



New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind

NYPADB e-news

Best Wishes for a Wonderful School Year!

NYPADB's New Website is Up & Running!

www.nypadb.org

Self Expression and Self Determination Workshop

Sponsored by NYPADB, in Collaboration with NYDBC & HKNC at HKNC.
Postponed due to scheduling conflicts.

Communication & Hearing Workshop

Sponsored by NYPADB & NYDBC at Queens College

Sunday, November 15

Details to follow

2015-16 Interdisciplinary Transition Team Initiative (ITTI)

Do you have a child who is between the ages of 14-21 with hearing & vision loss? The New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative (NYDBC) is kicking off the 2015-2016 Interdisciplinary Transition Team Initiative (ITTI) very soon! Learn more about ITTI by viewing the video:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/a7mcjnueybocnni/ITTI%20Final%20rev%2001_06022015.mp4?dl=0

Questions? Email: susanne.morrow@qc.cuny.edu

New transition website offers supportive community

Paths to Transition website from Perkins eLearning provides expertise and insight for teachers, parents and counselors of students who are blind.

<http://www.perkinselearning.org/transition>

The Role of Interveners in Educational Settings

Sponsored by NFADB and NCDB

September 21 - October 26, 2015

Come learn about:

- The role of interveners.

- The principles of intervention.
- How interveners function as members of students' educational teams.
- More info at <http://nfadb.org/latest-news/>

Registration: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1U-FzUQOMMBZE4W73Na3y_sY5nFLdGMXnl0ylj2s8sWM/viewform

Supporting Teachers of the Deafblind and Intervener Partnerships

- Examples of Success Stories from States

Advancing the Roles through National Legislation- the Cogswell-Macy Act

Save the Date: October 6th, 2015, 5:00-6:50 pm PST

More Information to come: <https://nationaldb.org/events/detail/0/777>

Back to School Conference

New York City Affiliate of the National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

Dates: 9/18/2015 - 9/19/2015

Time: 9:30am - 2:00pm

“Give them wings and they will fly”

Invites Parents of Children with Visual Impairments, Including those with Additional Disabilities to a Back to School Conference

Workshops for Parents include:

- Technology
- Portable Reading Devices in the Classroom: Smart Board....VISIO Book....IPADS.
- Learn about Free Apps available for the visually impaired
By Vincent Pedulla, Teacher of the Visually Impaired & Greg Santamoor, Director of Educational Visions Services NYC Department of Education
This session will be interactive. (Only 5 IPADS will be available for use for the first five to register on or before September 9 or you can bring your own)
- The New York State Commission for the Blind: What is the Role of the Commission and what services do they provide?
- Making Your Home more Accessible for Your Child
Presented by Gordon Rovins, Director of Special Programs of Lighthouse Guild

- Exhibitors & Resources

Location: 985 Astor Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465

Contact: Jeannette Christie (718) 519-7000 ext. 12

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URL: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NYCNAPVI/>

Assistive Technology in the IEP and the Classroom

Please join the Capital District Special Ed Task Force

Assistive technology (AT) comes in many forms and serves many different purposes such as AT for mobility, learning, communicating, transitioning, or gaining independence. AT can facilitate and enhance learning and instruction. Designed for parents and school professionals, this workshop will provide valuable information about AT as part of special education and how AT can support students at all stages of development. Discover innovative software and apps, reading and writing tools for use in the classroom and at home, specially designed to help students with special educational needs. Demo some of the latest apps for writing and learning with Crick Software, Inc.

Presenters:

Christy Asbee, Esq., Assistive Technology Staff Attorney, Disability Rights NY
Andrea Szechenyi, Education Consultant, Crick Software, Inc.

DATE: Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 10:00 am to noon

Place: **Colonie Town Library** William K. Sanford Town Library
629 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville NY 12211

RSVP online <http://goo.gl/forms/F3zDxdNWi3> or by phone 518.533.5925.

Perkins Resources: Deafblindness & Multiple Disabilities

<http://www.perkinselearning.org/topics/deafblindness-and-multiple-disabilities>

Helping Your Child Who Is Blind or Visually Impaired Get Oriented to a New School Building

FamilyConnect Article

<http://www.familyconnect.org/info/browse-by-age/grade-schoolers/transition-to-independence-grade-schoolers/orienting-to-school-buildings/1235>

Perkins Topics for Families

<http://www.perkinselearning.org/topics/families>

Own the Equinox

Claiming the third Saturday in September each year as **Usher Syndrome Awareness Day**. This global event will start on one side of the world (we're looking at you, Australia) and run around the globe to the farthest point before the International Date Line (that's your cue, Alaska).

See how you can participate in Owning the Equinox:

<https://usher-syndromeorg.presencehost.net/equinox/own-the-equinox.html>

Guide to Assistive and Accessible Technologies

Disability.gov

<https://www.disability.gov/resource/disability-govs-guide-assistive-technology/>

Braille smartwatch lets blind people read text messages and e-books | Daily Mail Online

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3184208/Braille-smartwatch-lets-blind-people-read-text-messages-e-books-using-active-dots.html>

Family Engagement and Children with Disabilities: A Resource Guide for Educators and Parents

Publications HFRP - Harvard Family Research Project

<http://www.hfrp.org/family-involvement/publications-resources/family-engagement-and-children-with-disabilities-a-resource-guide-for-educators-and-parents>

Parent to Parent of NYS Webinars

<http://parenttoparentnys.org/news/statewide-events/#sthash.i5QhsJXk.dpuf>

WEBINAR - Housing Options for People with Disabilities in NYS

September 11, 2015, 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Contact: Tina Beauparlant Phone: [\(518\) 381-4370](tel:(518)381-4370)

WEBINAR- Housing Options for People with Disabilities in NYS

September 22, 2015, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Contact: Tina Beauparlant Phone: [\(518\) 381-4350](tel:(518)381-4350)

Recommended Again! 2013 Customized Employment: The Role of the Discovery Process in Transition Planning for Young Adults with Disabilities, including Deaf-Blindness

<http://hknc.adobeconnect.com/p9cfrlmsdx8>

NYSARC Annual Recreation Conference

Registration is now open for the NYSARC Annual Recreation Conference, occurring Sept. 23-25 at the Beaver Hollow Conference Center in Java Center, NY. This year's conference, "Recreation 2015: Making Connections through Recreation," is your opportunity to get new ideas, re-energize, and network with other professionals who are committed to providing quality recreation services for people who have developmental disabilities.

Thanks to the generosity of the Trustees of the NYSARC Trust, NYSARC, Inc. Chapter staff are eligible for a stipend to cover food and lodging expenses!!

For more information or to register, please [click here](#).

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?utm_medium=email&oidk=a07eb0yy1gl240a93a0&llr=memnpdeab&utm_campaign=OVT+2015+%2314&utm_source=Our+Voice+Today+%28OVT%29%2C+Issue+14+%7C+NYSARC+launches+%22It+Matters+to+Me%22+campaign

The Lion King

Autism-Friendly Performance:

Sunday, September 27, 2015 @ 1:00 PM

Minskoff Theatre

200 West 45th Street, New York, NY 10036

Only at: www.tdf.org/thelionking

SCIVIS Space Camp

September 18, 2015 to September 25, 2015

U.S. Space and Rocket Center (Meet at Perkins)

Huntsville, AL, United States

For the 22nd year, Perkins will be bringing students from all over the Northeast to participate in Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students (SCIVIS).

SCIVIS offers several exciting programs and activities designed to educate young people about aviation and the space program. Camp and Academy sessions are designed around simulated space missions conducted in Space Shuttle orbiter mockups. Aviation Challenge introduces survival skills and jet flying simulation. Trainees learn the basics of shuttle operation, the science and history of the space program, leadership skills, and teamwork. They also use authentic simulators to experience the sensations of astronaut training and they live in a simulated space station.

<http://www.perkins.org/get-involved/events/scivis-space-camp>

The Best Communication Partner is a Parent

<https://community.communicationmatrix.org/Posts/Content/6661>

U.S. Department of Transportation Requests Comments Related to Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities

This week, a petition was submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) related to transportation services for individuals with disabilities. The petition asks for public comment related to revisions to regulations with regard to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit fare system. [Public comment can be submitted on Regulations.gov](#) using docket number DOT-OST-2015-0075 no later than September 21, 2015.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/08/20/2015-20467/transportation-for-individuals-with-disabilities-service-criteria-for-complementary-paratransit>