

Special Education Legal Advocacy and Consultation

Using Negotiation Skills to Improve Your Child's School Program

Is your child in special education? Do you want to improve your child's school program? Are you confused about how special education works? Would you like some questions answered? If you answered YES to any of these questions, you should attend:

SPECIAL EDUCATION LEGAL ADVOCACY

At this two-hour workshop attorneys from New York Lawyers for the Public Interest will share important information about the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – the law that requires school districts to provide special education and services.

Parents and Guardians will learn some skills for negotiating effectively with the New York City Department of Education at:

- ▶ IEP and School Meetings
- ▶ Mediation and Resolution Sessions

CONSULTATION

Participants will also have an opportunity to meet individually with an attorney to discuss legal strategies for their child's education.

Special Guest: The coordinator of the Special Education Mediation Program from Safe Horizon will be giving a short presentation on the differences between mediation and impartial hearings. Participants will have the opportunity to see a mock special education mediation and to explore whether mediation is the right choice for them.

Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call Suhali at (212) 244-4664, Ext. 348. *Sessions will be held throughout NYC.*

Bronx – October 29, 2009

Borough President's Office
851 Grand Concourse, Room 206

Brooklyn – November 12, 2009

Safe Horizon Community Mediation Center
210 Joralemon Street, Room 618

Manhattan – November 16, 2009

United Cerebral Palsy of NYC
120 East 23rd Street, Room 525

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The Safe Horizon Mediation Program coordinates the special education, early intervention, and VESID mediation programs in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

All training sessions will be from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M

