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VIDE Division of Special Education Launches "Parent Café" Support Group for Parents of Children with Disabilities

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE), Division of Special Education, is proud to announce the launch of *Parent Café*, a new support group designed specifically for parents and guardians of children and youth with disabilities. *Parent Café* will provide a safe and welcoming environment where families can share experiences, exchange resources, and discuss the unique challenges and triumphs of raising a child with a disability.

Goals of Parent Café

- Foster a sense of community and connection among parents
- Provide emotional support and understanding
- Share resources and information on disability-related topics
- Empower parents to advocate effectively for their child's needs

Benefits for Parents

- Connect with others who truly understand their journey
- Gain valuable insights and practical advice
- Access a wealth of resources and support services
- Build a strong and lasting network of peers

The monthly parent-led meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Division of Special Education Office, beginning Thursday, September 25, 2025.

We recognize the importance of giving parents a space to not only share their stories but also to gain the support and tools needed to better navigate the journey of raising a child with a disability. *Parent Café* is about building stronger families and a stronger community.

For additional information or questions, please contact the VIDE Division of Special Education at (340) 692-8196.

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