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| 5/5/09 | Understanding Early Language & Literacy Development | 5:30-7:00 PM | Dover |
| 5/21/09 | Giving and Getting Respect | 6:30-8:30 PM | Kingston |
| 5/27/09 | Basic Overview with Questions & Answers | 7:00-9:00 PM | Concord |
| 6/11/09 | Being Media Savvy in a Digital World | 6:30-8:30 PM | Kingston |
| 10/8/09 | Save the Date! Parenting Revisited: Life on a Trampoline | | West Lebanon |

Register now for our Fall Volunteer Advocate Class!

The Volunteer Advocate Program

PIC on Special Education provides a variety of services and support to parents so that they may participate effectively as team members in the Special Education process. One such form of support may come through the assignment of a PIC Volunteer Advocate for Special Education (VA) to assist a parent in learning the skills necessary to become a more effective member of their child's IEP team. PIC VA's have participated in a 40 hour training program on the special education process, effective communication strategies and strategies for supporting parents in the special education process. The role of a PIC VA is not to advocate for a family or child but rather support a family in advocating for their child and in learning the skills necessary to be a more effective member of the IEP team. A VA can not speak for a family or represent a family at an IEP meeting, mediation or due process hearing.

What can a VA do to assist families?

1. Meet with parents to explain the special education process and their rights in the process
2. Assist families to organize their records
3. Demonstrate more effective strategies for communicating with their child's school
4. Support problem solving how to resolve disagreements in the least adversarial manner
5. Provide emotional support
6. Share information on resources in their local communities
7. Provide parenting tips or strategies

To register for a free workshop and for location information
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