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PLANNING FOR AN EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

This article is the second of a two part series devoted to planning an Extended School Year (ESY). To read the first article and to find the complete version of this article, log on to www.cpodnj.org and follow the link to "Educating for Success."

Planning for an ESY, educational programming beyond the traditional 180 days, must begin at least several months before summer vacation. Both parents and school staff should record the student's progress on an on-going basis. This data can help the IEP team determine if significant regression will occur without added supports. There must be a reasonable expectation of regression for ESY to be considered.

The school staff's data can include, among other things, tests and records of social interactions during the school day. Parents can supplement the school's data by providing observations and documentation from the summer months. At the end of one school year and the beginning of the next, collect notes and reports from teachers, specialists, parents and others who have provided services to the student. This can also be done before and after any extended breaks. These notes should describe the student's behavior or skills during both breaks and the normal school day. When it comes time to decide if ESY is appropriate, the documentation from before and after the break should be compared to determine the amount of expected regression.

If there is insufficient data to either recommend or deny an ESY, the student may still be entitled to ESY services if the IEP team believes that there is a reasonable expectation of regression.

If ESY was not discussed by the spring, parents or teachers should request an IEP meeting to discuss its appropriateness. Ultimately, the team's decision to provide a student with ESY should be made early enough to ensure that services are available and allow time for quality planning.

To speak to us about how we can help you and your student prepare for an Extended School Year, call Jackie Edwards at (888) 322-1918, Extension 526 or email her at jedwards@cpofnj.org.

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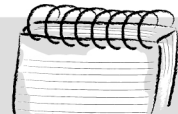
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CP OF NEW JERSEY TO PRESENT AT ABILITIES EXPO

Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey will give presentations on augmentative communication, low-cost assistive technology, substance abuse prevention, Social Security benefits planning, transition services and other topics at this year's Abilities Expo. The Abilities Expo, which is partially sponsored by CP of New Jersey, takes place in Edison, NJ on April 12-14. The Abilities Expo is the largest expo of disability services and products in New Jersey. You can receive free tickets by calling Bobbie Misiewicz at (888) 322-1918, Extension 532.

UPCOMING
TRAININGS



FREE WORKSHOP at THREE LOCATIONS

Integrating Assistive Technology (AT) into General Education

April 18

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

East Brunswick Public Library

May 1

7 PM - 9 PM

Montclair Public Library

May 7

7 PM - 9 PM

Dover Township Facility, Toms River

Pre-registration is required. Call the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education (NJCIE) at (732) 613-0400 to register and get directions.

For a complete description of the training, go to www.cpodnj.org and click on the "Educating for Success" link.



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Q. Can my community's recreational program be a part of my child's Extended School Year program, and who is responsible for paying for it?

A. A community recreation program can be part of an Extended School Year if one of ESY's goals is to maintain communication and social skills and the recreation program supports those goals. To have a recreation program incorporated into an ESY, the IEP team should discuss the student's goals and determine if the chosen program is appropriate to maintain the skills that would be lost during the summer break. If the program is deemed appropriate, the sending district is responsible for providing the necessary means and supports to maintain the student's skills. *To learn more, contact Jackie Edwards by phone at (888) 322-1918, Extension 526 or by email at jedwards@cpofnj.org.*



SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION REFERENCE CARD AVAILABLE TO PARENTS

As part of CP of New Jersey's Roads2Recovery program, a Parent's Reference Card that outlines some of the more prominent risks associated with substance abuse and children is now available to parents and educators. To get a copy of the reference card, log on to www.cpofnj.org and follow the "Educating for Success" link, then click on the Parent's Reference Card logo. The Roads2Recovery program educates the public about children with disabilities' higher risk for substance abuse. *For more information on this program, please call Debbie Maslansky at (888) 322-1918, Extension 518.*

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