

Mail your registration form to VPIC, call us at 876-5315 or (800) 639-7170, or visit us at www.vtpic.com.

- Effective Conferences**, February 21, *Burlington*
- Advocating I**, March 10, *Northfield*
- Transition High School**, March 11, *St. Albans*
- Advocating I**, March 12, *Berlin*
- AT Overview**, March 13, *Rutland*
- Advocating II**, March 17, *Northfield*
- IEP and Transition**, March 18, *Rutland*
- AT Speech Recognition**, March 18, *Rutland*
- Advocating I**, March 26, *Alburt*
- Moving On Up**, March 25, *Williston*
- AT Text Reading Software**, April 3, *Rutland*
- College Fair**, April 6, *South Burlington*
- Advocating II**, April 9, *Alburt*
- AT Computer Access Devices**, April 10, *Rutland*
- AT Overview**, April 14, *Williston*
- AT Overlay Maker**, April 17, *Rutland*
- Advocating II**, April 17, *Berlin*
- Learning at Home**, April 23, *Barton*
- When Parents Disagree**, April 23, *Williston*
- Kindergarten Readiness**, April 29, *Burlington*
- Adverse Effect**, May 13, *Rutland*
- AT Implementing**, May 22, *Rutland*

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Accommodation(s) required \_\_\_\_\_

Contact VPIC two weeks prior to a workshop if you require special accommodations.

All VPIC workshops are free. Donations are always welcome!

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*Advocating*

**Advocating for Your Child I: Communication Skills**

*VPIC staff*

This workshop will help parents communicate effectively with professionals and learn problem solving skills and advocacy strategies.

Monday, March 10 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
*Norwich University, Cabot 85, 158 Harmon Drive, Northfield*

Wednesday, March 12 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
*Central Vermont Medical Center, Conference Room 3, 130 Fisher Road, Berlin*

Wednesday, March 26 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
*Champlain Islands Parent Child Center, 22 Lake Street, Alburt*

**Advocating for Your Child II: Navigating the Special Education Process**

*VPIC staff*

Learn about the special education process through this step-by-step approach to accessing special education services.

Monday, March 17 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
*Brown Public Library, 93 South Main Street, Northfield*

Wednesday, April 9 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
*Champlain Islands Parent Child Center, 22 Lake Street, Alburt*

Thursday, April 17 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
*Central Vermont Medical Center, Conference Room 1, 130 Fisher Road, Berlin*

**Advance registration is necessary for all workshops. Please register early. A workshop may be cancelled due to low enrollment and those registered will be notified to the best of our ability. Visit us on the web at [www.vtpic.com](http://www.vtpic.com) for additional workshops throughout the year. If you would like to schedule a workshop in your area or for further information, please call VPIC at 1-800-639-7170 or email: [vpic@vtpic.com](mailto:vpic@vtpic.com).**

*Transitions*

**Transition from High School to Adult Life**

*Lynette Over, VPIC*

Discuss and learn steps for planning a student's transition from high school to adult life.

Tuesday, March 11 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
*Family Center of Northwestern Vermont, 27 Lower Newton Street, St. Albans*

**IEP and Transition**

*Lynette Over, VPIC*

This workshop will review the Individualized Education Program process and transition plan for youth with special needs.

Tuesday, March 18 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
*CAP Kitchen, Howe Center, Rutland*

**College Fair**

*Co-sponsored with schools in Chittenden County*

Learn about post-secondary education opportunities and resources for youth with disabilities.

Sunday, April 6 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
*South Burlington High School, 550 Dorset Street, South Burlington*

*School Readiness*

**Effective Parent Teacher Conferences for Parents of English Language Learners**

*Gayle DiMasi, VPIC*

This workshop addresses parent teacher conferences and how parents can communicate effectively with teachers and schools.

Thursday, February 21 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
*St. Joseph's School, VNA Family Room, 20 Allen Street, Burlington*

**Moving On Up**

*Connie Curtin, VPIC*

*Kate Rogers, VT Department of Education*

Discuss steps for planning the transition from Essential Early Education (EEE) to kindergarten.

Tuesday, March 25 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
*VPIC, 600 Blair Park Road, Suite 301, Williston*  
*Co-sponsored by the VT Department of Education*

**Learning at Home**

*Gayle DiMasi, VPIC*

Receive information to help prepare your child for kindergarten and elementary school. A light supper and childcare will be provided.

Wednesday, April 23 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
*Central Orleans Family Education Center, 130 Kinsey Road, Barton*

**Kindergarten Readiness**

*Gayle DiMasi, VPIC*

Discuss steps and ideas for making your child's transition to kindergarten a successful one.

Tuesday, April 29 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
*St. Joseph's School, VNA Family Room, 20 Allen Street, Burlington*

*Special Education*

**When Parents Disagree**

*Bessie Weiss, Staff Attorney, Disability Law Project*

A discussion about formal and informal methods for resolving conflicts and helping parents better advocate for their child.

Wednesday, April 23 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
*VPIC, 600 Blair Park Road, Suite 301, Williston*  
*Co-sponsored by the VT Disability Law Project*

**Adverse Effect**

*Janna Osman, Learning Disabilities Consultant, VT Department of Education*

Learn how an identified disability impacts basic skill areas and performance.

Tuesday, May 13 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
*Rutland Regional Medical Center, Conference Room B, 160 Allen Street, Rutland*  
 Co-sponsored by the Asperger's Association of New England, Southern Vermont Chapter

*Assistive Technology*

**Assistive Technology: Six Workshops**

*Dan Gilman, Assistive Technology Access Specialist, ATP, Chris CichoskiKelly, VPIC*

Attend any or all of these six hands-on workshops located in the Vocational Rehabilitation Conference Room 146, Asa Bloomer Building, Rutland. Limit of 15 people per workshop.

**Overview**

Thursday, March 13 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Speech Recognition Software**

Tuesday, March 18 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Text Reading Software**

Thursday, April 3 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Computer Access Devices**

Thursday, April 10 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Overlay Maker and IntelliKeys Keyboard**

Thursday, April 17 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Implementing a Communication Device**

*David Kay, M.Ed., OTR, Regional Consultant, Prentke Romich Company*

Thursday, May 22 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Assistive Technology Overview**

*Chris CichoskiKelly, VPIC*

Learn about assistive technology, observe demonstrations, and try out software.

Monday, April 14 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
*Assistive Technology Center, VPIC, 600 Blair Park Road, Suite 301, Williston*

*Regional Meetings*

**2nd Annual Northeast Kingdom Regional Conference**

*Co-sponsored by Parent to Parent and VPIC*

This half-day conference for parents focuses on special education issues, featuring speakers and resources. Contact Paula Manzi to register (802) 895-4948.

Monday, April 28 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
*Eastside Restaurant, 47 Landing Street, Newport*

**Bennington Supporting Parent Training**

*Holly Betit, Family Support Consultant, Parent to Parent*

Luncheon with Parent to Parent staff, VPIC staff, and Bennington County Parents. Learn about being a supporting parent and local resources, and meet other parents. Contact Holly Betit to register (802) 753-7050.

Wednesday, May 7 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
*Location TBA*

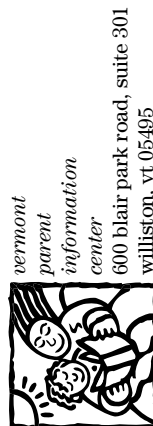
**Bennington Regional Parent Conference**

*Co-sponsored by Parent to Parent and VPIC*

Explore coping and prevention strategies for parents of children with disabilities. Learn about local resources, meet VPIC and Parent to Parent staff. Lunch will be provided. Contact Holly Betit to register (802) 753-7050.

Tuesday, May 20 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
*Location TBA*

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