

Partners in Community Inclusion

FACT SHEET

WHO -

A small group of parents who have a child with a developmental disability meet to explore new ways to increase their child's opportunities for inclusion in schools and their communities.

Parents explore ways to access natural supports and utilize services that correlate to a long term self directed vision of successful community living.



KEY BENEFITS:

Learn to match services that support children and young adults to become self-directed and independent.

Develop collaboration skills that strengthen partnerships with schools, regional center and community resources.

Identify opportunities for increased community inclusion.

Learn techniques on how to coach and mentor other families.

Live more fully in the community with family, friends and neighbors.

HOW -

Through a process of discussion, study and exploration sessions participants develop skills and strategies that support their long-range inclusion vision for their child, enhance their partnerships with schools, support staff, service providers, their communities and the regional center.

Participants become Community Inclusion Partners for other parents by learning and practicing the skills to support effective communication as a parent mentor/coach.

COMPONENTS -

Series of 3 consecutive, hands-on meetings where parents work and learn side-by-side to develop their own inclusion vision for their child and short term experiences that promote community participation, greater partnership with schools and agencies and more involvement in neighborhood activities.

Dates/Times:

Jan 24th, March 14th, May 30th [10AM to 2PM]

Additional workshops include:

Inclusion Vision Feb 26th,

Effective Communication Apr 30th [6-8 PM]

