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## *2017 Suffolk County Monthly Meetings*

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
(7:00-9:00pm)

### **Transitioning from Early Intervention to Preschool Special Education**

**Presenter: Dr. Faith Kappenberg, Director, Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC), Center for Community Inclusion, LIU Post**

Important Information for Parents and Professionals regarding regulations and procedures for the transition of services from EI to Preschool Special Education.

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>  
(7:00 – 9:00 PM)

### **Transitioning to Kindergarten: Beginning the Committee on Special Education (CSE) Process**

**Presenter: Elizabeth DeFazio-Rodriguez—Early Childhood Specialist, Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) , Center for Community Inclusion LIU Post**

This workshop will assist parents and professionals in preparing for decisions to be made as a child with a disability leaves preschool (CPSE) and enters Kindergarten.

Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
(7:00 – 9:00 PM)

### **Assistive Technology**

**Presenter: Randy Young, TRAIID, Long Island Parent Center**

This training explores what assistive technology (AT) is and provides an overview of the role that AT can play in a child's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).

*Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>*  
(7:00 – 9:00 PM)

### ***New Parent Meeting\*\****

***Held at DSAF's office (77 Arkay Drive, Hauppauge NY 11788~Microcad Office)***

Come meet members of DSAF, and obtain information to help you access important resources. The decisions families make early on in their child's development, impact them for the rest of their lives.

Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
(7:00 – 9:00 PM)

### **Using Behavior Analytic Interventions for Young Children with Down Syndrome**

**Presenter: Kathleen M. Feeley, PhD, Center for Community Inclusion LIU Post**

Applied behavior analysis is a strategy that has a strong base of evidence for use with young children with disabilities. This workshop will provide an overview of the principles of learning and how they can be used to address the unique needs of children with Down Syndrome.

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
(7:00 – 9:00 PM)

### **Panel of Educators who have Children with Down Syndrome in their General Education Classes**

Panel of professionals will provide information regarding implementation of curriculum modifications and fostering relationships. A great opportunity to hear from professionals who have successfully included students with Down syndrome in their classrooms.

Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>  
(7:00-9:00PM)

**Presenter: Yvonne Sinisgalli Outreach Coordinator, Long Island Parent Center**

**Special Ed "101"**

This interactive workshop will enhance your understanding of how to advocate for your child. You will learn about your rights and roles in the education process and strategies to obtain the services your child needs while building strong relationships with professionals.

Thursday, July 27<sup>h</sup>  
(7:00 – 9:00 PM)

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Thursday, August 17<sup>st</sup>  
(7:00 – 9:00 PM)

**Presenter: Tracy Murphy**

**Sexuality in young adults with Down Syndrome.**

Thursday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>  
(7:00 – 9:00 PM)

**Making the Most of Teaching assistants and Aide Support in the Classroom**

**Presenter: Diane Ripple, M.A., Education Strategist and Family Coach**

Are you a classroom teacher working with a 1:1 teaching assistants (TA's), shared aides, and/or classroom aides and want to learn ways to support and manage all the adults in your classroom? Are you a parent of a child who is supported by a full-time or part time TA/aide and interested in discussing the best ways to have your child's needs met? Are you a TA/aide looking for strategies for working with the student or students you are assigned to support? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please come to this interactive, hands-on workshop where you will learn strategies and tools for incorporating paraprofessionals (TA's/Aides) in the classroom. Topics addressed will include: facilitation of social skills, academic support strategies, use of nonverbal prompts, team communication, and effective ways to fade support.

Thursday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>  
(7:00-9:0 PM)

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**Suffolk County Meetings to be held at the Ronkonkoma Fire District Building 7:00-9:00PM**

505 Hawkins Avenue, Ronkonkoma, New York 11779, Phone: 631.588.0689

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**From the East:** West on LIE to exit 60, take Ramp (Right) onto Expressway Drive North. Turn Right (North) onto Hawkins Avenue. Continue on Hawkins Avenue past Portion Road, turn right onto Lloyd Court (it's a road between buildings before Friendly's). Turn right from Lloyd Court into parking lot for fire district building (red brick building). Please do not park near fire house.

**From the West:** East on LIE to exit 60, take Ramp (Right) onto Expressway Drive South. At the second light turn left (North) onto Hawkins Avenue. Continue on Hawkins Avenue past Portion Road, turn right onto Lloyd Court (it's a road between buildings before Friendly's). Turn right from Lloyd Court into parking lot for fire district building (red brick building). Please do not park near fire house.

**\*\*Please note...New Parent Meetings only will be held at 77 Arkay Drive, Hauppauge, NY 11788\*\***

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**From the East:** West on LIE to exit 55, take Ramp (right at light) onto Motor Parkway. Drive West to Adams Avenue, make a right. Take Adams Avenue to Arkay Drive, turn right, building is on the right.

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**From the West:** East on LIE to exit 53, stay on service road – see exit for Wicks Road. Turn left onto Wicks Road at the light, go under overpass (LIE) and make a right at the light onto Motor Parkway. Head east to Adams Avenue, make a left onto Adams Avenue. Take Adams Avenue to Arkay Drive, turn right, building is on the right.

**Email DSAF03@gmail.com or Call 516-983-7008 for additional information/[www.dsafonline.org](http://www.dsafonline.org)**

*Individuals who would like to join DSAF will be asked to pay a nominal yearly membership fee.*