



# Parent Partnerships

A Newsletter for Parents with Children who have Moderate to Severe Disabilities  
Educational Equity For All

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## Common Core News



Where special education students are succeeding under Common Core

*What one Brooklyn school is doing differently to help its students pass the tests.* <https://goo.gl/d8MKJB>



## Tips for Parents

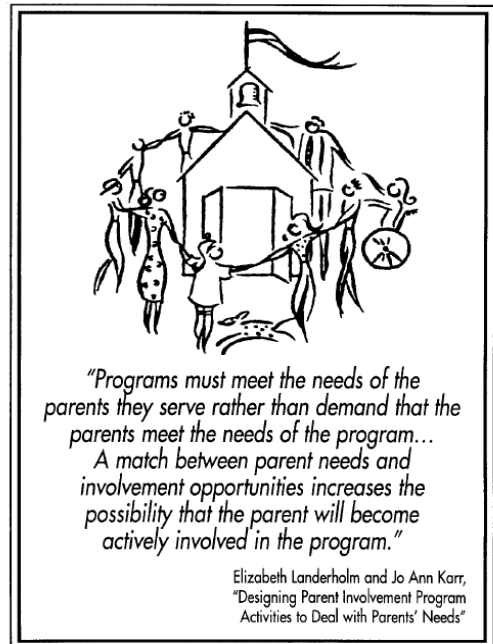
- Learn about autism spectrum disorders—especially the specific disorder of your child. The more you know, the more you can help yourself and your child.
- Be mindful to interact with and teach your child in ways that are most likely to get a positive response.
- Learn from professionals and other parents how to meet your child's special needs, but remember your son or daughter is first and foremost a child; life does not need to become a neverending round of therapies.
- If you weren't born loving highly structured, consistent schedules and routines, ask for help from other parents and professionals on how to make it second nature for you.
- Learn about assistive technology (AT) that can help your child.
- Work with professionals in early intervention or in your child's school to develop an IFSP or an IEP that reflects your child's needs and abilities. Be sure to include related services, supplementary aids and services, AT, and a positive behavioral support plan, if needed.
- Be patient and stay optimistic. Your child, like every child, has a whole lifetime to learn and grow.

<http://www.autismweb.com/teachers.htm>



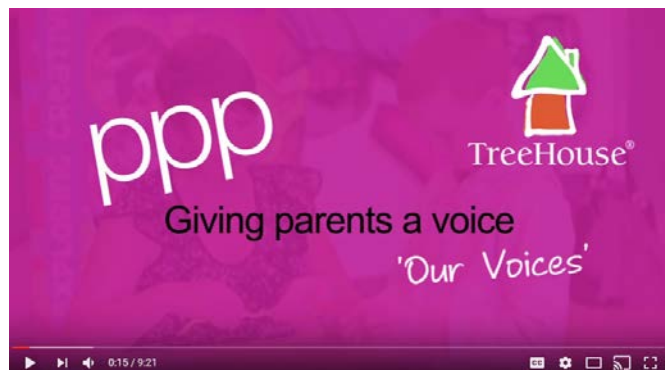
## Emotional & Informational support for families of children who have special needs.

For over 36 years Parent to Parent programs across the country have been providing emotional and informational support to families of children who have special needs most notably by matching parents seeking support with an experienced, trained 'Support Parent'. <https://goo.gl/WI6pHT>



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## Feature Idea of Month



Our Voices is a collection of videos showing the real life experiences of parents and professionals who look after children with disabilities and exploring how to make parent participation more inclusive. This video explores enabling the voices of parents of children with disabilities.

<https://goo.gl/QT7vvs>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/LPRrdD>

<http://www.ncd.gov/publications/2012/Sep272012>

<https://goo.gl/7hyOdY>

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



## ASK Webinars

The goal of ASK Webinars is to reach out to parents and professionals to inform and educate them, and to serve as a system of support and reference. Webinars are scheduled with live presentations and discussions and are then archived on this page to allow parents and professionals to access this information when needed.

<http://www.aboutspecialkids.org/training/ask-webinars/>



## Facebook Pages

**Community of Practice for Supporting Families with Disabilities:** The Community of Practice for Supporting Families with Disabilities is a place to share resources and knowledge and to discuss issues. <https://goo.gl/RYxnDs>

**Federation for Children with Special Needs:** To benefit those with special needs or disabilities, Federation for Children with Special Needs provides support and inspiration. <https://goo.gl/tW7bCf>

**Parenting Special Needs Magazine:** This Facebook page gives inspiration and support to those with special needs and their families. <https://goo.gl/o3ENPc>

**Parents of Special Needs Children:** Family members of special needs children can find support and information on the page. <https://goo.gl/EzzufR>



**We Said, They Said: 50 Things Parents and Teachers of Students with Autism Want Each Other to Know** by [Cassie Zupke](#)



## ABILITIES EXPO: INSPIRATIONAL, UNFORGETTABLE AND COMING YOUR WAY

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<http://www.abilities.com/bayarea/>