



PARENT AND EDUCATOR SEMINAR SERIES

The Deron School is pleased to offer a series of upcoming seminars and workshops for parents and educators. Whenever possible, these workshops will be offered at no charge. Workshops are held Virtually to accommodate families.

Virtual Seminars: link meets will be sent on the morning of through principal update

Registration is required and space limited; please be sure to call Amarilis at 973-509-2777 to reserve your spot.

Improving Behavior Outcomes and Decreasing Challenging Behaviors in the Home

October 16, 2023

7:00- 8:00 pm (Virtual)

Common behaviors observed in the home and ways to de-escalate those behaviors through the principles and strategies of applied behavior analysis.

Presenter: Nyasia Borelli, Cross Campus Lead Board Certified Behavior Analyst. She supports both campuses on the development of our behavior program and ensures student outcomes. Nyasia has her Master's in Psychological Studies with a Concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis and is obtaining her Ph.D. from The Chicago School. Some of her expertises include severe behavior disorders, multiple diagnoses including Autism Spectrum Disorder, and organizational behavior management.

Guardianship and Supported Decision Making from a Legal Perspective

November 2, 2023

7:00- 8:00 pm (Virtual)

Presenter: Norma Francullo has been a practicing attorney for over 25 years. She is a seasoned Special Education Attorney who works diligently to ensure that students' educational rights are protected. She has extensive experience settling favorable cases through mediation, settlement conferences and at hearing. She focuses her practice on special education and guardianship in New Jersey and New York. Notably, in 2019, 2021, and 2022, Norma was chosen as one of New Jersey's Best Lawyers for Families in Education Law.



State Services for Youth with IDD including SSI and Medicaid

December 5, 2023

6:00-7:00 pm (Virtual)

Navigating the service systems in New Jersey can often feel overwhelming for parents of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). These parents have the unique opportunity to be powerful advocates for their children across multiple services, including Early Intervention, the Children's System of Care, and the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). This webinar will help parents gain a more complete understanding of the service systems in New Jersey for children with IDD, and provide guidance on how to advocate for their child in these systems.

Presenter: Michael Pearson Jr. is the Director of Children's Advocacy at The Arc of New Jersey. Formerly, he was the Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator for the New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project. Michael came to The Arc of New Jersey in 2017 from The Arc of Monmouth County, where he worked as a Vocational Counselor. He is a knowledgeable consultant for disability legislation, including the ADA, IDEA, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Michael is a graduate of Monmouth University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication. He is an advocate for people with IDD and their families, and an ally of the disability-rights movement.

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

January 22, 2024

7:00- 8:00pm (Virtual)

Presenter: Kelly Barber is the lead speech pathologist at The Deron School's Union Campus. Kelly has over thirty years of experience. She received her BA in Speech and Hearing and MA in Speech Pathology from Kean University. She has worked in both the hospital, private practice and school settings. Her areas of expertise include pediatric feeding, augmentative communication and language development. She is trained in the PROMPT technique, PECS and as a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT). As the lead therapist she provides clinical supervision and support to the therapists at both campuses. She enjoys working with them and helping them further develop their skills as SLPs. Kelly has also provided over the years numerous staff and parent training in the areas of communication, AAC and feeding. Despite working in various settings she has found her passion in working with the students at The Deron School.

The ABLE Act: An Additional Tool to Help Secure a Child's with Disabilities Future

The Role of a Guardian and Trustee

February 7, 2024

6:30- 8:00pm (Virtual)

Presenter:

Please call Amarilis at 973-509-2777 to register

Please join us for an informative session with our expert.