



Parents Reaching Out

**16TH ANNUAL
FAMILY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

VIRTUALLY APRIL 2021



You are invited to the PRO Virtual Family Leadership Conference!

We look forward to sharing a wealth of information and resources for you and your family as you advocate for and with your children. Below is a list of all the sessions that will be offered throughout the month of April. Please note that you will need to register for each individual session that you would like to attend. Majority of the sessions will be recorded, so if you can not attend, still register and the recording will be sent out to you after the live session to watch at your convenience.

If you are in need of a sign language interpretation or any other assistance accessing the sessions, please call us as soon as you register or at least a week prior to the session at (505) 247-0192 or 1-800-524-5176.

We have a great lineup of presenters that will be very informative for families and we are grateful to our presenters and supporters in helping us to make this conference possible and look forward to seeing you at our PRO Conference sessions.

We will have opportunities to win special door prizes and gift cards throughout the virtual conference!

***Opening Keynote:
The Essential Elements
of Differentiated Instruction***
presented by Dr. Richard Villa

***Thursday April 8th, 2021
10:00am - 11:15am***

Learn about the essential elements of effective instruction and how they can positively impact your child's progress in school.

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Breakout Session with Dr. Richard Villa on Differentiated Instruction: One Size Does Not Fit All
Friday April 9th, 2021
11:00am - 12:00pm

Self-Advocacy Panel
Friday April 9th, 2021
1:00pm -2:30pm

Come hear Self Advocates share their

Learn about differentiated instruction and how it can support your student in their learning.

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stories, struggles, and triumphs. Their insights will help you to prepare to advocate for yourself or a family member.

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Autism, Advocacy & Access Thriving with Early Intervention presented by Zoe Miguel

Tuesday April 13th, 2021
9:00am – 10:30am

Learn what services are available to young children with autism and how to access them successfully.

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Building Children's Resiliency through Games

presented by Kathy Price

Tuesday April 13th, 2021
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Building resiliency in children helps them overcome obstacles more easily and reduces suffering from anxiety or stress. Learn how games can help you and your child develop and practice the skills needed to overcome hurdles and boost our ability to cope with the ups and downs of life.

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Can Positive Thinking Help People Become More Resilient?

presented by Sharon Lewis

Wednesday April 14th, 2021
9:00am -10:30am

Being a family caregiver is very stressful. Learn how positive thinking can change attitudes and perceptions of one's stressors. It helps caregivers become more resilient so they can cope more effectively. Discover strategies to promote positive thinking.

Assistive Technology Devices to Promote Literacy

presented by Jesse Armijo

Wednesday April 14th, 2021
1:00pm - 2:15pm

Learn about assistive technology tools for literacy as it pertains to students with disabilities. See demonstrations of devices that aid in improving literacy skills and provide support for virtual and in person learning.

Transtorno el Espectro Autista

presentado por Dr. Pedro Ramos Contreras. Pediatra

Miércoles 14 de Abril, 2021
4:00pm - 5:30pm

El numero de niños con Autismo es muchísimo mas elevado de lo que se describe. Los padres deben tener las herramientas para detectar casos en la familia o amistades que tengan. Crear una asociación en apoyo de los niños autistas e igualmente incorporar a escuelas y otras

instituciones a integrarse a esta propuesta.

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**Telehealth - Do you have a device?
presented by**

Wendy Ford-Licon

Thursday April 15th, 2021

10:00am - 11:30am

Do You Have a Device? Computers, Laptops, Tablets and Smartphones are all devices that can be used for a #telemedicine or #FamilyCenteredTelehealth appointment. Learn if your device is "teleready" and how you can best access telehealth services.

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Healthcare Transition from Pediatric to Adult Healthcare

presented by Cathy Salazar

Thursday April 15th, 2021

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Families and youth ages 12 & up: Come learn how to get ready for healthcare transition and issues that may arise during the transition process. Discover strategies and resources that can help make it easier.

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College Options for Students with Disabilities

presented by Rebecca Cobos

Friday April 16th, 2021

10:00am - 11:30am

Learn about Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell's Special Services Program that focuses on educating, training, and empowering students with disabilities to obtain entry-level, competitive jobs and to live independently.

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Why Self-Advocacy Matters When You Leave School

presented by Daniel Ekman

Friday April 16th, 2021

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Learn about how to self-advocate when transitioning out of school into adulthood. Discover ways to handle the responsibilities and choices that you face as you become an adult. Gain knowledge on self-determination and how disability laws change once a person graduates high school.

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Guide By Your Side Program Introduction
presented by Carmen Armenta

Tuesday April 20th, 2021

9:00am - 10:30am

Inclusive Play
presented by
Tona Rivera & Sonya Garcia

Tuesday April 20th, 2021

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Learn about Hands & Voices New Mexico Chapter's Guide By Your Side (GBYS) program that is dedicated to supporting families and their children from ages 0 to 18, who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH), by offering the opportunity to connect with a Parent Guide and attend social and educational events.

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Inclusive play is so important during this time that children have to stay home. Learn what Every Ability Plays Project can offer families who have a child with a physical disability, and different types of special playground equipment.

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Advocating for Students with Disabilities in School Disciplinary Issues presented by Heather Hoechst and Donald Chee

Wednesday April 21st, 2021
9:00am - 10:30am

Learn strategies to appropriately advocate for your children if they are subject to school discipline. Hear about incorporating behavior intervention plans into a student's IEP or 504 plan, as well as how to discuss the use of trauma-informed practices when addressing behavior concerns.

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Families Connected Online Learning Series presented by Chelanna Carter, Melissa Reid-Ciferri, Carla Ruiz, Christian Espinosa

Wednesday April 21st, 2021
1:00pm - 2:15pm

Families Connected is an online video series that helps you navigate the educational system. Videos are produced about a variety of topics and are available in English and Spanish. Some videos are available in additional languages. Learn how to access the videos and what topics are available.

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Esfuerzo para prosperar: habilidades para sobrellevar la parte socioemocional durante una pandemia presentado por Paige Abram

Miércoles 21 de Abril, 2021
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Hablaremos de las formas en que nuestro trabajo como defensores puede mejorar. La defensa surge de una visión de lo que las familias quieren para el futuro de sus hijos. Cuando reconocemos las barreras que impiden esta visión, podemos encontrar un camino diferente que puede ayudar al sentirnos más seguros de que nuestras voces son escuchadas.

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Financial Independence: Understanding ABLE New Mexico presented by Heather R. Benavidez

Thursday April 22nd, 2021
10:00am - 11:30am

Learn about ABLE New Mexico, a

Making the Invisible Visible: Engaging Fathers/Male Role Models presented by David Armstrong

Thursday April 22nd, 2021
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Although we are doing better, most Early Childhood/Mental Health Social Services

savings and investment program for individuals living with disabilities that can help individuals with disabilities achieve financial independence.

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System do not intentionally or authentically engage Fathers/Male Role Models. Learn ways to support and engage fathers and male role models in historically unsupportive systems and environments.

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APS Post-High School Programs presented by Marisol Casaus, Terry Casey, and Gloria Zuber

Friday April 23rd, 2021
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Learn about the different APS Transition Services Programs: CTAP (Community Transition to Adult Programs), Project Search (An International Transition to Work Program) and ACCESS (Adult Centered Community Education & Support Services). Gain information around employment/job development, independent living skills and post-secondary training/education.

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Self Directed IEPs presented by Mitchell Inspiration, a student advocacy group at Mitchell High School

Friday April 23rd, 2021
4:00pm -5:30pm

Come hear from students who have been successfully involved in self-directed IEPs. They will share how being involved with their educational planning has positively affected their lives.

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Family Leadership Resources and Engaging with Your Community presented by Marianna Raia

Tuesday April 27th, 2021
9:00am - 10:30am

Learn about 2 programs managed by Expecting Health: The National Genetics Education and Family Support center and The Newborn Screening Family Education Program. Learn how these programs aim to incorporate family voices to improve genetic services delivery, share specific resources and toolkits to develop family leaders, and discuss strategies to improve the family experiences of newborn screening.

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Precious Feedback: Your Turn to Share

Tuesday April 27th, 2021
1:00pm - 2:30pm

We would like to hear from families of young children, birth to 3-year-old, who received Early Intervention Services during Covid-19 in 2020. We want to know how your services went for your family and hear from those that transitioned out of Early Childhood during this time.

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**Federal Civil Rights
Protections for Students
with Disabilities
presented by
Jason Langberg**

Wednesday April 28th, 2021
9:00am - 10:30am

Learn about the legal protections in Section 504 and the ADA that can be used to advocate for the educational needs and well-being of students with disabilities. Learn how to advocate for students with disabilities by filing complaints and pursuing remedies with the Office for Civil Rights.

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**Purpose in Life and
Providing Opportunities
presented by
Sara Fleming**

Wednesday April 28th, 2021
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Become empowered to see past social boundaries and limitations that have become acceptable in today's world that could be holding your children back. Discover ways to move past your fears. Learn innovative ways to look at different abilities, and gain skills to become self-advocates and advocates for the children you care for.

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**¡Nutrición para todos!
presentado por
Gabriel Gaarden**

Miércoles 28 de Abril, 2021
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Aunque los comportamientos saludables, como hacer ejercicio y no fumar, son muy importantes para nuestro bienestar general, es realmente la COMIDA que consumimos que tiene el mayor impacto en nuestra salud. Esta presentación proporcionará información nutricional, formas efectivas de manejar el peso, el control del azúcar en la sangre, comprar y preparar alimentos saludables sin salirse del presupuesto.

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**Telehealth - Can you "see" your
provider?**

presented by Cathy Salazar

Thursday April 29th, 2021
10:00am - 11:30am

Learn what the 4 KEYS are that will help you unlock the doors so you and your provider can have a successful #FamilyCenteredTelehealth appointment.

Register

**Healing Relationships for Hope: A
Systematic Approach**

presented by Amber Rockwell

Thursday April 29th, 2021
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Learn the importance of "relationship" in healing trauma, and establishing consistent, safe, and secure environments where healthy connections can occur.

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**Pre-Conference Event:
See your own leadership potential and**



how you can make a difference for families with disabilities in your community.

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Check out some of the resources we have available for download.

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