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Mobilizing Families

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When a child is identified as having special needs, parents can feel as if they've entered an uncharted world without maps or a compass or the basic tools and information to ensure their child's well-being. There is so much to learn and do that it can be hard for families to know where to start or how to begin.

Generously funded by the McDonnell Family Foundation, *Mobilizing Families* is an award winning 8-week training program designed to equip families with the necessary resources to access support and be the best advocates for their children.

**Now accepting registrations for Fall 2010 session!
Classes begin September 9!**

Classes will be held Thursdays from 6-9 PM on the following dates: September 9, 16, 23 and 30; October 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Session materials, training, dinner, and child care will be provided at no cost to participants.

To register contact Jo Lynn Osborne at (303) 232-1338 x206 or email jolynn@arcjc.org.

SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE:

- **Identifying the Dream:** Helping families identify, accept, grieve, revise, and regenerate their dreams for their children.
- **Becoming an Effective Communicator:** Learn communication strategies to ensure your educational and service meetings go smoothly.
- **Understanding Government Resources:** Learn about the government agencies and programs designed to support people with disabilities.
- **Accessing Insurance and Medicaid Benefits:** Learn how private insurance and Medicaid benefits work, and how to work within these systems.
- **Education:** Helping families learn about their educational rights, IDEA law, and what to expect during an IEP.
- **Accessing Community Resources:** Learn about a variety of local agencies that support people with disabilities and their families.
- **Building Relationships at Home and in the Community:** This session helps families identify and tap into natural, non-agency supports in their communities.