

## Southern Tier Special Education Task Force May 2015 Program

## Preparing Your Child for a Successful Vacation! Presenters:

Lin Perry is the South Central NYS Regional Coordinator of Parent to Parent of NYS. She is also the mom of four children ages 13-6 years old who have a currently unspecified Connective Tissue Disorder which effects their motor ability and stamina. Two of her children also have Sensory Processing Disorder and ADHD issues. Lin and her family love to travel and have had many amazing adventures together despite the complications of traveling and exploring with children who need extra support. Come get some tips and advice to plan your family's next adventure.

Susan Ruff is the Advocacy Director at Southern Tier Independence Center. She is the mom of three (ages 30-42). Her middle child has developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury, and health issues. Her family loves to travel and has learned over many years how to enjoy the unexpected despite your careful plans. With summer approaching, we all dream of vacation. How can we make it fun and memorable for all members of the family?

Ellen Szczerba is a parent representative on the Southern Tier Special Education Task Force. Her ten year old son has autism spectrum disorder. Despite ASD the family wanted to take their son on a trip to Disney World in Florida. They carefully planned their journey (flying with their son first time, driving in a rental car, staying in a hotel) in order to explore the parks and have fun! Disney or any vacation can be a success with the right planning and lots of practice.

Date: Monday, May 4, 2015 Time: 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

(Bring your own lunch, drinks will be provided)

Place: Southern Tier Independence Center, Helen Keller Room

135 East Frederick Street, Binghamton, NY 13904

Registration: E-mail: Send your name and contact phone number to <a href="register@familyrn.org">register@familyrn.org</a> and put "Vacation" on the subject line. By Phone: 607- 437- 0077.

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