



## FINDING YOUR VOICE AS A PARENT...

*How to better manage your child's special education advocacy*

**Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7:00pm**

**Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven Shoreline Office**

**705 Boston Post Rd. (In Lighthouse Square, behind Planet Fitness), Guilford, CT**

This is a FREE hands-on workshop to help parents of special needs children navigate the special education maze and articulate their concerns.

A Discussion and Q&A with:

**Attorney Lawrence W. Berliner, Special Education and Disability Law**

**Dr. Shelley Pelletier, Neuropsychologist and School Psychologist**

### **Starting points for our discussion:**

Attorney Berliner:

- Student's basic educational rights mandated by the IDEA
- How to make the IEP a framework for success – understanding the goals and objectives
- Preparing for any PPT meeting throughout the year
- Building a collaborative relationship with the school
- Working with a special education attorney as your legal advocate

Dr. Pelletier:

- Neuropsychological evaluation – how it could be helpful in understanding why your child is struggling in school
- The IEE: independent educational evaluation – when to seek one, the benefits, your child's rights in the educational process and how to obtain an IEE.
- How a neuropsychologist can work with the PPT team to assist in clarifying diagnoses, coordinating educational and other services, and putting this into practical terms for parents and the school team.

This workshop is presented by Kidsteps, A Division of SARAH, Inc., Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven on the Shoreline, and in conjunction with the Guilford PTA - Special Education Committee. **Registration is required due to limited space.** Contact Kathy Fadel of KIDSTEPS Family and Children Center at (203) 453-7592, ext 2 or [kidsteps-fcc@sarah-inc.org](mailto:kidsteps-fcc@sarah-inc.org) to register.



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