Mobilizing Families

PARENT EMPOWERMENT TRAINING

NEXT CLASS FEB 16, 2017 SIGN UP TODAY!

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Jefferson, Clear Creek & Gilpin Counties

Does your child have special needs?
We can help!

When your child is identified as having special needs, parents often feel like they are entering a new world without the basic tools and information to ensure their child's well-being. There is so much to learn that families often feel overwhelmed and struggle to get what they need for their child. Mobilizing Families is an award-winning, 6-week training program designed to equip families with the necessary resources to access support and be the best advocates for their children.

"Mobilizing Families gave us great direction and information to help our kids have a successful future." DANI, 2010 GRADUATE

Mobilizing Families is offered **FREE of charge**, including training materials, dinner and childcare. *What are you waiting for?*

Classes will be held on six consecutive Thursday evenings from 6-8:30 PM on the following dates: February 16 & 23, March 2, 9, 16, & 23. *This is a six-part series and registrants should plan to attend all sessions.*

To register, or for more information, please call Valerie Smith at (303) 232-1338 or email valerie@arcjc.org.

SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE:

- *A New Journey:* Understanding how families grieve when a child has a disability.

- *An Empowerment Framework:* Understand how having a child with a disability affects different aspects of life.

- *Introduction to Special Education:* An overview of the laws governing special education, and the different responsibilities of parents, students, and educators.

- *Introduction to Private and Public Health Care:* Using insurance to meet the child's medical and therapeutic needs.

- *Introduction to Community Resources:* Understanding what community-based resources are available to help children with special needs and their families.

- *Envisioning a New Future:* A panel of parents share their experiences and advice to help young families build a new vision of the future.