

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We hope this note finds you well and staying warm as we get closer to Spring! This Friday is our monthly NYS Community of Practice call which will be hosted as a webinar. The IDEA Partnership will be hosting the webinar which will be presented by Elaine Mulligan, Project Director of NICHCY. If you haven't accessed NICHCY's website and used their materials and resources you are missing out. This is a great opportunity to hear more about their services, and take a look at the resources. Elaine will also touch on some of the social networking successes NICHCY has identified. I hope you all try to participate in this very informative webinar. It will be well worth your time.

NICHCY is very pleased to offer you a wealth of information on disabilities! They serve the nation as a central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth. Here, you'll also find easy-to-read information on IDEA, the law authorizing early intervention services and special education. Our State Resource Sheets will help you connect with the disability agencies and organizations in your state. Read and freely share our many articles and publications, sign up for our newsletter, and write or call us for more personalized assistance. We are here to help. NICHCY is a Technical Assistance Center funded through the USDOE/OSEP

To join the call, please follow the Adobe Connect instructions below:

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In addition, we would like to extend an invitation to all of you to join us on Long Island for a very exciting upcoming event. Assistant Secretary Michael Yudin of OSERs will be coming to our region on Friday, June 7, 2013. He will be presenting on the importance of meaningful stakeholder involvement and collaboration in education using the framework of Communities of Practice. We are thrilled to have him coming and it would be terrific to have members of our NYS Community of Practice on Family, School and Collaboration be highlighted during this event! What do you think?? The event is being held at the Tilles Center; LIU Post, Regent Roger Tilles will be doing the introduction and welcome. We are expecting a very diverse audience of administrators, teachers, advocates, family members, youth and policy makers.

We have partnered with the Council of NYS Special Education Administrators, the Long Island Association of Special Education Administrators, Youth Power, and other colleagues to market this event and it is FREE to all attendees.

Hope to see you on the line this Friday! Please forward this message to your list serves, friends and colleagues.

Sincerely,

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NYS Community of Practice on Family, School and Community Collaboration

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