



Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center

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Connecticut's Resource for Children with Disabilities;  
**EMPOWERING AND EDUCATING FAMILIES**

### **Attendance Every Day: What you Should Know**

Check out this attendance fact sheet for tips on what schools, community agencies and Parents can do to support regular school attendance:

[Read more here>>](#)

### **Creating School Communities of Courage: Lessons from the Field**

Check out this link for lessons from the field on improving school climate:

[Learn more here>>](#)

### **ESSA Implementation: Keeping Students with Disabilities In School**

Students with disabilities need and deserve extra support when it comes to school attendance. Increased accountability for attendance should help educators to identify those students with disabilities who are at risk of being chronically absent before their achievement falters. Then, it is up to educators to identify positive, proactive solutions to ensure that all children with disabilities have the supports they need to get to school regularly and succeed.

[Read more here>>](#)

### **Chronic Absence**

Do you know the definition of chronic absence is 10% of the school days? That translates to only two days per month. How to address this problem is just one of the topics in Attendance Works. This website offers many suggestions and tools to handle the issue.

[Check their findings>>](#)

March 29, 2019

[2019 Achievement Through Assistive Technology Conference \(Hartford, CT\)](#)

April 8, 2019

[Winter/Spring Free Parent Information Workshop Series - Presented by Deborah A. Carroll, Ph.D. \(Trumbull, CT\)](#)

May 6, 2019

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May 9, 2019

[LifeCourse Planning Tools - EDADVANCE \(Danbury, CT\)](#)

View a full list of upcoming special education related events in Connecticut by visiting: [www.cpacinc.org/upcoming-events](http://www.cpacinc.org/upcoming-events).

## **CPAC: The Blog - “Oh, The Places You’ll go”**

Hello Friends, this’s Jake again, and this blog is focused on the accessibility of the places that should be accessible, but are they? Have you always wanted to go to a place, then you realize the physical boundaries that limit the accessibility to it? Well, let’s talk a bit about accessibility to some popular attractions and other places, like restaurant, every day appointments and gathering joints that often tickle my brain. You may already know, I am Foodie, so local restaurants play critical roles in my life.

[Read more from Jake here>>](#)

### **CPAC's FAQ:**

Dear Parent Consultant,

Why am I getting notification that my daughter may lose credit or stay back due to absences when she has an IEP and a disability that prevent her from going to school some days?

Harriet’s Mom

[Read the answer here>>](#)

### **Upcoming Events**

CPAC posts statewide **Upcoming Events** on our website including CPAC workshops and those of other organizations that may interest the families we serve. Please be sure to check back regularly as events are added daily. Additionally, if you have events that you would like to share with families, please send them to [cpac@cpacinc.org](mailto:cpac@cpacinc.org) for consideration. To view Upcoming Events visit [www.cpacinc.org](http://www.cpacinc.org).

### ***Educational Term of the Month***

**Chronic Absenteeism:** Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing ten percent or more of the academic year for any reason, with some exclusions.

**Learn the definition of other educational terms by viewing our [Guide to Educational Terms](#) (in English and Spanish).**

### **About Us**

CPAC is a statewide non-profit organization providing information and support to families in Connecticut who have children, ages birth to 26, with any disability or chronic illness. We believe that parents can be the most effective advocates for their children given the confidence that knowledge and understanding of special education laws can bring.

**We need your help!** Please consider helping CPAC. [Click here to donate.](#)

### **Spanish Materials**

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