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E-Clinic Launch!

The Lawyers' Committee is excited to announce the launch of the Parental Readiness and Empowerment Program's (PREP) e-clinic on **September 6th** for parents in **California!** Building upon the success of PREP's digital platform, parents will meet virtually via video chat with a pro bono advocate to discuss educational issues related to special education, school discipline or English Language Learners. Volunteers and parents will work together in an online setting to formulate an action plan that will support addressing their child's educational success.

Over the past five years, PREP has served over 4,000 parents, providing over 50 workshops in multiple languages, hosting 8 webinars in English and Spanish, posting 30 video tutorials, and training 170 pro bono volunteers. With targeted resources for underrepresented families, special education students, and English Language Learners, PREP prides itself on working to build a country where educational equity is a reality for all children. With the launch of our e-clinic, we hope to empower even more parents to advocate for their children!

- ◆ *Do you have a child who attends public school in California?*
- ◆ *Do you have a legal question about your child's education related to special education, school discipline, English learners or prohibitions against discrimination?*

The e-Clinic, which launches Tuesday, September 6th, right in time for the start of the school year, is a great place to start empowering yourself as a parent!

Parents can register for the e-clinic beginning September 6th at www.PREPparents.org or by calling 844-PREP-4-US (844-773-7487).

Mark your calendars: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2016!



Director's Comments

PREP is looking forward to another amazing school year! We have many events planned to support you and your child, including the launch of PREP's first e-clinic in California on September 6th! Our PREP team has been working hard to prepare for the launch and we look forward to sharing a meaningful and impactful resource.

We want to provide the tools for you to become your child's best advocate. And now, with our e-clinic, this is more possible than ever. You will have the opportunity to virtually chat with a trained volunteer advocate about your child's educational needs. We are so excited to utilize technology to reach more parents and hope this opportunity will allow more parents access to support their children's education. We also have several upcoming workshops, webinars, and video tutorials scheduled for Fall 2016. Please check out the schedule on the right and mark your calendars. If you have questions about any of our events or have suggestions for future topics, please let us know at PREP@lawyerscommittee.org. And stay tuned for the New York e-clinic launch in January 2017. Good luck with the beginning of school and we look forward to being in contact!

Natasha Quiroga is PREP Manager and Senior Counsel in the Educational Opportunities Project

Fall 2016

PREP Events

Sept. 6, 2016:

E-clinic launch for California parents

Sept. 28, 2016:

Parent Advocacy Webinar - online

Oct. 1, 2016:

Parent Advocacy Workshop in Minneapolis

Oct. 20, 2016:

Grad Nation Summit in San Diego

Oct. 22, 2016:

Parent Advocacy Workshop in San Diego

Oct. 26, 2016:

Discipline Webinar - online

Discipline Video Tutorials - online

Dec. 7, 2016:

Special Education Webinar - online



PREP Resources

Check out what's available!

Online Video Tutorials

Now Playing:

- Educación Especial, Parte A (Secciones 1, 2, 3, y 4)
- Special Education Part B
 - Section 1: Individual Education Program (IEP) Meeting
 - Section 2: Special Education and School Discipline
 - Section 3: Special Education and Harassment/ Bullying
 - Section 4: Special Education Transition Services
- Educación Especial, Parte B (Secciones 1, 2, 3, y 4)
- Parent Advocacy (Sections 1 & 2)
- Abogacía para padres (Secciones 1 y 2)
- Navigating the school system (Sections 1, 2 & 3)
- Navigating the school system-
 - Section 3– Discipline Issues
 - Section 3– Discrimination
 - Section 3– Special education issues
 - Section 3– English Language Learners

Find all videos on the PREPparents Youtube Channel: www.youtube.com/PREPparents at www.PREPparents.org.

Upcoming Videos:

- English Language Learners:
 - Unit 1 Students' Rights
 - Unit 1 Section A: Identification
 - Unit 1 Section B: Exiting the Program
 - Unit 1 Section C: Undocumented Students' Rights
 - *Also available in Spanish

Webinars

Now Playing:

- Webinar #1: Advocacy & Mobilization / Abogacía y Movilización Para Padres
- Webinar #2: Special Education I/ Educación Especial I
- Webinar #3: Special Education II (IEP) / Educación Especial II
- Webinar #4 English Language Learners/ Estudiantes Aprendiendo Inglés

Find all webinars on our website: <http://prepparents.org/webinar/>.

PARENT ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

FREE

Advocacy & Mobilization

Learn How To:

- ◆ Improve your advocacy skills
- Put your rights and your children's rights in action
- Mobilize around your child's education

MPS Davis Center

1250 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55411

Registration: 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Workshop 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Clinic: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Educational Consultation Clinic

Meet with a volunteer lawyer about your child's education

Presented in English, Spanish, Somali, and Hmong

Childcare, breakfast, & lunch provided.

This PREP workshop is in collaboration with:



PARENTAL READINESS AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

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MPS Davis Center: (612) 668-2095, by email at damon.gunn@mps.k12.mn.us

OR Register online at www.PREPparents.org OR returning this form to your school office.

Empowering Parents

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Parent Advocacy Workshop

Workshop for Parents
in Spanish and English

Topics Addressed:

- *Navigating the School System* • *Effective Home-School Communication*
- *Preventing Bullying*

Registration: 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Workshop: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Clinic: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Location: Ballard Parent Center
 2375 Congress St.
 San Diego, CA 92110



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FREE:

- Educational Consultation Clinic! Meet with a Volunteer Lawyer about your child's education
- Youth Workshops (in English) for 5th-12th graders
- Childcare and lunch provided

Contact Info:
 (619) 293-4431
www.PREPparents.org
wperez@sandi.net

RSVP

TO BALLARD PARENT CENTER BY PHONE AT (619) 293-4431, BY E-MAIL AT WPEREZ@SANDI.NET, OR RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE

Parent/ Guardian Name: _____

School(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

How many children need childcare? _____ Ages? _____ Special Needs? _____
(Childcare limited to 40 children)

Interested in the Clinic? _____ YES _____ NO Clinic Issue: _____



You can also register online
at www.PREPparents.org

This PREP Workshop is a
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