



parent CONNECTION

FALL 2019

A PUBLICATION OF SSD'S PARENT EDUCATION AND DIVERSITY AWARENESS PROGRAM

GET INVOLVED WITH SSD'S PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

SSD's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is looking for family members to join the SSD PAC to:

- Provide feedback to influence District Policy
- Help improve communication between your district or school building and SSD
- Network and build a community with other families
- Become informed

The PAC typically meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at SSD Central Office, 12110 Clayton Road in Town & Country.

Meetings for the 2019-2020 school year are scheduled for Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, April 8 and May 13.

Visit the PAC's website for more information and to see highlight videos from past PAC meetings: www.ssdmo.org/leadership/pac.html



UPCOMING WORKSHOP: "Charting the Course to a 'Good Life' for All"

OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES, COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONALS

Life is a journey with many different paths, adventures and sometimes even roadblocks. It can be difficult figuring out steps for the next day and overwhelming thinking about the future. The SSD Parent Education and Diversity Awareness program is thrilled to bring in Dr. Michelle (Sheli) Reynolds to make it easier to problem-solve and plan for now and the future decisions for your child and your entire family. Dr. Reynolds will provide information and tools that build on her professional knowledge, as well as her experience growing up as a sibling to a brother with a developmental disability.

This framework was created BY FAMILIES to help individuals and families of all abilities and all ages develop a vision for a good life.

Dr. Reynolds is the Associate Director of Training and Technical Assistance at the UMKC Institute for Human Development, University Center on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and a Research Associate Professor with the UMKC School of Medicine. She will share how this framework is being used to guide multi-level, person-centered policy and practice change in more than 21 states. Locally, state agencies, providers and SSD are adopting and/or incorporating this framework for individual plans and to educate and support families as they develop a vision and plan across the lifespan with and for their child/adult with disabilities.

For more information on the tools, please visit www.lifecoursetools.com

CHARTING THE COURSE TO A "GOOD LIFE" FOR ALL WORKSHOP

December 3, 2019
6-8:30pm
SSD Central Office,
Lower Level



New Parent Education and Diversity Awareness Website Pages

To support our goal of reaching all families, the Parent Education and Diversity Awareness (PEDA) Program is thrilled to announce our new resources pages! In addition to the information found on the SSD website, you can now find a vast array of additional resources by visiting <http://planninganddevelopment.ssdmo.org/parent-education.html>

These new pages were designed utilizing feedback from families and the community. In addition to more information on workshops and library materials available through the Family and Community Resource Center, you will also find Parent/Family and Community Resource pages that include:

- Redesigned SSD Parent Handbook
- Resources in different languages
- Electronic copies of all our resource packets and brochures
- Links to online webinars and videos on a variety of topics
- IEP tools and resources
- And much, much more!
- Early childhood-specific information

Open House/Tour

Looking for support materials, tools or information? Not sure what resources are available?

SSD's Family and Community Resource Center (FCRC) and Instructional Resource Center (IRC) are hosting an open house/tour from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

Both the FCRC and the IRC are located on the ground floor of the SSD Central Office building, 12110 Clayton Road, Town and Country, MO 63131



SSD FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER (FCRC)

The FCRC provides a vast array of special education and disability-related tools and resources for SSD families and the community at large. The FCRC's collection includes thousands of books, DVDs, resource packets and more.

To view the online library of materials, visit www.ssdmo.org/cool_tools/fcrc_books.html

Call 314.989.8460 or email ssdpeda@ssdmo.org to have books or DVDs sent home through school mail (via your child's backpack) if your child is served by SSD. To request materials sent home, we will need your name, address, phone number, email address, child's name, teacher and school.

If your child is not served by SSD or you are a community member, you are welcome to check out or request materials and pick them up from SSD Central Office.

SSD INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCE CENTER (IRC)

The IRC has curricular support materials and some assistive technology available for checkout to the parents and teachers of Special School District. For more information or to request a tour, please visit: www.ssdmo.org/cool_tools/irc.html, call 314.989.8308 or email tebyrd@ssdmo.org.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION


All workshops are provided free of charge and open to all parents, families and community members.


REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

- 1 Call **314.989.7807** or 711 (Deaf/HOH).
- 2 Email registrant's name, workshop name and date, phone number and school district to ssdregistration@ssdmo.org
- 3 Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/yacd7hsnn> (call the registration number for assistance with setting up an account).

Please be sure to register for workshops as they are sometimes canceled due to unexpected circumstances or weather conditions. We need to be able to contact you!

If you need more information, or if you have special needs and require an alternative format as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact Debra Fiasco, Administrator, Parent Education, dmfiasco@ssdmo.org 314.989.8108 or 711 (Deaf/HOH).

 Unless otherwise noted with this symbol, all workshops are held on the lower level at SSD's Central Administrative Office, 12110 Clayton Road, Town & Country (just east of Ballas Road, next to Neuwoehner High School). Childcare is not provided.

 Look for this symbol throughout the newsletter for workshops about transition-related topics.

Note: Workshops presented by MPACT refers to Missouri's statewide Parent Training and Information Center that serves all disabilities and all ages.



The Special Education Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization whose mission is to assist students with disabilities in St. Louis County achieve success in areas not supported by tax dollars. The Foundation is completely independent of the Special School District of St. Louis County. It relies solely on private donations for financial support.

Special Education Foundation

The SEF provides support and assistance to students served by SSD in areas including scholarships, summer camps, arts in the classroom, hearing aids, eyeglasses, assistive equipment, a high school leadership program, parent support, Special Olympics and student recognition.

PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Dana Brown Teacher Mini-Grants – Applications due December 19, 2019

John Cary Scholarship – Applications due January 17, 2020

Funding for critical needs to help students succeed in the classroom – Applications accepted year round.

Visit sef-stl.org/applications for program details and online applications. For more information or application assistance, email jeanine@sef-stl.org.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

Fred Saigh Leadership Program Car Wash – September 28 at SSD Central Office

Dan McLaughlin Golf Tournament to Benefit Special Education Foundation – October 14 at Norwood Hills Country Club

Heroes with Heart honoring Dave and Suzie Spence – November 7 at Bogey Club.

Visit sef-stl.org/events for details about SEF events.

SSD PARENT EDUCATION & DIVERSITY AWARENESS PROGRAM EMAIL LIST

Would you like to receive email updates and notices about our workshops and other events?

To join our email distribution list:

■ Send your email address to ssdpeda@ssdmo.org

OR

■ Call us at 314.989.8460



IEP Family Survey Results

After an initial or annual IEP, families who have provided SSD with their email address have been receiving an electronic request to complete an Individualized Education Program (IEP) survey. SSD received **2,300 completed surveys** during the 2018-2019 school year — a **14.3% return rate**.

The survey provides the district with valuable feedback on what is going well and where we could continue to improve. A positive trend that emerged this year centered on the relationships families have developed with their teams. While the overwhelming majority of the responses are positive, the area of greatest opportunity based on the survey centered on communication — specifically around a more proactive approach both prior to an IEP and ongoing throughout the year. Another area that emerged from the feedback was the length of time allotted for the IEP meeting.

As a response to these trends, SSD is considering the following strategies: working with our teacher advisory committee, sharing data and trends with all teachers during

back-to-school orientations and expanding the IEP survey question around meeting length so that we can dig deeper to determine common trends.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact SSD's Parent Education and Diversity Awareness Program at 314.989.8460 or ssdpeda@ssdmo.org. Thank you for your feedback, and please continue to share your experiences so we can continuously improve our practices.

IEP SURVEY REMINDERS

- The purpose of the survey is to improve the IEP meeting process countywide.
- Your individual responses are kept confidential and are not shared with your team.
- If you do not wish to share your email address or do not have email, you can access the survey by visiting www.ssdmo.org/YourVoiceCounts.html or by requesting a hard copy of the survey from your child's case manager.

FALL 2019 SSD PARENT WORKSHOPS

SEPTEMBER

SSD Parent Advisory Council Meeting



Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7-9 p.m.

SSD Central Office, Board Room

This meeting is open to all parents.

Visit the PAC's website for more information and to see highlight videos from past PAC meetings: <https://sites.google.com/a/ssdmo.org/ssdpac>

Open House/Tour: SSD's Family and Community Resource Center (FCRC) and Instructional Resource Center (IRC)

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 4-7p.m.

SSD Central Office – Lower Level

Come see all of the resources that are available to staff and families in SSD's two resource centers. The FCRC provides a variety of special education and disability-related tools and resources for families, staff and the community at large. The IRC offers curricular support materials and some assistive technology for checkout to SSD teachers and families who receive services from SSD.

SSD Technical High Schools: Is This a Good Fit for Your Student?



Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6-7:30 p.m.

North Technical High School,
1700 Derhake Road,
Florissant, MO 63033



–OR–

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6-7:30 p.m.

South Technical High School,
12721 W. Watson Road,
Sunset Hills, MO 63127



Presenters: Emily Degenhardt and Amy Noble

You don't have to wait until high school to begin thinking about this option! If your child benefits from hands-on learning and has inclinations in fields as varied as construction trades, medical sciences, culinary arts, automotive, cosmetology, electronics, information technology, public

safety and more, then you will want to hear from staff members at North and South Technical High Schools. Prerequisite skills for various programs, situational assessments to help determine a student's real interest and aptitude, and admission requirements will be discussed. Most programs offer certification with stringent requirements and can lead to further post-secondary education and successful careers. Students are encouraged to attend.

Self-Determination: A Key to Student Success



Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Presenter: Jeff Schneider, Transition Effective Practice Specialist

SSD Central Office, Room 60

Self-determination is an important skill for students to learn how to make choices and decisions based on their own preferences and interests, to monitor and regulate their own actions and to be goal-oriented and self-directing. The development of self-determination skills is a process that begins in childhood and continues throughout one's life. Come learn more about the role of self-determination for student success and what families can do to support self-determination development.

Signs for Families and Friends – 6 sessions



Tuesdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
6-7:30 p.m.

Presenters: SSD Interpreters

Hazelwood School District Central Office Multipurpose Room, 15955 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO 63031

This family-focused, six-part series focuses on sign language vocabulary, sign sentence structure, conceptual accuracy, facial expressions, and body language. Children 10 and older are welcome if accompanied/supervised by an adult.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA): Principles and Overview

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6-8 p.m.

Presenter: Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Department Coordinators

SSD Central Office, Room 60

ABA is an evidence-based best practice methodology that focuses on increasing behaviors that are helpful and decreasing behaviors that are harmful or affect learning. This workshop will review the continuum of services provided through SSD's ABA department as well as discuss the basic principles of behavior analysis and how they are applied in an educational setting.

Signs for Families and Friends – 6 sessions

Wednesdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
6-7:30 p.m.

Presenters: Greg Petersen, Mickey Schuchardt

SSD Central Office, Room 61

This family-focused, six-part series focuses on sign language vocabulary, sign sentence structure, conceptual accuracy, facial expressions, and body language. Children 10 and older are welcome if accompanied/supervised by an adult.

The Art of Effective Advocacy

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Presenter: MPACT staff

SSD Central Office, Room 60

Learn the importance of keeping and organizing records, what information needs to be in your child's file, how to communicate more effectively with your child's school district and the importance of working collaboratively to solve problems.

REGISTERING FOR WORKSHOPS



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REGISTER ONLINE: <https://tinyurl.com/ycd7hsnn>

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OCTOBER

Meeting Your Child Where They Are At: Math Strategies for All Parents

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:30-8 p.m.

Presenter: Jessica Spencer, Ph.D.

SSD Central Office, Room 60

Do you want to learn some strategies to reinforce your student's math skills at home? Come learn a few ways to focus on math ... without extra worksheets! This workshop will support ALL families' comfort levels with math instruction. While most of the workshop focus will be centered on elementary-age math, parents/guardians of middle and high school students are welcome!

Social Security, Medicaid Benefits and Employment: Making it All Work

Thursday, Oct. 3, 6:30-8 p.m.

Presenter: Sandy Keyser, Employment First Specialist, Department Of Mental Health: Division of Developmental Disabilities

SSD Central Office, Room 61

There are many myths and misinformation about how employment might affect Social Security and Medicaid benefits (*SPOILER ALERT: You can work and retain benefits — but you need to understand the rules!) This session will provide families with the information they need to understand all options and where to find more information when needed. Also covered will be possible ways to avoid roadblocks that could come up when navigating the road to work and maintaining benefits.

Technology and Student Supports: What You Need to Know

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6-8 p.m.

Presenters: Assistive Technology & Augmentative Communication Facilitators

SSD Central Office, Room 60

Curious about how technology could support your student's learning in the

classroom? Interested in learning more about different types of technology (including low tech options) and how to work with your child's team around technology? This workshop will cover how technology can benefit learning for students with a variety of abilities and will provide resources and tools for working with your team to consider possibilities.

SSD Parent Advisory Council Meeting



Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7-9 p.m.

SSD Central Office, Board Room

This meeting is open to all parents.

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Behavioral Strategies in the Home and Community

Thursday, Oct. 10, 6-8 p.m.

Presenter: Keely Stephens M.S., BCBA

SSD Central Office, Room 60

This workshop will review common positive behavior practices that can be used in the home and community, strategies to develop and apply plans and a review of the resources available within the community. Families will walk away with a starting point to make home and community environments positive, fun and interactive!

Introduction to Supported Decision Making: An Alternative to Guardianship



Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Presenters: Sharon Spurlock, Director of Family Support, St. Louis Arc, and Debra Fiasco, SSD Parent Education and Diversity Awareness

St. Louis ARC – 1177 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132

When an individual with a disability turns 18, they are legally an adult. This workshop is designed to help families understand the options they have to assist their loved one in making good decisions without removing their rights through guardianship. Learn how to assess the decision making skills your family members have and

the supports they already use to assist them when making decisions. Legally binding tools that can be created with the person and their family, without seeking guardianship, will be shared and discussed.

Orientation for Parents to Special Education and the IEP Process

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6-8:30 p.m.

Presenter: Parent Education and Diversity Awareness

SSD Central Office, Room 61

Is special education sounding like alphabet soup? OTs, PTs, IEPs? This orientation is designed to provide parents/families with an overview of special education services and how they are provided through Special School District. Learn more about how to develop an effective individualized education program (IEP) and how to be a full member of the IEP team.

Transition to Adult Life Resource Fair



Thursday, Oct. 24, 5-7:30 p.m.

SSD Central Office, Rooms 60-61

This fair will provide families with information and potential resources to support their child's transition to adult life. Representatives from SSD's Transition Department, as well as community providers, post-secondary options and grant funded resources, will be in attendance. Come talk with agencies and providers and find out what you need to know to plan for the future.

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NOVEMBER

Section 504 and Students with Disabilities

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Presenter: MPACT staff

SSD Central Office, Room 61

The term “Section 504” refers to a specific part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities by any program or activity that receives federal funding. This includes all public schools and any private schools that receive federal funds. Learn about the legal background of Section 504, the evaluation process, 504 plans and services and the procedural safeguards in place to protect individuals with disabilities.

Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders – Two-Part Class

Thursdays, Nov. 7 & 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Presenters: Autism Effective Practice Specialists

SSD Central Office, Room 60

Identify and understand the characteristics of autism spectrum disorders and learn effective, practical strategies that will support your child in being more successful at home and school. The second session will focus more on strategies, with time for discussion and questions.

Planning for the Future: Benefits and Future’s Planning



Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Presenter: Bhavik R. Patel, Attorney, Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard P.C.

SSD Central Office, Room 60

This workshop will provide information about the planning process for the future in the areas of special needs planning, SSI, Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare. Information about the laws pertaining to government benefit eligibility, the use of special needs trusts and guardianships and conservatorships will be covered.

SSD Parent Advisory Council Meeting



Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7-9 p.m.

SSD Central Office, Board Room

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Using Supported Decision Making: Hands-On Toolkit to Build Capacity



Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Presenters: Sharon Spurlock, Director of Family Support, St. Louis Arc, and Debra Fiasco, SSD Parent Education and Diversity Awareness

St. Louis ARC – 1177 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132

When an individual with a disability becomes 18, they are legally an adult. Using tools from Missouri Guardianship and Charting the LifeCourse, presenters will coach your family to assess decision making in each of six life domains – health, employment, safety, advocacy, social and community living – and create a plan to utilize a variety of resources to build self-determination skills. This workshop is ideal for primary caregivers and their family member with a disability to attend together with siblings and other key people who support planning and problem solving in their lives.

Mindful Parenting

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Presenter: Ryan Guffey and Kelsey Steffens, PBIS Facilitators

SSD Central Office, Room 60

This workshop will explore self-care and regulating your emotions alongside your child. Are you experiencing high stress levels around your child’s behavior? Are you looking for strategies to help you slow down and mindfully parent while having an opportunity to learn with and from others? Then this workshop is for you!

DECEMBER

Charting the Course to a “Good Life” for All



Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6-8:30 p.m.

Presenter: Michelle (Sheli) C. Reynolds, Ph.D. – UMKC Institute for Human Development, UCEDD
SSD Central Office, Room 60

Life is journey with many different paths, adventures and sometimes even roadblocks. It can be difficult figuring out steps for the next day and overwhelming thinking about the future

This workshop will provide an overview and next steps to utilizing the Charting the LifeCourse framework that has been adopted by local and state agencies. This framework promotes the core belief that “All people have the right to live, love, work, play and pursue their life aspirations in their community”. Come learn how to create individual plans and to educate and support yourself or families as you develop a vision and plan across the lifespan with and for children/adults with disabilities. See front page for more details.

SSD Parent Advisory Council Meeting



Wednesday, Dec. 11, 7-9 p.m.

SSD Central Office, Board Room

This meeting is open to all parents.

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JANUARY

SSD Parent Advisory Council Meeting



Wednesday, Jan. 8, 7-9 p.m.

SSD Central Office, Board Room

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INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK: December 2-6

Inclusive Schools Week is an annual event sponsored by the Inclusive Schools Network (ISN) and Stetson & Associates, Inc. that is held each year during the first full week in December. Since its inception in 2001, Inclusive Schools Week has celebrated the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students who are marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference, and other factors. The week also provides an important opportunity for educators, students and parents to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that their schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children.



This year, the Inclusive Schools Week theme is “Charting the Course for Inclusive Schools.” **Join us in celebrating Inclusive Schools Week December 2-6, 2019!**

Download free resources that make celebrating Inclusive Schools Week easy!
Visit <http://inclusiveschools.org/inclusive-schools-week> or call PED A at 314.989.8460.

RESOURCE PACKETS FROM SSD’S FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

NEW – Resource packets are now available for immediate use online! Visit <http://planninganddevelopment.ssdmo.org/resource-packets.html> to download resource packets or to access the order form.

Resource packets contain great articles on the topics below plus a list of books and videos available to check out from the Family & Community Resource Center. You may order up to THREE packets at a time using the order form below. Whenever possible, we will send them through school mail to come home with your child.

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TO SEND INFORMATION THROUGH YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL, WE NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Your Name: _____ Child’s Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Child’s Age: _____ Child’s Grade Level: _____

Email Address: _____ Child’s Special Education Teacher or Therapist: _____

Child’s School: _____ School District: _____

Please complete and return this form by mail, phone, email, fax or through your child’s SSD teacher to:

SSD Parent Education & Diversity Awareness **Phone:** 314.989.8460 **Deaf/HOH:** 711 **Fax:** 314.989.8449
12110 Clayton Road - St. Louis, MO 63131 **Email:** rdmyers@ssdmo.org

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WE PROVIDE:

- Advice and consultation about your child's IEP
- Free parent workshops
- Free lending library
- Help in finding community resources and supports
- Ability awareness resources

SSD MISSION: In collaboration with partner districts, we provide technical education and a wide variety of individualized educational and support services designed for each student's successful contribution to our community.

SSD VISION: Partners for each student's success

SSD CORE VALUES:

- Student Success • Collaboration
- Integrity • Stewardship
- Continuous Improvement
- Equity • Accountability



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LOOK INSIDE FOR DETAILS ABOUT UPCOMING WORKSHOPS!

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NEW DESIGN FOR PARENT CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

Did you notice anything different about the Parent Connection newsletter? Our new look is one step toward supporting the Parent Education and Diversity Awareness (PEDA) program's vision and goal of getting resources and information into every family's hands.

If you have any specific feedback about the newsletter redesign or regarding the new website pages, please forward it to ssdpeda@ssdmo.org.

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, call 314.989.8460 or email ssdpeda@ssdmo.org.

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TO BE ANNOUNCED (CALL NUMBERS ABOVE)

Clayton, Ferguson-Florissant, Hazelwood, Jennings, Normandy, Riverview Gardens, University City, Northview and Ackerman schools, North Technical High School

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Left to right: Michelle Levi Perez, Sarah Geer, Debra Fiasco, Rachel Myers