



Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center

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

22 Diverse Book Choices

With the approach of vacation time, the age old question of "what to read" always comes up. These 22 choices from Edutopia provide a great selection:

[See the selection here>>](#)

7 Essential Reading Strategies Your ESL Students Must Know (and YOU Must Teach)

These reading strategies found in Busy Teacher were written for ESL students, but are approaches for anyone to utilize:

[Learn more here>>](#)

Evidence-Based Practices at School: A Guide for Parents

It is helpful for parents and teachers to be familiar with the laws of IDEA and ESSA when it comes to Evidence (researched) based practices and teaching students. These two laws require that the educational interventions used are supported by evidence from well-conducted research studies. The interventions used should also be matched with a student's unique needs and skills.

[Read more here>>](#)

Considering Assistive Technology

Assistive technology enables children with disabilities to participate more fully in all aspects of life (home, school, and community) and helps them access their right to a —free appropriate, public education, in the least restrictive environment. The IEP team must determine whether an individual child needs an assistive technology device or service, and if so, the nature and extent to be provided.

May 6, 2019

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

May 15, 2019

[LifeCourse Planning Tools - ACES](#)
(Hamden, CT)

May 14, 2019

[LifeCourse Planning Tools - EASTCONN](#)
(Hampton, CT)

May 9, 2019

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

June 11, 2019

[LifeCourse Planning Tools - LEARN](#)
(Old Lyme, CT)

June 4, 2019

[Learn more here>>](#)

CPAC: The Blog - "This blog is dedicated to you"

Sundays are my favorite days. This past weekend made me think of who my pillars are and the importance of my supporters, family, friends, peers and teachers that I don't think I acknowledge enough.

This blog is dedicated to you.

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

April 2019 - Director's Corner

A lot of the information in this month's e-News concerns Prior Written Notice. PWN is one of the most important parts of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and one of the most important parts of your student's IEP. Changes are coming in the form that is used to record those IEPs and I wanted to discuss a little bit about why this is so important and what you can do to help make it better.

[Read more from our Executive Director>>](#)

CPAC's FAQ:

Dear Parent Consultant,

I have a PPT coming up for my son. I requested this PPT three weeks ago and it is scheduled for tomorrow. I called the PPT to formally request a test for my son in the area of math. He has dyslexia and he is truly struggling with the language in his math. I am concerned that they will do what they always do, tell me they need to think about it and will get back to me. I am frustrated as this happens all the time and there is always a delay, sometimes even when the answer is no. I have already waited to hold the PPT and do not want to wait any longer for their answer, what can I do?

Jaime's Mom

[Read the answer here>>](#)

Upcoming Events

CPAC posts statewide **Upcoming Events** on our website including CPAC workshops and those of other

[LifeCourse Planning](#)

[Tools - CREC](#)

(Hartford, CT)

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

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

Many of our fact sheets and resources are available in Spanish. Visit www.cpacinc.org and click on "En Espanol" in

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 for consideration. To view Upcoming Events visit www.cpacinc.org.

the top right corner of the page.

Educational Term of the Month

Prior Written Notice: A procedural safeguard that says school districts must inform parents of their rights. Specifically, the school must inform parents of any actions proposed or refused by the PPT, any alternatives that were discussed, and assessment information used to make the decision—and they must do so in writing. In CT, prior written notice is included with the IEP.

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

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