back to School 2021, How to Prepare Special Education Students for Back to School Amidst the Covid-19 Pandemic" – Presented by The Arc of NEPA - Aug 17th 11 am.

SEPTEMBER

"Medical Assistance Transportation Program" - Presented by Jessy Foster Pennsylvania Health Access Network- September 16th 11 am.

"IEP vs 504" – Presented by The Arc of NEPA – September 28th 11am.

OCTOBER

"Social Security Approaching Age 18"- Presented by Edward D. Leone- Attorney at Law Oct 7th 11 am.

"Transition Years Age 14- High School"- October 26th 11 am- Presented by The Arc of NEPA.

NOVEMBER

"Autism Overview- Ideas to Promote Inclusion and Support"- Presented by Autism Collaborative - November 18th 11am.

"Future Planning for Those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their Families- Presented by Jessica L. Wilson Esq. McAndrews Law – November 4, 2021 10 am as part of The Arc of NEPA Parent Group Meeting. All are welcome.

DECEMBER

"Supports Broker Services" –

Presented by Gladys Stefani and Susan Rzcudlo- Dec 9th 11 am.

JANUARY

"Transition from Early Intervention to Kindergarten" - Presented by The Arc of NEPA Jan 11th 11am & January 13th 1pm.

FEBRUARY

"Extended School Year" - Presented by The Arc of NEPA – Feb 8th 10 am as Part of The LTF IU 19 meeting. All are welcome.

Los Basicos del PEI- IEP 101: Learn about an IEP and parent participation. Aprende sobre un PEI y la participación de los padres.- BiLingual Presentation presented by Lisbeth Little from Hune- February 17th 7 pm.

MARCH

"What I Wish Professionals Knew: Parent Perspectives on Having a Child with Disabilities" – Presented by The Arc of NEPA – March 22nd 11am.

"Intelligent Lives Screening" Events- TBD.

APRIL

"Inclusion" – Presented by The Arc of NEPA – April 26th 11am.

MAY

"Wrapping Up the School Year" – Presented by The Arc of NEPA - May 19th 11 am.

Any of the above presentations can be scheduled for a private group as well as these additional topics:

"ABC's of Special Education"

"Myths of Special Education"

"Power of Parents"

Hot Topics in Advocacy

The Advocacy department has been hard at work tackling some new issues due to the current pandemic. We have been getting regular requests regarding mask mandates, instructional models, quarantine instruction, learning loss, delayed evaluations, accommodations, IEP compliance during virtual instruction, transition services, and delivering special education in a virtual platform. We continue to keep on top of the ever changing guidance and attend new trainings to best serve our families in need. Please refer to the advocacy tab on our website to submit an intake form if you are in need of assistance.

Thankful Advocates

Roseann and I are not only advocates, but parents of children with disabilities as well. During the season of thanks we wanted to offer our appreciation to The Arc of NEPA for the wonderful recreation programs, community outreach, free advocacy services, legislative influence, adult enrichment opportunities and residential care for our loved ones with disabilities. We are so grateful for organizations such as The Arc of NEPA who truly care and serve our families well. We are proud to work with the amazing staff that makes it all possible. Thank you all!