

The Western Mass. Training Group  
is pleased to announce a highly informative half-day workshop on

## **ADAPTIVE STRATEGIES FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN WITH IMPAIRMENTS FOR WORKING WITH SCHOOLS**

- on Thursday, September 13, 2007•
- from 12:30 am to 4:30 pm (check-in at noon)•
- to be held at Goodwill, 285 Dorset Street, Springfield, Massachusetts•

### **TOPIC**

This workshop focuses on helping families to build (better) relationships with their school systems. Strategies & information are offered that are designed to improve parents' confidence & knowledge when attending their child's IEP meetings. The importance of 'winning the hearts & minds' of the school system, networking, & good planning will be emphasized.

### **PRESENTERS**

Ed Wilson has worked in human services for 19 years, including 4 years as the director of a transition project working with families, students & school systems to think more deeply about the needs of students with impairments. Ed has developed a number of strategies designed to help improve relationships among the various stakeholders.

Carl Cignoni has worked in the field for 30 years in a variety of roles, including advocacy with families & their children around school issues. He works with children in schools; in direct service, with their families, & in planning with school systems.

### **COST**

- Cost is only \$40. Coffee & light refreshments provided.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

- Call Jim Brunault at 413 788 6981 ext. 209.

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### **REGISTRATION**

Please make checks payable to *Western Mass. Training Group*. Send to: *Betsy Grim, Community Options, PO Box 1352, Belchertown, MA 01007.*

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