

Tri-Town School Union

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Creating Your Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Tool Kit

Thursday, January 3, 2008

7:00-9:00pm

Topsfield Public Library

The IEP is a written plan for an eligible child with a disability that is developed, reviewed, and revised in an IEP team meeting following the federal special education law. It is the legally binding contract which explains how the student will receive access to the general curriculum as well as which supports and services will be provided for success in all areas of the school.

This interactive workshop will help parents prepare for productive and collaborative Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings. Using materials developed by the Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation, the workshop will provide guidance in these topic areas:

- An overview of the IEP process, including your role as a parent
- Things you can do before, during, and after the meeting to make it successful
- The Massachusetts IEP form - a template explaining each section and tips for building an effective plan
- What makes IEP goals effective, and how to monitor those goals
- A glossary of frequently used educational terms
- How to talk with your elementary-age child about his or her learning difficulties
- Recommended resources, including books, articles, and websites

Michelle Amato, a certified special education advocate and trainer will present the workshop.

Call Linda at 978.887.4119 to register so that we may prepare a packet of materials for you. This seminar is sponsored by the Tri-Town SEPAC.