

Planning for A Successful Transition to Kindergarten: A Workshop for Parents of Preschoolers with Special Needs

Thursday, January 14, 2010

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

The Pilot House Special Needs Resource Foundation

240 Colony Street, Fairfield, CT

Open to the Public, RSVP to (203) 292-8452

For a child with special needs, the transition from preschool to kindergarten can be a complicated one. How do you know if your child is ready academically, socially, and emotionally? What can you do to ensure appropriate supports for your child, and collaborate with the school to ensure a positive and productive first year in elementary school?

The Pilot House Special Needs Resource Foundation is hosting a roundtable discussion with three experts who will answer these questions and empower parents with the knowledge they need to pave a smooth path to kindergarten.

Kristen Viessleman is a literacy specialist who offers individual and small group instruction in reading, informal assessments and consulting service at The Pilot House. Prior to working for The Pilot House, Kristen worked for over eight years at Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes. She also worked as a special education teacher for Westport Public Schools, and holds a Master's Degree in Special Education from the University of Connecticut

Alisa Rodhie has specialized in the education and treatment of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders for the past 15 years. She is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst who holds a masters of arts from New York University in Applied Psychology and a degree in Communication Disorders from Southern Connecticut State University. She is the coordinator of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Clinic at The Southfield Center for Development.

Ann McCarthy, founder of Advocacy for Kids, is a special education advocate who assists families in securing educational rights for their children with disabilities. She has provided advocacy services to over 100 Connecticut families, across a wide range of ages and issues. Advocacy for Kids is a member organization of The Southfield Center for Development.

We hope you will join us on January 14 when Kristen, Alisa, and Ann pool their expertise to lead what will be an exciting and informative discussion. Specific questions about your children are appreciated and welcome!