

Free Special Education Advocacy Training

The Advocacy Center, in collaboration with Allegany Arc, is hosting **free** trainings for parents of children with developmental disabilities.

This training will provide you with knowledge about the special education process, government regulations, and teach you the skills necessary to effectively advocate for your child's special education needs.

Being held at:

PWI Allegany Arc Training Facility
2718 Andover Road
Wellsville, NY 14895

Every Tuesday (*five sessions*)
July 13 - August 10, 2010
9:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

A light lunch will be provided each week

If distance is a concern, please apply for our parent scholarship to assist with gasoline costs. There is a limited number of scholarships available. Scholarship recipients will be based upon distance traveled and will be notified upon our review of your completed lay advocacy application form.

Topics to be covered include:

- Fostering positive interaction between schools and families
- Successful methods to approach CSE/CPSE meetings
- Improving communication skills
- Developing effective IEP or 504 plans
- Accessing and interpreting school records
- Learning about classification, evaluation, and placement options
- Proven techniques to help parents having difficulty with the special education process
- Supporting other parents by attending meetings and conducting phone consultations

Parents who complete this training *may* be asked to assist other families with advocacy issues in the year following the training.

Completed application is required

**To request an application call Linda Chadderdon at (585) 546-1700
or (800) 650-4967 x225**