



Community Partners Offering Parent Education

The Child Care Council of Westchester collaborates with many community organizations to support parenting education. They offer various resources and workshops throughout the county.

Andrus

http://andruscc.org/?page_id=33

ANDRUS nurtures hope in children by providing care that empowers them to succeed and by promoting innovation and standards of excellence in the care of children in our community and beyond. They offer parenting workshops for expecting families. View their website for upcoming workshops and/or events. Andrus offers **Family Programs**. New programming will include Mommy and Me/Daddy and Me classes, counseling and home preparation services for expectant parents, and a flexible drop off program for children ages 3 to 5 featuring guided play and early learning. We are also planning to host children's birthday parties and schedule monthly "Date Night" events to give parents a night off while their children enjoyed supervised fun at Andrus.

Briarcliff Manor Public Library

<http://www.briarcliffmanorlibrary.org/>

Occasionally offers parenting workshops that include activities to do with children, literacy skills and age appropriate activities. View their website for upcoming workshops and/or events.

Family Ties of Westchester

<http://www.familytieswestchester.org/index>

A wide range of support groups, advocacy services, parent coaching, and connection to community resources, as well as respite and youth development opportunities. We recognize you, the caregiver, as a full partner in planning for your family's success based on your family's unique strengths and culture. All Family Ties services are free, confidential and community-based. We have a "never give up" philosophy and will be here to support you for as long as you need us.

The Field Library

<http://www.peekskill.org/>

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Mount Vernon Library

<http://mountvernonpubliclibrary.org/>

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The Westchester Independent Living Center (WILC)

<http://www.wilc.org/>

The Parent Training and Information Center (PTIC) <http://www.parenttip.org/PTIC-INFO.htm> is a Program of WILC. It informs parents of children with special needs about their rights in the education system. It provides training, advocacy, technical assistance, and information and referral services in



Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties.

WILC's Parent Training and Information Center offers workshops and ongoing support for parents of children with disabilities to help them gain the knowledge and skills they need to be advocates for their own children.

- Free Appropriate Public Education - FAPE
- Appropriate Evaluation
- Individualized Education Program - IEP
- Least Restrictive Environment
- Parent and Student Participation in Decision Making
- Procedural Safeguards
- Introduction to Lay Advocacy
- Successful Methods of Approaching CSE/CPSE Meetings
- Accessing and Interpreting School Records

Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD) Lower Hudson Early Childhood Direction Center

<http://www.wihd.org/ECDC>

The Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) is a free, confidential, and neutral information, referral, technical assistance, and training center. Parents of children from birth to age five with known or suspected special needs, as well as professionals who provide any kind of services to children, may access our services. The ECDC at WIHD serves Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties, and is part of a statewide network of fourteen ECDCs funded by the Office of Special Education of the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD) Parent to Parent

<http://www.parenttoparentnys.org/offices/hudson-valley/>

The Hudson Valley Region Office of Parent to Parent of NYS is a parent-staffed program that assists families of individuals with special needs within the Westchester, Rockland, Orange, and Sullivan County areas. Parents/caregivers have the opportunity to connect one-to-one with a parent/caregiver of an individual with the same or similar disability or special health care need through our parent matching service. Our office provides free and confidential information, resources, referrals, and training to families and professionals. Training sessions are available for on topics including: Support Parents, Understanding Medicaid Service Coordination, Use of a Health Care Notebook, and more.

Westchester Jewish Community Services

<http://www.wjcs.com/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=ParentingSkills&category=Adults%20and%20Families>

A variety of programs working with parents to develop communication, discipline and coping skills to strengthen family systems and/or improve their children's academic and personal prospects for the future. Some programs are geared directly to parenting skills; others engage parents to support the work being done with youngsters or adolescents at risk.