Welcome to the Presentation

Update on COVID-19 & Remote Learning
Supporting Students and Families

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This event is being recorded

It is our intention to share this recording online. The Live webinar is taking place on 4/03/20.

The information shared this morning, is our best effort to keep you informed with the information we have at this point in time.

This presentation should not be considered legal or medical advice for any specific case, as each case needs to be considered individually.

**Zoom Settings**

- **Technical problems**
  - Audio: After checking all your settings, try connecting with your phone. Go to the audio icon and follow the dial-in instructions and remember to turn off the sound on your computer.
  - Submit a chat for technical support

- **Submit Questions**
  - A Q&A session will follow the presentation
  - Submit your questions using the Q&A icon throughout the webinar
  - We will attempt to get to as many questions as possible and may combine questions for efficiency

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Anne Howard, Ph.D., PT is a Professor in the Education Department at Fitchburg State University. She coordinates the undergraduate and graduate programs in severe disabilities, and provides consultation to families and school systems to facilitate inclusion and optimal educational programs for students with significant disabilities.

Before receiving her Ph.D. in disability policy from the Heller School at Brandeis University, Dr. Howard trained as a physical therapist, and was licensed as a general and special educator.

Dr. Howard has provided extensive training for paraprofessionals, teachers, related service providers, and administrators throughout New England, and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Federation of Children with Special Needs. Anne is the parent of two wonderful young adults, including a daughter who is deaf.

Mariela Vargas-Irwin, Psy.D., BCBA-D, Executive Director ABLS.

Dr. Vargas obtained her doctoral degree from Rutgers University, completed her internship at Boston Children’s Hospital, and pursued post-doctoral training at the Judge Baker Children’s Center.

Mariela has over twenty years of experience working with children with autism and other developmental disorders with behavioral challenges. Dr. Vargas has worked as a home-based behavioral therapist, overseen home-based programs, designed training protocols for ABA therapists and supervisors, and consulted with families and schools. Her interests include inclusion, social skills, and executive behavior.
Stacey L. Gay, M.S. is the Program Director of the JRI Early Childhood Training and Consultation Program. Stacey received her Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Northeastern University. Since 2011, Stacey has worked with the Early Childhood Training and Consultation Program as an Early Childhood Consultant and trainer, and presently as the Program Director.

Stacey has specialized training in the Pyramid Model, formally the Center for Social and Emotional Foundation for Early Learning Paradigm (CSEFEL); Top of the Pyramid Strategies; Attachment, Self-Regulation, and Competency Model (ARC) for treating trauma; and Triple P Positive Parenting Solutions Program.

Stacey is also a Member of the Massachusetts's Pyramid Model State Leadership Team.

Scheduling Updates:

**Mental Health First Aid**

*Will be Rescheduled*

*Full Day Event*

SPaN is pleased to partner with the Federation for Children with Special Needs to offer this program.

*Space is limited*

offered to SPaN Members and SESP

**Annual Same Side of the Table Panel**

*Tuesday, May 19, 2020*

Updates Available Soon
Online Case Discussion Groups (in response to COVID-19)
Open to Members and Non-Members

- Thursday April 9th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm
- Thursday April 16th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm
- Thursday April 23rd from 12:00 to 2:00 pm
- Thursday April 30th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm
  • Members register with your member login

IEP Clinic Opportunity
You must be a current SPaN member

- Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School's SEPAC
  RESCHEDULED to Saturday September 26, 2020

More information available under Networking on the website.

SPaN COVD-19

- Visit: www.SPaNmass.org/covid-19
- Email covid19@spanmass.org with resources, for Advocates, Parents, and Special Education Teachers
- Public outreach such as programs like this one today
- Online Case Discussion Groups
- Partnering with the Federation for Children with Special Needs and The Arc of Massachusetts
How to contact us:

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Ask us about the following volunteer opportunities:

SPaN Committees
IEP Clinics/Mentorship Program
SPaN Exhibit tables
School Fair

FCSN COVID-19

► Our Call Center is open and taking calls! Fill out the intake form on our website, www.fcsn.org

► Family TIES is providing information about and referrals to early intervention programs. Call 800-905-TIES (8437)

► Check out the FCSN website for FAQs and other important resources, fcsn.org. New information is provided daily
FCSN COVID-19

FCSN daily Facebook Live events at 2:00pm. All sessions are recorded and can be accessed at any time:

- MassPAC Mondays
- Transition Tuesdays
- Wellness Wednesdays
- Thriving Thursdays
- Facts and Family Fridays

Starting Tuesday, March 31, FCSN will begin posting webinars of our most popular trainings on our website, fcsn.org. Keep checking as more webinars will be added.

- Basic Rights
- Basic Rights Transitions
- Planning a Life
- How to Advocate for Your Child
- Let’s Get Organized
- Health Care Transitions
How to contact us:

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Parent Training and Information Center
Family Support Center
Health Advocacy Center
Recruitment Training and Support Center for Special Education Surrogate Parents

Thank you for your continued Support!

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