

Parent Leadership Support Project

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) dictates the services children with disabilities receive from the school system. Parents struggle to navigate the special education system. As such, it is important for parents to receive training to understand special education so they can support other families.

We are offering **free** training for parents of students with disabilities. Parents must self-identify as Latino and have a child with autism. Parents who participate in this training will be able to:

- 1. Understand and navigate the special education process**
- 2. Support other families as their navigate the special education process**

Training will cover:

- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- No Child Left Behind
- Conducting non-adversarial advocacy techniques



The training is FREE. Parents will be reimbursed for their attendance and will receive food at the training.

Trainings will be held in March and October of 2015. Trainings will be held at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

****You must attend all training sessions****

To register for the training, please contact Marlene Garcia at 312-355-0692 or mgarci70@uic.edu

The training also has a research component including: a focus group, two surveys, and audio-taping two IEP meetings with the school. You must participate in the two surveys to participate in this study.

Your participation will provide important feedback that can potentially help guide, expand, and strengthen special education policy. Your participation is voluntary and your responses will be kept confidential.