



# Statewide Parent Advocacy Network, (SPAN) E-Newsletter

*Empowered Families: Educated, Engaged, Effective*

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*Greetings!*

*Welcome to the E-Newsletter of the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network. This newsletter is published bi-weekly, keeping you informed of workshops, trainings, and events through out the state. Join SPAN in working to empower families to be educated, engaged and effective partners in promoting the healthy development and education of children.*

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## **Traducelo Ahora!**

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## **Lunchtime Teleconferences - Education Advocacy Series**

[Education Advocacy Series](#) - Teleconference presentation from 12-1:00 p.m. with Q&A from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

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[Teleconference and Workshops Archives](#) - All teleconferences are archived on the SPAN website with free access 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.

To register please call 973-642-8100 x116 or via email at [trainings@spannj.org](mailto:trainings@spannj.org).

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## Celebration of Father's Day Teleconference

Join us for a lunchtime teleconference call Thursday, June 18th, 2009 from 12-1 p.m. To participate in the conference, please register by calling 800-654-SPAN X 116. For more information [click here](#).

## SPAN's Annual Family Fun Day

### **FREEDOM FEST FAIR**

**Friday, July 10, 2009**

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$10 per person

(includes unlimited use of rides and attractions)

2 & under FREE

at the Horse Park of New Jersey

Exit 11 off I-195

Allentown, New Jersey

[Click here](#) for more information. [Buy tickets online](#)

## Upcoming Workshops

### **Child Welfare**

FSO of Bergen

Fair Lawn, NJ

June 9, 10-11:30 a.m.

### **Child Welfare**

Church of Nazarene

Clinton, NJ

June 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### **Child Welfare**

Somerset Baptist Church

Somerset, NJ

June 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

## Parent Guide to IDEA Regulations

New IDEA supplemental regulations involving the parental right to revoke consent for special education services without the district being able to request a hearing to override that revocation of consent. The information includes [SPAN's Final Parent Guide to 2009 IDEA Regulations](#) and the US DOE's "Guidance" document.

## New State Data on Children's Health

The Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative (CAHMI) is pleased to announce "point and click" online access to national and state-level findings from the JUST RELEASED 2007 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH). Begin your customized data search on the online [Data Resource Center](#).



For complete information on our workshops [click here](#) or call Vivian Dewitt at 973-642-8100 ext. 116

## SPAN is your Information Resource!

We provide information for parents and professionals on a variety of topics related to general and special education, transition to adult life, health care for children with special needs and many more.

[Click here for more information](#)

## The START Project

For assistance or information on starting and running your local special education parent group contact the Statewide Technical Assistance Resource Team (START) Project at (973)642-8100 or by e-mail at [start@spannj.org](mailto:start@spannj.org)

[Learn more about the START Project](#)

## Summer Camps 2009

[Click here for a listing of Summer Camp Opportunities 2009.](#)

### Join Our List

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## Tiered Interventions Search Engine

The Newark Public Schools (NPS), Newark Teachers Union (NTU) and the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) have developed this "[Tiered Intervention Search Engine](#)" (TISE) to assist in pinpointing the resources they need to prevent and/or address academic, behavioral and health problems and succeed in school.

## A Toolkit for Title I Parental Involvement



This [toolkit](#) is designed to provide information to those who are implementing Title I Part A parental involvement provisions. By using these tools, you can increase the "transparency" for parental involvement in children's education.

## Resources for Social Emotional Learning

[The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning](#) (CSEFEL) is focused on promoting the social emotional development and school readiness of young children birth to age 5. CSEFEL is a national resource center funded by the Office of Head Start and Child Care Bureau for disseminating research and evidence-based practices to early childhood programs across the country.

## ThinkCollege Website

The [ThinkCollege](#) website provides information and links about opportunities for youth with intellectual disabilities to reap the benefits of postsecondary education. ThinkCollege also generates a [newsletter](#).



## American Sign Language Website

For ALL to learn....Great for deaf students, hearing students, parents of deaf, and community at large. [ASLdeafined](#) offers an interactive sign language website with lessons, games, activities, and a personalized progress chart. It has over 2200 videos in the dictionary which continues to grow.

## Contact Us For Information or Assistance

Our experienced SPAN Information Specialists provide telephone assistance to parents, educators and service providers to enable them to advocate for appropriate education and health care services for children and youth. To reach our Information Specialists, give us a call at 973-642-8100 or 800-654 SPAN (7726).

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