

## VIRTUAL WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

*This list of presenters is being shared in an effort to assist SEPTA's/SEPTSA's in providing virtual workshops to their members.*

*The information provided below is for **reference purposes only**. Suffolk Region PTA makes no endorsement of any kind.*

*Please contact the presenters directly with any questions related to bookings and/or workshop topics.*

Organization Name	Contact Name	Virtual Workshop Topics
Brandow Law	Regina Brandow, Esq. <a href="mailto:regina@brandowlaw.com">regina@brandowlaw.com</a> 631-675-2540	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardianship vs. a Power of Attorney</li> <li>• Supplemental Needs Trust and Governmental Benefits (Co Present with SILO)</li> <li>• Have an IRA or 401K and a child with a disability? Leave it to a Secure Supplemental Needs Trust</li> <li>• The Power of Beneficiary forms for Life Insurance and or IRA</li> <li>• Changes coming to Community Medicaid on October 1, 2020</li> <li>• Don't panic. Options for Person on Governmental Benefits who receives \$\$\$</li> <li>• Child Support and its impact to benefits (Co Present with SILO)</li> <li>• Difference between SSI and SSD (Co Present with SILO)</li> <li>• Know your benefits (Co Present with SILO)</li> </ul>
Andrew M. Cohen, Esq. & Mitch Weisbrot, CLU, ChSNC	Heather Foster, Office Administrator <a href="mailto:hfooster@financialguide.com">hfooster@financialguide.com</a> 203-405-3195	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to Protect Your Child Legally &amp; Financially. This workshop will cover the following topics:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Government benefits for individuals with disabilities</li> <li>○ How to preserve assets without disqualifying eligibility for government benefits, including through the use of ABLE Act provisions</li> <li>○ Customizing an estate plan for a special needs family</li> <li>○ Supplemental needs trusts - how they work and why they're useful</li> <li>○ Strategies for funding trusts</li> <li>○ Selecting a trustee and administering the trust</li> <li>○ Guardianship - who will make the important decisions when your child with special needs turns eighteen?</li> <li>○ Letter of Intent - information provided to future caregivers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
The College Experience at The College of St Rose & CareerNext at SUNY Cobleskill and SUNY Schenectady	Colleen Dergosits, Director of Admissions <a href="mailto:cdergosits@livingresources.org">cdergosits@livingresources.org</a> 518-218-0000 Ext 4625	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is your child's path for education after high school? Learn more about specialized program options here in New York:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is The College Experience?</li> <li>○ What is CareerNext?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## VIRTUAL WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

*This list of presenters is being shared in an effort to assist SEPTA's/SEPTSA's in providing virtual workshops to their members.*

*The information provided below is for **reference purposes only**. Suffolk Region PTA makes no endorsement of any kind.*

*Please contact the presenters directly with any questions related to bookings and/or workshop topics.*

---

Family & Community Engagement Centers	Cynthia Deen-McKelvey Resource and Referral Specialist <a href="mailto:Cynthia.DeenMcKelvey@liu.edu">Cynthia.DeenMcKelvey@liu.edu</a> 516-589-4562 or 516-413-8229	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our presentations offer a brief overview of the NYSED grant-funded projects and no-cost trainings offered to families of students with disabilities, topics include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Navigating Special Education.</li><li>○ Developing IEPs and specially designed instruction.</li><li>○ Handling challenging behaviors.</li><li>○ Learning about transition services.</li><li>○ Literacy.</li><li>○ Cultural responsiveness.</li></ul></li></ul>
LI Regional Partnership Center	Kristin Burke Transition Specialist <a href="mailto:kristin.burke@liu.edu">kristin.burke@liu.edu</a>	
Long Island Music Therapy Services, Inc.	<a href="mailto:Longislandmusictherapy@gmail.com">Longislandmusictherapy@gmail.com</a> 631-245-0275	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Long Island Music Therapy provides music therapy to people of all ages and abilities. LIMTS specializes in special education, early childhood intervention, ASD, intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, traumatic brain injury, mental illness, dementia/Alzheimer's disease, terminal illness, depression/anxiety and bereavement. LIMTS services include individual and group therapies both on site and in client's homes. Our sister company, Accessible Arts NY Inc., offers adaptive music, art and creative classes for people of ALL ages and abilities.</li></ul>
Accessible Arts NY, Inc.	<a href="mailto:accessibleartsny@gmail.com">accessibleartsny@gmail.com</a> 631-486-0009	
Music Academy for Special Learners	Nick or Maria <a href="mailto:Nick@music4speciallearners.com">Nick@music4speciallearners.com</a> <a href="mailto:Maria@music4speciallearners.com">Maria@music4speciallearners.com</a> 631-615-6707	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Benefits of Creative Arts Therapy: This informational workshop explores the history, research, and current practice of music therapy and art therapy. Participants will gain a greater understanding of how creative arts therapists evaluate, develop treatment plans, and work with individuals of all abilities to foster growth in their lives. Clinical examples will be shared to further illustrate how music therapy and art therapy can access people of all abilities. The workshop will be facilitated by licensed creative arts therapists in New York.</li><li>• Engaging Your Child in Music: This hands-on workshop will explore how families, friends, and staff can utilize music as a way to connect with your child. The subtleties of how individuals perceive, engage, and react to music will be explored as they apply to interacting with children of all capacities. Music activities will be demonstrated live by our board-</li></ul>

---

## VIRTUAL WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

This list of presenters is being shared in an effort to assist SEPTA's/SEPTSA's in providing virtual workshops to their members.

The information provided below is for **reference purposes only**. Suffolk Region PTA makes no endorsement of any kind.

Please contact the presenters directly with any questions related to bookings and/or workshop topics.

---

		certified music therapists to illustrate how music experiences can be adapted to provide opportunities for every child to experience music.
Parent to Parent of NYS	Alissa Morris, Regional Coordinator <a href="mailto:amorris@ptopnys.org">amorris@ptopnys.org</a> Dodie Daniels, Regional Coordinator <a href="mailto:ddaniels@ptopnys.org">ddaniels@ptopnys.org</a> 631-434-6196	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parent to Parent Overview: Share local resources, explain our Support Parent Program, answer questions about raising a child with special needs.</li><li>• Preventing Parent Burnout for Parents of Children with Special Needs: Parenting a child with special needs requires energy, focus, and enthusiasm to be effective in our role. Discover positive ways to cope with and effectively manage stress.</li><li>• Education Records Organizer: Tips on how to keep your IEPs and special education paperwork in order.</li><li>• Understanding Support and Services through OPWDD: An overview of OPWDD eligibility requirements and the services available.</li><li>• What Happens After OPWDD Eligibility?: Topics include Family Support Services, the Medicaid waiver, Home and Community Based Services, and Self Direction.</li><li>• Health Care Notebook organizer: For families with medically fragile children or special health concerns, ideas to keep medical records organized and readily available.</li></ul>
Suffolk County Transition Resources	<a href="https://sites.google.com/northport.k12.ny.us/sctransitionresources/home">https://sites.google.com/northport.k12.ny.us/sctransitionresources/home</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Site created by Suffolk County School District Transition Coordinators and Staff:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ This site has been developed to assist families and students as they navigate different pathways to reach their post-secondary goals.</li><li>○ <i>Please contact agencies and services directly for additional information and program details.</i></li></ul></li></ul>

---