



New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind

NYPADB e-news

Happy New Year!

Please Renew your NYPADB Membership for 2016!

Alice Cogswell - Anne Sullivan Macy Bill H.R. 3535

We need your help to get more US House Representatives and Senators on board with the **Alice Cogswell and Anne Macy Sullivan Act**. This is a vital piece of federal legislation which, if passed, will “promote and ensure delivery of high quality special education and related services to students with visual disabilities or who are deaf or hard of hearing or deaf-blind through instructional methodologies meeting their unique learning needs; to enhance accountability for the provision of such services, and for other purposes.”

NYPADB has created a page on our website to share information about this legislation proposing dramatic improvements in the education of students who are blind, deaf, or deaf blind. H.R. 3535 is the most comprehensive special education legislation meeting the unique needs of students with sensory disabilities. <http://www.nypadb.org/cogswell-macy-act>

Ask your congressman to co-sponsor the Cogswell- Macy Bill H.R. 3535 <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

Ask your senators to introduce the Cogswell- Macy Bill in the Senate (H.R. 3535) <http://www.senate.gov/index.htm>

Gillibrand, Kirsten E. - (D - NY)
478 Russell Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510
(202) 224-4451
Contact: www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/

Schumer, Charles E. - (D - NY)
322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510
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Talking Points:

Deaf-Blind Children Will Thrive With 3535

- Assure All children with Deaf-Blindness are counted and properly served regardless of classification.
- Assure Children with Deaf-Blindness have Qualified Personnel: Teacher of the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Intervener, or SSP (Support Service Provider).
- Specifies Intervener as a ‘Related Service.’

Enhance “special factors” to provide for Deaf-Blind students’ need for language, communication, Expanded Core Curriculum, and other learning needs.

Because Children with Deaf-Blindness Count!

<http://www.nypadb.org/cogswell-macy-act>

Learn more about the Cogswell-Macy Act:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/3535/text>

RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS:

Navigating the System for People with Developmental Disabilities

Learn About:

- Eligibility and access to services through NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
- What services are available to you now and in the future

Morning Workshops (10am-12pm)

- Wednesday January 20th, Wednesday February 17th, Wednesday March 9th

Evening Workshops (6pm-8pm)

- Wednesday January 20th, Wednesday February 3rd, Wednesday March 30th

- **Drop in (registration not required)** at:

- **YAI Advocacy Resource Center**

- 460 W. 34TH St, 11TH Fl, New York

- [212.273.6182](tel:212.273.6182) or link@yai.org

- (Workshops are open to individuals, families, caregivers and professionals)

- **Phone-In Workshop**

- Wednesday January 13th 12pm-1:30pm or Wednesday March 30th 12pm-1:30pm email hayley.schapiro@yai.org for access information

Disability Events by New York State Region

http://disabilitynews.ny.gov/dd_events

Numerous Trainings about the **Front Door** around NYS

To register for the OPWDD information sessions:

http://www3.opwdd.ny.gov/wp/wp_catalogy0109.jsp

The Role of Interveners in Educational Settings

February 8 - March 14, 2015

Sponsored by NFADB and NCDB

Come learn about:

- The role of interveners.
- The principles of intervention.

How interveners function as members of students' educational teams.

Format: Primarily self-study, but hosts are available to provide assistance. We will also have several optional online video sessions.

Time commitment: 2 hours per week for 4 weeks (you work on your own at times that are convenient for you).

Hosts: Patti McGowan (NFADB) and Peggy Malloy (NCDB) will provide online support and feedback.

<https://nationaldb.org/events/detail/0/902>

New! Module 14 - Introduction to Orientation and Mobility for Interveners <https://nationaldb.org/events/detail/0/877>

Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness Special Issue on Critical Issues in Blindness and Visual Impairment

(Paperback \$24.95) - AFB Press Store - American Foundation for the Blind

<http://www.afb.org/store/Pages/ShoppingCart/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductId=978-0-89128-714-8&ruling=Yes>

Summer Fun & More!

Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM (EST)

Attention camps, afterschool, travel, health, sports, or recreational programs for young people in NYC with disabilities: Meet hundreds of NYC families. Register now for INCLUDEnyc's Summer Fun and More! at Hotel Pennsylvania.

Join NYC institutions like The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the 92nd Street Y, & the National Alliance of Mental Health (NAMI).

Parents -- No need to register, just show up!

Hotel Pennsylvania

401 7th Ave, 18th Floor

New York, NY 10001

<http://www.includenyc.org/content/989>

UPCOMING PARENT TO PARENT WEBINARS:

Free Webinar-Communicating Through Letter Writing

January 12, 2016, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Contact: Tanja Peters Phone: (716) 517-3448

Please register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1752420694680627970>

Please join Tina Beauparlant, Regional Program Manager/ Education Specialist, Parent to Parent of NYS, as she presents a webinar on Communicating Through Letter Writing.

Free Webinar- Assistive Technology in the Individual Education Plan

January 14, 2016, 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Contact: Tina Beauparlant Phone: (518) 381-4370

Please register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4319745161165604354> Please join

Kim Wadsworth and Marisa Heydary as they present Assistive Technology in the Individual Education Plan.

Free Webinar- Effective Communication for CSE Meetings

January 20, 2016, 12:30PM - 1:45PM

Contact: Tanja Peters Phone: (716) 517-3348

Please register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1077425008831106050>

Please join Tina Beauparlant, Regional Program / Education Specialist, Parent to Parent of NYS, as she presents a webinar on Effective Communication for CSE Meetings.

Free Webinar- Effective Communication for CSE Meetings

January 25, 2016, 6:00PM - 7:15PM

Contact: Tanja Peters Phone: (716) 517-3448

Please register for Effective Communication for CSE Meetings on Jan 25, 2016 6:00 PM EST at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3620172091900312834>

Please join Tina Beauparlant, Regional Program / Education Specialist, Parent to Parent of NYS, as she presents a webinar on Effective Communication for CSE Meetings

<http://parenttoparentnys.org/news/statewide-events/#sthash.jf2qvvyBF.dpuf>