

ASRC Advocacy Training Series 2010

The CT Autism Spectrum Resource Center, Inc. is preparing to begin its eighth annual Advocacy Training Series. We are hoping that you can join us!

Families are their child's best advocates but they need to be prepared to act on behalf of their child in productive ways. This includes understanding the nature of their child's disability, school district policies and procedures, basic principles of IDEA and what is considered to be best practice for children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

This is a wonderful opportunity to receive the knowledge and skills needed to advocate successfully for your child. This is a series designed specifically for parents, guardians or advocates.

Before making the decision to participate in this training series, please keep in mind that we ask that you make a full commitment. It is important that you attend most, if not all of the sessions, in order to benefit from the complete training.

To Participate:

The training sessions will be held on Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm at the ASRC in Wallingford (directions enclosed). It will start February 4th and run through April 15th. If you would like to attend the series, please fill out the registration form and return it to the ASRC by January 12th. ***There is limited space so please return your registration form ASAP.***

The fees is \$150.

For additional information, please contact Lois Rosenwald at 203-265-7717!

Advocacy Training Series Schedule 2010

- February 4th
Snow Date Feb. 5th
Presenter: Sara Locke
Overview of ASD & General Overview of Appropriate Programming for Children with ASD
- February 11th
Snow Date Feb. 12th
Presenter: Sara Locke
Historical Perspective on Special Education/Understanding IDEA & The Politics of Special Education
- February 18th
Snow Date Feb. 19th
Presenter: Sara Locke
Understanding the IEP Document
- February 25th
Snow Date Feb. 26th
Presenter: Sara Locke
Understanding the PPT Process/Effective Communication at an IEP Meeting
- March 4th
Snow Date March 5th
Presenter: Sara Locke
Real Life Complaints, Mediation/Role Playing
- March 11th
Snow Date March 12th
Presenter: Ruth Eren, Ed.D & Barbara Cook
Inclusion – Making Placement Decisions, Modifications, Environment Assessments
- March 18th
Snow Date March 19th
Presenter: Gail Mangs
Mediation/Complaints/Due Process April 15th
- March 25th
Snow Date March 26th
Presenters: Jacqueline Kelleher
Overview of State Department of Education's Recommendations for Educating Children/Teens with ASD
- April 15th
Presenter: Patricia Anderson
Transition Through School & Life
- April 22nd
Presenter: Carol Barans
Transition for Those with ASD

Our Presenters

Sara Locke

Sara Locke is the parent of a young child with an autism spectrum disorder and a child with learning and medical disorders. She is a certified special education teacher with experience in the middle school and preschool populations. She has serviced as an educational advocate for families and children affected by autism spectrum disorders, an early childhood researcher and a community collaborative consultant.

Ruth Eren, Ed.D

Dr. Eren is a full time Professor at Southern CT State University, teaching in the Department of Special Ed/Reading. She was instrumental in the development of the graduate level program in Autism Spectrum Disorders and other Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Eren is also part of the Eden Family of Services Outreach Division, consulting with public schools in the state, focusing on program development for children with ASD. She was also a member of the CT Task Force for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, and worked with this group to develop state guidelines for the education of children and youth with autism. Dr. Eren is a member of the ASRC Advisory Board and the Advisory Board of Chapel Haven's Adult Transition Program. She has published numerous papers, made many presentations, and is considered one of the finest resources we have in CT around Autism Spectrum Disorders. Dr. Eren resides in Woodbury with her husband.

Barbara Cook

Barbara Cook is a Speech/Language Pathologist currently working for the Eden Family of Services Outreach Division, consulting with public schools in the state of CT, focusing on program development for children with ASD. Her work in this area focuses on developing social and communication skills as well as classroom strategies and supports for children with ASD from Preschool through High School. She has extensive experience in developing alternative communication systems for non-verbal students with ASD as well as in developing Social Communicative Competence in highly verbal students with ASD. Mrs. Cook has developed with colleagues, a comprehensive curriculum for adults with Asperger Syndrome for a private residential facility. She has acquired 23 years experience in providing therapy and consultation to students with Communication Disorders and Delays. She has presented to state wide audiences through SERC and to professionals in school districts and parent groups both here in CT and NY. Mrs. Cook resides in Middlebury, CT with her husband and three children.

Gail Mangs

Gail Mangs is an Educational Consultant with the State Department of Education working in the Bureau of Special Education. She has worked as a due process Hearing Officer for the past 11 years. Prior to working with the State Department of Education she worked with Headstart as a Teacher/Program Coordinator. She graduated from Clark University with a B.A. in History and Education, and got her M.A. in Education from Northwestern University, and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut.

Jacqueline Kelleher, Ph.D.

Dr. Kelleher has recently joined the Bureau of Special Education in the Connecticut State Department of Education. In addition to her work managing General Supervision of IDEA funded initiatives around areas of compliance and quality, she will serve as the Bureau's primary liaison regarding state autism initiatives. She earned her Master's in Education and Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Connecticut.

Carol Barans

Carol Barans has 30 years of experience in the public schools in Connecticut as a special education teacher and administrator. As such she was instrumental in developing and supervising a community based independent living program for 18-21 year old youth, an extracurricular social skills club at the secondary level, as well as individualized transition plans for many different students. As an administrator, she planned and coordinated the transition of numerous students with autism spectrum disorders from elementary to secondary education. In addition she has conducted trainings for general education teachers to prepare them to teach students with autism spectrum disorders and non-verbal learning disorders. She has also worked in the field of young adult services developing vocational and independent living opportunities for young adults with autism spectrum diagnoses. In addition, Carol is the parent of a son on the autism spectrum and is now on staff with the ASRC as a transition consultant

Patricia Anderson

Dr. Anderson received a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology/Special Education and a Sixth Year Degree in School Psychology from the University of Connecticut. She has over 34 years of experience working with youth and adults with disabilities as a high school LD teacher, diagnostician, college-level LD/learning specialist, adult educator, and trainer. Currently, Dr. Anderson is [an Educational Consultant for the Bureau of Special Education, functioning partially as the State Transition Coordinator](#). She is also the co-project manager on the 2009 revision of the *Guidelines for Identifying Children with Learning Disabilities*.

About The ASRC

The ASRC is a family run, non-profit organization in Connecticut that serves individuals with autism spectrum disorders, their family members, and the professionals who work with them. The mission of the ASRC is to provide, through our many programs, the most recent information and research to help parents, professionals and the general community to understand the barriers and challenges faced by people with autism spectrum disorders. Our Center is committed to raising public awareness about ASD and improving the services available to those on the spectrum. We are devoted to empowering families, and lessening their isolation. We are also dedicated to educating families, professionals and the general public to the many strengths/talents people with ASD have and to promote the respect that they deserve.



Registration Form

2010 ASRC Advocacy Training Series

Advocacy Training Series Fee:

\$150 per person

Enrollment Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____

Age of Your ASD Child _____

Payment

Check: † I am enclosing a check for \$ _____ made out to ASRC

Charge:

† I would like to charge my _____ VISA _____ M/C _____ DISCOVER

Credit Card #: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Name (*as it appears on card*) _____

EXP. DATE: _____

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT TO:

ASRC
101 North Plains industrial Road
Harvest Park Building A
Wallingford, CT 06492

Registration Deadline January 12th

DIRECTIONS

*ASRC
Harvest Park
101 North Plains Industrial Road
Building 1A
Wallingford, CT 06492*

Merritt Pkwy South – Rte 15

Southbound Merritt Pkwy – Route 15

From Hartford take exit 66. Turn left onto No. Colony Rd/US-5. Turn right onto Pent Highway. Turn left onto No. Plains Industrial Rd. Proceed to 101 No. Plains Industrial Rd, Harvest Park. We are a storefront located directly next to the Frame Shop. Parking is available in the back.

Merritt Pkwy North – Rte 15

From New Haven heading north, take exit 65 and make a slight left onto River Rd. Turn right onto Hall Ave/CT-150. Make a left on Washington St.

Washington St will turn into No. Plains Industrial Road. Proceed to 101 No. Plains Industrial Rd, Harvest Park. We are a storefront located directly next to the Frame Shop. Parking is available in the back.

From Hartford: I-91

From Hartford heading south on I-91, take exit 15. Turn right onto Rte 68 and proceed for 2 miles. Turn left onto No. Plains Industrial Rd. Proceed to 101 No. Plains Industrial Rd, Harvest Park. We are a storefront located directly next to the Frame Shop. Parking is available in the back.

From New Haven: I-91

From New Haven heading north on I-91, take exit 13. Merge onto the connector and follow until it ends. Turn right into So. Colony Rd/US-5. Follow for several miles and turn left onto No. Plains Highway (Across from Rite Aid). Turn right onto No. Plains Industrial Road. Proceed to 101 No.

Plains Industrial Rd, Harvest Park. We are a storefront located directly next to the Frame Shop. Parking is available in the back.