

Parents/Guardians of Children with Special Needs

There are more than 10,000 children on IEPs in the Boston Public School System (BPS). We need to work together to have a collective voice on special education issues. The BPS Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SpedPac) invites you to attend our October General Meeting:

When: Thursday, October 27th - 7-9pm
Where: English High School, 2nd floor - Cafeteria
144 McBride Street, Jamaica Plain

Childcare is available upon request. Please reserve at least 3 days prior to each meeting by contacting Boston SpedPac at: spedpac@boston.k12.ma.us or (617) 635-8600

Spanish translation is available at all meetings and light refreshments will be served

Boston English High is accessible by public transportation: Green Street Station - Orange Line and the 42 Bus

Topics of Discussion for October 27th General Meeting

SpedPac Workshop:

ABA Services Information Workshop for Parents of Students with Disabilities
Sponsored by SpedPac in partnership with the Boston Public Schools

Presented by John Verre, Assistant Superintendent of OSESS, Seph Bartholomew, Assistant Director
Cailen McCormick and Kim Klemek, Program Directors

Representatives will be available from the four outside contractors of ABA Services:
Applied Behavioral Learning Services (ABLS), Realizing Children's Strengths (RCS)
New England Center for Children (NECC) and the May Institute.



Presentation:

This workshop will consist of an update regarding recent changes to ABA services in BPS. Both internal providers will give an overview of the services currently being provided to students, evaluations being conducted and impacts on the new highly specialized strands. This is your opportunity to learn about ABA services in BPS, ask questions of the current internal and external staff and to provide feedback on how services are going from the parents' perspective. SpedPac will also provide handouts on special education laws that impact children on the autism spectrum.

NorthStar Personal Alert Program: <http://www.bpdnews.com/resources/north-star/>

The North Star Personal Alert Program is a voluntary program for parents, guardians or caretakers of children and individuals that may have a tendency to wander or are a flight risk from a specific location (home, school, nursing home etc.).

Boston SpecPac Online Info: <http://www.youtube.com/user/BostonSpedPac>

Watch SpedPac Workshops on YouTube: Bullying Prevention and Autism Insurance Reform (ARICA)

Please join us at our **General Meetings**. Bring a friend and spread the word.

Meeting Dates for 2011-2012 School Year (Thursdays at English High 7-9pm)

September 29 October 27 November 17 December 15 January 26 February 16 March 29 April 26 May 31

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