

Michigan Alliance for Families

Michigan Alliance for Families provides information, support, and education for families who have children and young adults (birth to 26 years of age) who receive (or may be eligible to receive) special education services.

News & Updates

Parents of children birth to 5 are invited to join us for a four-part series in Building Parent Leadership beginning February 24. This series of workshops will help parents understand the important role they have in positions of leadership in local, county and state boards that support families of children with disabilities.

Our IEP Course series in February has begun, and another series planned for April. This series breaks down the IEP document and process into 4 classes with an optional 5th class explaining Rights and Disputes.

Our latest video available online is Special Education State Complaints. This 28-minute video explains resolving disputes through informal and formal processes.

Also on our website is a new document from MDE: New Guidance for Graduation Decisions. This supports IEP teams in developing an individualized plan for graduation over a multi-year timeframe.

Upcoming Events: Learning Opportunities

Our goal is to increase the involvement of families in their children's education. To do this, Michigan Alliance for Families offers virtual learning opportunities.

- Behavior is Communication (Apr)
- Building Parent Leadership Skills in Early Childhood (Feb)
- Counting the Days: Understanding Disciplinary Removals of Students with Disabilities (Mar)
- COVID Considerations: Catching Up and Keeping Up (Apr)
- Effective Communication with School During COVID-19 (Apr)
- IEP: A Closer Look (every month Feb-Apr)
- Inclusive Education in the IEP Using Assistive Technology (Mar)
- Inclusive Society: Using Assistive Technology Beyond the School Day (May)
- Manifestation Determination Review: Navigating the Process (Mar)
- Rethinking Guardianship: Supported Decision Making (Feb & Apr)
- Special Education Mediation Services – The Who, What, Where, When & How (Feb)
- Supporting Our Kids Mental Health Needs & Our Own as We Navigate Changing School Environments (Mar)
- Transition from School to Adulthood (Feb)
- Transition from School to Adulthood for Foster Care Families (Apr)
- Why More Education on Sensory Processing Disorders Is Needed (Feb)