



# parent CONNECTION

WINTER 2020

A PUBLICATION OF SSD'S PARENT EDUCATION AND DIVERSITY AWARENESS PROGRAM

## GET INVOLVED WITH SSD'S PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

SSD's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is looking for family members to join the SSD PAC to:

- Provide feedback to influence District policy
- Help improve communication between your district or school building and SSD
- Network and build a community with other families
- Become informed

The PAC typically meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at SSD Central Office, 12110 Clayton Road in Town & Country.

Meetings for the 2019-2020 school year are scheduled for Feb. 12, April 8 and May 13.

Visit the PAC's website for more information and to see highlight videos from past PAC meetings: [www.ssdmo.org/leadership/pac.html](http://www.ssdmo.org/leadership/pac.html)



## SSD Parent Leadership Institute Fall 2020

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSIONS SEPT. 30, OCT. 7, OCT. 14

Close your eyes and picture an educational leader.

There's a good chance the image in your mind will be that of a teacher, a school administrator or possibly a public policy maker.

Yet the nearest educational leader may be closer than you think: it's you!

"Life-changing" is how parents describe the experience of attending SSD's Parent Leadership Institute.

Since 2006, the Institute has been committed to providing information, training, and resources to local parents of children who have disabilities. It is presented by the SSD Parent Education and Diversity Awareness Program.

During several sessions, parents work to develop a vision for their children's future and, more importantly, the confidence to make it happen.

Graduates of the Institute walk away with knowledge about how to effectively participate in their child's education as well as the leadership skills they need to improve the educational climate for all children.

The application deadline for the 2020 Parent Leadership Institute is **May 1**.

Visit <http://bit.ly/ssdparentleadership> to download the application, or call 314.989.8460 with questions or to request a paper copy.

**APPLY BY MAY 1 FOR SSD'S PARENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

Download application at <http://bit.ly/ssdparentleadership> or call 314.989.8460.

## Parent Education and Diversity Awareness Online Resources

To support our goal of reaching all families, the Parent Education and Diversity Awareness (PEDA) Program has established a set of online resource pages. In addition to the information found on the SSD website, you can now find a vast array of additional resources by visiting <http://planninganddevelopment.ssdmo.org/parent-education.html>

These new pages were designed utilizing feedback from families and the community. In addition to more information on workshops and library materials available through the Family and Community Resource Center, you will also find Parent/Family and Community Resource pages that include:

- Redesigned SSD Parent Handbook
- Electronic copies of all our resource packets and brochures
- IEP tools and resources
- Early childhood-specific information
- Resources in different languages
- Links to online webinars and videos on a variety of topics
- And much, much more!

# New Location for PEDA and FCRC

Beginning this semester, the SSD Parent Education and Diversity Awareness (PEDA) staff, including the Family and Community Resource Center (FCRC), have moved to:



**SSD Learning Center  
900 Hornet Drive  
Hazelwood, MO 63042**

Phone numbers and email addresses remain the same.

## SSD FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER (FCRC)

The FCRC provides a vast array of special education and disability-related tools and resources for SSD families and the community at large. The FCRC's collection includes thousands of books, DVDs, resource packets and more.

To view the online library of materials, visit [www.ssdmo.org/cool\\_tools/fcrc\\_books.html](http://www.ssdmo.org/cool_tools/fcrc_books.html)

Call 314.989.8460 or email [ssdpeda@ssdmo.org](mailto:ssdpeda@ssdmo.org) to have books or DVDs sent home through school mail (via your child's backpack) if your child is served by SSD. To request materials sent home, we will need your name, address, phone number, email address, child's name, teacher and school.

If your child is not served by SSD or you are a community member, you are welcome to check out or request materials and pick them up.

Like our workshops, all FCRC library materials are also available to all parents, families and community members. You do not need to be served by SSD or live in St. Louis County. For families or community members not served by SSD, requested library items or materials can be picked up from SSD Central Office, 12110 Clayton Road, Town & Country, MO 63131, or the SSD Learning Center, 900 Hornet Drive, Hazelwood, MO 63042.

## WORKSHOP INFORMATION

All workshops are provided free of charge and open to all parents, families and community members. You do not need to be served by SSD or live in St. Louis County to attend.

### REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

- 1 Call 314.989.7807 or 711 (Deaf/HOH).
- 2 Email registrant's name, workshop name and date, phone number and school district to [ssdregistration@ssdmo.org](mailto:ssdregistration@ssdmo.org)
- 3 Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/ycd7hsnn> (call the registration number for assistance with setting up an account).

We strongly encourage workshop registration to ensure that you are notified if any unexpected circumstances or weather conditions necessitate a cancellation. We need to be able to contact you!

If you need more information or have special needs and require an alternative format as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact Debra Fiasco, Administrator, Parent Education, [dmfiasco@ssdmo.org](mailto:dmfiasco@ssdmo.org), 314.989.8108 or 711 (Deaf/HOH).



Unless otherwise noted with this symbol, all workshops are held at SSD's Central Administrative Office, 12110 Clayton Road, Town & Country (just east of Ballas Road, next to Neuwoehner High School). Please note, all attendees must enter on the upper level. **Childcare is not provided.**



# What to Do This Summer?

If this is the question that you begin to think about in April or May, don't delay. Many programs fill up quickly.

Here are several chances to get more information about summer programs:

## ■ Summer Opportunities Fair

Feb. 12, 5-7 p.m.  
Northview High School  
1520 Derhake Road, Florissant, MO 63033

## ■ "What to Do This Summer" Recreation Fair

Feb. 13, 6:30-8 p.m.  
SSD Central Office  
12110 Clayton Road, St. Louis MO 63131

During the Feb. 13 fair, the Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis will present information on funding and recreation vouchers from 6:30-6:50 pm.

The Feb. 13 event will begin at 6:50 p.m., when providers of summer camps and programs will be available to discuss their programs.

The Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis is a not-for-profit organization that serves as a "clearinghouse" for information on leisure, recreation and socialization opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities who reside in the Greater St. Louis Area. The Council works to ensure that individuals with disabilities are aware of and have access to activities and programs of their "choice."

The SSD Parent Education and Diversity Awareness Summer Resource Packet will be available after Feb. 13. To request a copy please call 314.989.8460 or email [rdmyers@ssdmo.org](mailto:rdmyers@ssdmo.org).

## SSD PARENT EDUCATION & DIVERSITY AWARENESS PROGRAM EMAIL LIST

Want to receive email updates and notices about our workshops and other local events and opportunities?

To join our email distribution list:

- Send your email address to [ssdpeda@ssdmo.org](mailto:ssdpeda@ssdmo.org)

OR

- Call us at 314.989.8460



## BE PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER



### SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow the SSD Facebook Page and SSD Twitter account (@SSDStLCo) for the latest information about possible school closings or delays. You can also follow each of our SSD schools on Facebook and Twitter.

### WWW.SSDMO.ORG

Any weather delays or closings will also be shared on the SSD website: [www.ssdmo.org](http://www.ssdmo.org).



### PHONE CALL AND EMAIL

Be sure that your contact information is up to date in the parent portal to receive a phone call or email in the event of a weather delay or closing.

- All workshops and evening events will be cancelled if SSD schools are closed.
- Information about SSD school closings will be posted on the homepage of the SSD website, on SSD's Facebook page and on SSD's Twitter account.
- The District also shares school closing information via local television and radio stations.
- If a workshop or event is cancelled, all **registered participants** will receive an email announcement of cancellation. Registration for workshops/events is not required but is strongly encouraged.
- A recorded message announcing cancellation of any workshop or event that is included in this newsletter will be available by calling **314.989.8460**.

# — WINTER 2020 SSD PARENT WORKSHOPS —

## FEBRUARY

### Summer Opportunities Fair

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 5-7 p.m.

**Presenters:** Susan Fleming, Executive Director of the Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis, and recreation providers Northview School – 1520 Derhake Road, Florissant, MO 63033

Are you looking for overnight camps, day camps, teen programs, sports and recreation activities, travel programs and more? Representatives from various recreation agencies will provide information on summer opportunities for children, teens and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Open to all SSD students, families, and staff.



### SSD Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7-9 p.m.

SSD Central Office, Board Room

This meeting is open to all parents and families.



### “What to Do This Summer” Recreation Fair

Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:30- 8 p.m.

**Presenters:** Susan Fleming, Executive Director of the Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis, and recreation providers

SSD Central Office

In this recreation fair, parents will be able to visit with providers of summer programs

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and camps that include all children. Recreation voucher and funding information will be presented from 6:30-6:50 p.m.

### Orientation for Parents to Special Education and the IEP Process

Thursday, Feb. 27, 6-8:30 p.m.

**Presenter:** SSD Parent Education and Diversity Awareness  
SSD Central Office

Is special education sounding like alphabet soup? OTs, PTs, IEPs? This orientation is designed to provide parents with an overview of special education services and how they are provided through Special School District. Learn more about how to develop an effective individualized education program (IEP) and understand educational rights and community resources.

## MARCH

### Technology & Student Supports: What You Need to Know

Tuesday, March 3, 6-8 p.m.

**Presenters:** SSD Assistive Technology & Augmentative Communication Facilitators

SSD Central Office

Curious about how technology could support your student's learning in the classroom? Interested in learning more about different types of technology (including low tech options!) and how to work with your child's team around technology? This workshop will cover how technology can benefit students with a variety of learning abilities and will provide resources and tools for working with your team to consider possibilities.

### Sexuality Education: Talking with Your Child about Body Safety and Boundaries

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Presenter:** Barbara Gross, M.A., BCBA, LBA, SSD Associate Behavior Analyst  
SSD Central Office

This workshop will address a variety of

topics, including safety, understanding what is public and what is private, puberty and independence.

### Disagreement Resolution Process

Wednesday, March 11, 6-8 p.m.

**Presenter:** MPACT staff  
SSD Central Office

Learn strategies to prevent problems through documentation and letter writing. Also covered are the resolution process in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### Ending the Silence for Families

Wednesday, March 11, 6-8 p.m.

**Presenter:** Amy Coffelt, Program Coordinator, Ending the Silence, NAMI St. Louis

SSD Central Office

This session will provide information about the early warning signs of mental illness and how early recognition and prevention is key to positive outcomes. One in five children experiences a mental health condition; only 20 percent of them actually get help. Topics will include recognizing the warning signs of mental health conditions, how to talk to your child or your child's friend, how to work with school staff, the warning signs of suicide, and how you can help.

### Self-Determination: A Key to Student Success

Thursday, March 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Presenter:** Jeff Schneider, SSD Transition Effective Practice Specialist  
SSD Central Office

Self-determination is an important skill that students need when learning how to make choices and decisions based on their own preferences and interests. The development of self-determination skills is a process that begins in childhood and continues throughout one's life. This leads to students' ability to monitor and regulate their own actions and to be goal-oriented and self-directing. This workshop will provide participants with an overview

of self-determination and best practice principles that will support student post school outcomes.

### **Structured Literacy: What Parents Need to Know**

**Tuesday, March 31, 6-8 p.m.**

**Presenter: Jill Yochim, SSD Literacy Coach**

**SSD Central Office**

In this workshop, parents will gain information on what reading instruction should look like for their early or struggling reader, and which strategies are the most effective.

## APRIL

### **Planning for the Future: Benefits and Future's Planning**

**Wednesday, April 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Presenter: Bhavik R. Patel, Attorney, Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard P.C.**

**SSD Central Office**

This workshop is designed to provide information to students and their families about the planning process for the future in the areas of special needs planning, SSI, Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare. Information about laws pertaining to government benefit eligibility, the use of special needs trusts and guardianships and conservatorships will be covered.

### **SSD Parent Advisory Council Meeting**



**Wednesday, April 8, 7-9 p.m.**

**SSD Central Office, Board Room**

This meeting is open to all parents and families.

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### **Meeting Your Child Where They Are At: Math Strategies for All Parents**

**Thursday, April 9, 6-8 p.m.**

**Presenter: Jessica Spencer, Ph.D.,  
SSD Facilitator**

**SSD Central Office**

Do you want to learn some strategies to reinforce your student's math skills at home? Come learn a few ways to focus on math...without extra worksheets! This workshop will support all families' comfort levels with math instruction. While most of the workshop focus will be centered on elementary-age math, parents/guardians of middle and high school students are welcome.

### **The Ins and Outs of Eating, Toileting, and Sleeping**

**Thursday, April 9, 6-8:30 p.m.**

**Presenter: Jenny Frisbee M.A., BCBA, LBA,  
SSD Applied Behavior Analysis**

**SSD Central Office**

Eating, toileting, and sleeping are common concerns for families of children with autism and developmental disabilities. When families encounter problems with any of these three necessary functions, it can impact the quality of life and cause a considerable amount of stress for all family members. This presentation will address common causes associated with eating, sleeping, and toileting problems, what you can do to prevent problems, how to work through problems once they occur, and resources to guide you along the way.

### **Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders – Two Part Class**

**Thursdays, April 16 & 23, 6-8 p.m.**

**Presenter: John Bruno, SSD Autism  
Effective Practice Specialist**

**SSD Central Office**

Identify and understand the characteristics of autism spectrum disorders and learn effective, practical strategies that will support your child in being more successful at home and school. The second session will focus more on strategies, with time for discussion and questions and may break out into sessions based on your child's intervention needs.

### **Supported Decision Making: An Alternative to Guardianship**



**Thursday, April 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Presenters: Director of Family  
Support, St. Louis Arc, and SSD Parent  
Education and Diversity Awareness  
Administrators**

**St. Louis ARC, 1177 North Warson  
Road, St. Louis, MO 63132**

When an individual with a disability becomes 18, they are legally an adult. This workshop is designed to help families understand the options they have to assist their loved one in making good decisions without removing their rights through guardianship. We will learn how to assess the decision making skills of your family members and the supports they already use to assist them in making decisions. Legally binding tools that can be created with the person and their family without seeking guardianship will be shared and discussed.

### **Understanding Challenging Behaviors in the Home & School**

**Tuesday, April 21, 6-8 p.m.**

**Presenter: Carrie Aydt, SSD Social/  
Emotional/Behavioral Effective  
Practice Specialist**

**SSD Central Office**

This workshop will offer strategies for parents to help work with challenging behaviors in the home. In addition, parents will learn how to advocate for their children when they are exhibiting challenging behaviors in the classroom.



## Charting the Course to a “Good Life”: Tools for Creating a Plan for Your Child at Any Age or Stage

Thursday, April 30, 6-8 p.m.

Presenter: SSD Parent Education and Diversity Awareness

SSD Central Office

Life is a journey with many different paths, adventures, and even roadblocks sometimes. It can be overwhelming figuring out steps for the next day and even more overwhelming thinking about the future. This workshop will provide an overview and next steps about utilizing the Charting the LifeCourse framework, which has been adopted by local and state agencies. This framework promotes the core belief that “All people have the right to live, love, work, play and pursue their life aspirations in their community”. Come learn how to create individual plans for your student and family.

# MAY

## Section 504 and Students with Disabilities

Tuesday, May 5, 6-8 p.m.

Presenter: MPACT

SSD Central Office

The term “Section 504” refers to a specific part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities by any program or activity that receives federal funding. This includes all public schools and any private schools that receive federal funds. Learn about the legal background of Section 504, the evaluation process, 504 plans, and the procedural safeguards in place to protect individuals with disabilities.

## SSD Parent Advisory Council Meeting



Wednesday, May 13, 7-9 p.m.

SSD Central Office, Board Room

This meeting is open to all parents and families.

# Planning for Your Child’s Future

Futures planning is a process for planning the transition from school to adult life or other significant changes in an individual’s life.

The focus is on paving a path to the development of personal relationships, meaningful roles in community life, self-determination, and the skills to achieve these goals.



## FUTURES PLANNING IMPACT ON STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

- Prompts families to think about what their young person will need in the future.
- Brings the young person’s dreams into focus for their parents.
- Provides a clear list of action items that need to be addressed within a certain timeframe and identifies who is responsible for carrying them out.
- Helps parents to address issues such as guardianship, medical concerns and other areas that they may be hesitant to discuss.
- Empowers parents and other family members to become more active in their young person’s life.
- Helps parents realize that there are others, such as family members, who are willing to be involved in advocating for their young person.
- Brings together people who may have previously been adversarial or focused on the service system. This opportunity allows these people to view the student as a caring, thoughtful person who has dreams and goals.

If you are interested in discussing futures planning with your child’s team, start by reaching out to their SSD case manager or teacher to request a meeting with the SSD transition facilitator assigned to your school district.

More information about futures planning is available in the SSD Transition Guidebook, which can be found at [ssdmo.org](http://ssdmo.org) or by contacting SSD’s Parent Education and Diversity Awareness staff at 314.989.8460 or [ssdpeda@ssdmo.org](mailto:ssdpeda@ssdmo.org).

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# EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) 2020

Extended School Year (ESY) services are offered during the summer for students who receive special education services and who the IEP team find eligible to receive ESY services. ESY is not the same as summer school, which school districts may or may not offer to district students.

ESY services generally begin in June, either Monday to Thursday or Monday to Friday. Most programs run three to four hours in the morning. SSD attempts to match the timing of special education ESY services to regular summer school/enrichment programming in a student's home district.

Student enrollment forms for ESY will be mailed to qualified families on Feb. 17, 2020. Forms should be signed and returned to the student's case manager by March 4, 2020. Information regarding ESY can be found on the Special Considerations page of the students' IEP, as well as on Form B.

If you have questions about ESY and/or your child's eligibility, contact his or her IEP case manager/chairperson. You may also contact your child's area coordinator or SSD principal with further questions. You can also learn more about ESY by contacting the SSD Parent Education and Diversity Awareness program at 314.989.8460.

## RESOURCE PACKETS FROM SSD'S FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Resource packets are now available for immediate use online!

Visit <http://planninganddevelopment.ssdmo.org/resource-packets.html> to download resource packets or to access the order form.

Resource packets contain great articles on the topics below plus a list of books and videos available to check out from the Family & Community Resource Center. You may order up to THREE packets at a time using the order form below. Whenever possible, we will send them through school mail to come home with your child.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ability Awareness                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Disabilities           | <input type="checkbox"/> Siblings                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety Disorders                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce & Children with Special Needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Disabilities               | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech & Language                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistive Technology                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Down Syndrome                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Math/Numeracy                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Stress                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder     | <input type="checkbox"/> Dyslexia                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Disabilities               | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Education & Recreation Resources      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autism Spectrum Disorder                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Special Education     | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppositional Defiant Disorder       | <input type="checkbox"/> Supported Decision Making/Guardianship       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefits and Estate Planning                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Positive Behavioral Support         | <input type="checkbox"/> Talking to Your Child about Their Disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bipolar Disorder                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendship & Social Skills Strategies | <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Secondary Education            | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Training Strategies                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blind/Visually Impaired                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted & Disability                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Strategies & Resources      | <input type="checkbox"/> Transition Planning                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bullying                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Homework Strategies                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Esteem                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic Brain Injury                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf/Hard of Hearing                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusion Matters                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sensory Integration                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Strategies                           |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexuality                           |   |

### TO SEND INFORMATION THROUGH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL, WE NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Special Education Teacher or Therapist: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's School: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please complete and return this form by mail, phone, email, fax or through your child's SSD teacher to:

SSD Parent Education & Diversity Awareness Phone: 314.989.8460 Deaf/HOH: 711 Fax: 314.989.8449

900 Hornet Drive - Hazelwood, MO 63042 Email: [rdmyers@ssdmo.org](mailto:rdmyers@ssdmo.org)

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**WE PROVIDE:**

- Advice and consultation about your child's IEP
- Free parent workshops
- Free lending library
- Help in finding community resources and supports
- Ability awareness resources

**SSD MISSION:** In collaboration with partner districts, we provide technical education and a wide variety of individualized educational and support services designed for each student's successful contribution to our community.

**SSD VISION:** Partners for each student's success

**SSD CORE VALUES:**

- Student Success • Collaboration
- Integrity • Stewardship
- Continuous Improvement
- Equity • Accountability



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LOOK INSIDE FOR DETAILS ABOUT UPCOMING WORKSHOPS!

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## WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK!

The recent redesign of the Parent Connection newsletter is one step toward supporting the Parent Education and Diversity Awareness (PEDA) program's vision and goal of getting resources and information into every family's hands.

If you have any specific feedback about the newsletter redesign or regarding the new website pages (Example: something you'd like to see added, a specific resource included, suggestions on navigation), please forward it to [ssdpeda@ssdmo.org](mailto:ssdpeda@ssdmo.org).

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