

For Parents/Guardians

(Presenter: Marc Purchin, Purchin Consulting)

INTRODUCTION TO UNDERSTANDING AND WORKING WITH AND THROUGH CONFLICT

Date: Sept. 1, 2020

Time: 9:30-11:30am

This two-hour training will focus on understanding our own perceptions of conflict and will provide a framework for the subsequent trainings. Participants will learn a four-step formula for having a challenging conversation or resolving a conflict with someone else.

BUILDING POSITIVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Date: Oct. 6, 2020

Time: 9:30-11:30am

(Active listening, question strategies, 'I' messages). This two-hour training will provide parents with strategies for holding effective and productive conversations with teachers, service providers and administrators who work with their child(ren).

PREPARING FOR MEETINGS BY LOOKING AT PROBLEMS FROM DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES

Date: Nov. 3, 2020

Time: 9:30-11:30am

(Interest-based negotiation). This two-hour training will provide participants with a worksheet on how to best prepare for meetings, using interest-based strategies outlined in the book *Getting To Yes* by Rodger Fisher and William Ury. A large emphasis of this training will be allowing participants to practice preparing for meetings and to receive coaching and feedback.

CULTURALLY SENSITIVE COMMUNICATION

Date: Dec. 1, 2020

Time: 9:30-11:30am

This two-hour training (with special education as the umbrella) provides participants with tips and tools to aid them in having discussions across cultures, through use of case studies and interaction. This workshop will explore differences between unconscious (implicit) bias, racism and the stereotypes we bring to every conversation. Participants will also leave with a "tool kit" they can use in future cross-cultural dialogues.