

**MAINE PARENT FEDERATION
ANNOUNCES
A SERIES OF FREE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS**

Register now to attend these free workshops offered by Maine Parent Federation. If you have a child receiving special education services or if you work with children who receive services and their families, these are workshops you won't want to miss. Attending the workshops will provide you with the opportunity to receive updates on special education regulations, learn about writing IEP's, explore how to resolve conflicts and discover ways to improve your child's challenging behaviors at home.

**Location: Youth Alternatives, Portland
Time: Thursday Evenings, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

DATES, TOPICS and DESCRIPTIONS

April 10: Developing IEP's: A Step-by-Step Guide

Understanding what goes into the IEP, how to write an IEP and how to participate in the process can seem like a daunting task. Using the Maine Department of Education's IEP form, parents will gain an understanding of the various aspects of the IEP, participate in writing parts of the IEP and discover how to be a full participant in the process.

April 17: Making Peace with Conflict: Weathering the Storm

Through discussion, reflection and interaction, participants will become familiar with some of the common terms and tools used to manage conflict. Participants will have the opportunity to explore various approaches to resolving conflict and identify strategies that can be used to resolve future conflicts. This workshop provides an opportunity to view conflict resolution from the eye---or calm center---of a hurricane and leave with strategies that can help you in weathering the storm.

May 1: What Can't Johnny B. Goode at School?

This workshop has an emphasis on how to use the functional behavioral assessment (FBA) to develop a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) for children receiving special education services. Supporting your son, daughter or student in positive ways can be challenging. But how do you do that? Come explore with us and learn about tools that will help him or her learn new skills and responses.

May 8: Why Can't Johnny B. Goode at Home?

In this 'spin-off' from our popular *Why Can't Johnny B. Goode at School?* workshop, the discussion on challenging behaviors continues. The focus shifts from school to home. During this workshop participants will gain an understanding of some of the causes of challenging behaviors. Strategies that can impact in positive ways on a child's behavior will be discussed and parents will learn some simple ways to take care of themselves.

Registration is required. Confirmation & directions will be provided upon receipt of registration.

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Maine Parent Federation Spring 2008 Workshops REGISTRATION FORM

Youth Alternatives Portland, Maine

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