

# Lapeer County Intermediate School District Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for Special Education



## Newsletter for the Families of Children with Special Needs

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change your  
**THOUGHTS**  
&  
you'll change  
**THE WORLD**  
Norman Vincent Peale

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lapeer County Intermediate School District  
Parent Advisory Committee is to promote partnerships among parents and educators that benefit students with disabilities.

### PAC Representatives

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Contact Lapeer County ISD

*Feel Free to contact your local representative for assistance or questions.*



**Michigan Special  
Education Mediation**  
PROGRAM

Michigan Special Education Mediation

October 1, 2018 (6:00-8:00 PM)

The 1st PAC Presentation Of The New School Year

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### The Lapeer County ISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

The Lapeer County Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is a group of educators and parents representing our local school districts whose primary focus is to stay informed regarding Special Education plans and changes, current trends in Special Education at the County, State, and Federal level, and if needed, to assist and promote partnerships among parents and educators that benefit students with disabilities.

The PAC takes an active role in the development of the Lapeer County Special Education Mandatory Plan, a document which describes the delivery of special education services in Lapeer County. The PAC provides workshops and speakers from the county and state-wide programs which can richly serve not only the parents of children with special needs, but in many instances the individual with the disability.

The PAC meets at:  
Lapeer County ISD Education and Technology Center  
690 N. Lake Pleasant Road, Attica, MI.  
6 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Please visit the ISD website at: [www.lapeerisd.org](http://www.lapeerisd.org)

### Meeting Dates

#### 2018:

October 1

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

"Michigan Special  
Education Mediation"

November 5

6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

"Smart 9-1-1"  
START Passport

Business Meeting

#### 2019:

January 7

6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

"Social Security Disability  
& SSI"

February 4

6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

"Transition Planning-  
Life After School"

Business Meeting

March 4

6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

"Family Support Subsidy"

May 6

6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

"Children's Special  
Health Care"

Business Meeting

**The Next Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) PRESENTS:**

# **“Michigan Special Education Mediation”**



**Michigan Outreach Representative  
Beth Kohler Will Cover:**

- Services free to schools and parents
- Meeting facilitation
- Mediation
- Collaboration skills training

**Monday,  
October 1, 2018  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Lapeer County Education and  
Technology Center  
690 N Lake Pleasant Rd, Attica  
48412**

**MSEMP New Hotline Number:  
1-833-KIDS1ST or 1-833-543-7178**



## **Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Dates 2018-2019**

- October 1, 2018 - “Michigan Special Education Mediation”
- November 5, 2018- “Smart 9-1-1”/ “START Passport Overview” / Business Meeting
- January 7, 2019 - “Social Security Disability & SSI”
- February 4, 2019 - “Transition Planning– Life After School”/ Business Meeting
- March 4, 2019 - “Family Support Subsidy”
- May 6, 2019 - “Children’s Special Health Care” / Business Meeting



# **Welcome New Parent Advisor Committee (PAC) Representative!**

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My name is Dawn Wedemeyer, I am a lifelong resident and Almont graduate. My husband Pete and I are raising three wonderful children, twin boys Jarod and Jacob, 19, and a daughter Anna, 15. Jarod was diagnosed with non verbal autism at the age of 15 months old. Jarod attended both public and private school throughout the years. He is currently in the ROCK program at Ed Tech where he is successful with following schedules and working jobs on and off site. Besides personal experience, I am a resource room teacher at Almont High School for the past 12 years and previously 3 ½ years at Imlay City Middle School. I am a strong advocate of all people with different abilities and I look forward to being part of the PAC.



Hello my name is Debbie LeClaire and I am so excited to be a part of the PAC team. There are so many new ideas and different avenues for our special needs kids! I am looking forward to sharing ideas with all of you! My son is Logan LeClaire. He is in the fifth grade at Mayfield School. Logan has Phelan McDermid syndrome. This is a very rare syndrome that affects less than 1600 people worldwide and in Michigan alone there are 30 families that it impacts!

We are very blessed with our little Logan and his older brother Michael and sister Madison. He enjoys his school and friends and spending time with his family. I am very passionate about our special needs kids and making sure we do everything we can to help them through school and life! What we take for granted they work very hard to overcome! I would like to share a quote that is a very good guide for all of us: "If a child is not learning the way you are teaching, then you must teach in the way the child learns" - Rita Dunn





Forever Friends Network

Is located at:

323 Jefferson St,

Lapeer MI

For More Information On Upcoming Events, Visit: <http://www.foreverfriendsnetwork.net/>

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|  | <p><b>PUMPKIN CARVING AND HALLOWEEN DECORATING</b><br/>TBA<br/>Join us at FFN for fall festivities.</p>                            |
|  | <p><b>FANTASY FOREST</b><br/>11:00 am - 3:00 pm<br/>Join in the trick-or-treating fun at Fantasy Forest located at Rowden Park</p> |
|  | <p><b>PAST TENSE CIDER MILL</b><br/>5:00 - 7:30 pm<br/>Join us at Past Tense Cider Mill for a hayride and cider and donuts.</p>    |



**Special Olympics  
Fall 2018**

# Celebrate Hope: Seminar for Parents

*Presented by Lake Orion Community Schools*

## Parent/Caregiver Seminar

Are you a parent/caregiver struggling to come to terms with the challenges of raising a child with unique or complex needs? Are you struggling with intense emotions like sadness, anger, grief, frustration, fear, etc. and are not sure how to move forward? Do you need help with how to find acceptance?

Lake Orion Community Schools and Celebrate Hope, LLC invite you to join us for our Seminar and Meeting Support for the 18-19 school year. This opportunity is open to ALL parents/caregivers of a student attending an Oakland county public school.

John Ball from Celebrate Hope has extended an invitation to parents in Lapeer County.

**This free seminar is a resource for parents and caregivers who are looking for practical coping skills.**

Register at: <https://www.smores.com/mc3u5-celebrate-hope-seminar-for-pare>

-Or-

RSVP by entering <https://goo.gl/XZV5r9> into your browser!

*This opportunity is made possible by a partnership between Oakland Schools, Celebrate Hope, LLC, and Lake Orion Community Schools.*

**Celebrate Hope** is owned by John Ball and Lisa Goyette. They have over 30 years of educational and professional experience & each are the parent of a child with special/unique needs. They **UNDERSTAND** the struggles parents deal with. They are passionate about helping and committed to share what they know to bring forth healing to those in need.



All support seminars will be held at:  
Pine Tree Center,  
590 Pine Tree Rd,  
Lake Orion, MI 48362

## Support Gathering Dates:

- October 16, 2018 - 6:00-7:30 PM
- November 15, 2018 - 12:30-2:20 PM
- December 13, 2018 - 6:00-7:30 PM
- January 10, 2019 - 8:30-10:00 AM
- February 11, 6:00-7:30 PM
- March 19, 2019 - 6:00-7:30 PM
- April 16, 2019 - 8:30-10:00 AM
- May 21, 2019- 6:00-7:30 PM



## About Celebrate Hope, LLC

Celebrate Hope LLC seeks to partner with you as you traverse the journey from devastation to hope and help you rewrite your story. Lisa and John not only have the training and experience to help you work through what you are dealing with but they have the skills to bring you to a place of hope.





## Introducing the John's Crazy Socks Autism Can Do Scholarship

John here. Many of my colleagues here at John's are on the autism spectrum. I want the world to friends on the autism spectrum can do. We would never be able to do all we do without them.



Crazy Socks see what my

We are committed to supporting people on the autism spectrum and we want to make sure we give back. So we have created the John's Crazy Socks Autism Can Do Scholarship. The winner will receive \$3,000 to pay for college or a technical school. Please share this news with your friends and family.

I want to thank you for making it possible to offer the John's Crazy Socks Autism Can Do Scholarship. You buy our socks and support us, that let's us give more people jobs and give back more. So thank you very much.

It's September. Time for back to work and back to school. It is time for football (the Jets won!) and time for new socks. I'm wearing my new Grilled Cheese Socks. What new socks are you wearing?

We're spreading happiness so I hope the socks make you happy.  
You can learn more about the John's Crazy Socks Can Do Scholarship, go to:

**<https://johnscrazysocks.com/>**

John



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## Family Matters

Learn about special education topics. Find resources to help you and your child.

### What is *Family Matters*?

*Family Matters* is an outreach effort from the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education (MDE OSE). *Family Matters* provides parents with information about special education and other resources.

**Visit our web page**

[michigan.gov/specialeducation-familymatters](http://michigan.gov/specialeducation-familymatters)



**MICHIGAN**  
Department of Education

  
**1-888-320-8384**  
(OSE information line)

# Lapeer County Community Mental Health

## What We Do

Lapeer CMH serves adults, children and families. Direct services are available to persons of any age without regard to race, religion, national origin or handicap. Consultation services are available to schools, courts, law enforcement and social agencies, and other agencies serving the people of Lapeer County. Lapeer CMH is open 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### Location

Our agency address is:  
1570 Suncrest Drive  
Lapeer, MI 48446.

North Branch Office  
3789 Huron Ave.  
North Branch, MI  
810-270-2121

Imlay City Office  
6800 Newark Rd.  
Imlay City, MI  
810-721-7550

## Having an Emergency?

In an emergency, contact us at (810) 667-0500 anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

## Request Services

To request services, call toll-free (888) 225-4447. Click on the link for more information on [Accessing Services](#)

For other information about our services, you can contact us at e-mail: [lccmh@lapeercmh.org](mailto:lccmh@lapeercmh.org)

**MAKE THE CALL**  
Call 888-225-4447



[More Info](#)



Lapeer CMH accepts most insurance plans and:  
Medicaid, Medicare, Tricare, Blue Cross Blue  
Shield, McLaren, Veteran's Choice

## Our Services

Lapeer County CMH has been accredited by CARF for the following Programs and Services:

- Assertive Community Treatment (Adults)
- Assessment and Referral: Mental Health (Adults)
- Case Management/Services Coordination: Mental Health (Adults)
- Case Management/Services Coordination: Mental Health (Children and Adolescents)
- Community Integration: Mental Health (Adults)
- Community Integration: Psychosocial Rehabilitation (Adults)
- Crisis Intervention: Mental Health (Adults)
- Crisis Intervention: Mental Health (Children and Adolescents)
- Intensive Family-Based Services: Mental Health (Children and Adolescents)
- Outpatient Treatment: Mental Health (Adults)
- Outpatient Treatment: Mental Health (Children and Adolescents)
- Prevention: Mental Health (Adults)



**Your connection to early childhood programs in Lapeer County**

By subscribing to Text For "Tots" messages you will receive important information and tips for your kids ages birth to kindergarten entry.

Learn more about:

- Developmental screenings
- Parent groups
- Preschool programs
- Local activities

**TEXT "Tots" to 33222 and change your child's future**

**TEXT  
TOTS  
TO 33222**

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Parents want the best for their children. We do, too. For the first time ever, 15 nonprofit organizations have joined forces to support parents of the one in five children with learning and attention issues throughout their journey.

## Download: Anxiety Log to Find Out Why Your Child Gets Anxious or Stressed & Calming Strategies

The image displays three overlapping worksheets from the 'Anxiety Tracker' series. The top worksheet, 'Anxiety Tracker', is for a child named Matteo, dated 4/2018. It includes a table for logging anxiety episodes with columns for Timing, Setting, Signs, Outcome, Child rating, and Caregiver rating. The middle worksheet, 'Anxiety Pattern Finder', also for Matteo, 4/2018, is used to identify patterns in behavior over two to three weeks. The bottom worksheet, 'Calming Strategies Worksheet', for Matteo, 4/2018, includes a section for 'Your child's temperament' with checkboxes for various traits and a 'Tips' section for parents.

More Resources Can Be Found By Visiting: <https://www.understood.org>

### Featured Resources



How to Organize Your Child's IEP Binder



2-Minute Tutorial: How to Teach Your Child to Tie Shoes



The Difference Between Tantrums and Sensory Meltdowns



At a Glance: Helping Kids With ADHD Manage Screen Time

|                   | IEP  | 504 Plan   |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Basic Description | A document or plan for a child's special education experience at school.   | A document or plan for a child with a disability to ensure access to learning at school.   |
| What it Does      | Provides individualized special education and related services to meet the unique needs of the child. These services are provided at no cost to parents. | Provides services and changes to the learning environment to meet the needs of the child as adequately as other students. An 504 plan is provided at no cost to parents. |
| What Law          | The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)   | Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act  |

The Difference Between IEPs and 504 Plans



A Day in the Life of a Teen With Dyslexia





# Would you Like to Make a Difference?

## Parent Mentor Training

Children's Special  
Health Care Services

The Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs invites you to a Parent Mentor Training in Saginaw, Michigan.

- Remember when your child was newly diagnosed?
- Would it have helped to have someone to talk with who has "been there"?
- Are you interested in supporting other parents?

In our free, interactive **Parent Mentor Training** learn from a fellow parent about:

- Parent-to-Parent Support
- Communication Skills
- Listening Techniques
- Community Resources



We would like to reach parents/caregivers who are experienced and may want to become a Mentor to support other parents. Please share the attached flyer with parents who might have an interest in attending. This training is open to all families who have a child with a medical, physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional condition.

Saturday, October 13, 2018

8:45 AM — 9:00 AM Registration  
9:00 AM — 2:00 PM Parent Mentor Training

St. Mary's of Michigan  
800 S. Washington Ave, 2nd Floor, Room HEC7  
Saginaw, MI 48601

All participants will receive:

*\*\$25 Gift Card\**  
*\*Family Center Notebook\**  
*\*Medical Care Binder\**

Snacks, pizza and refreshments will be provided.

(If needed, parking, mileage and childcare may be reimbursed with prior approval)

Please use this link to register :

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/saginaw-parent-mentor-training-october-13-2018-tickets-49488953793>

Please register by October 10, 2018. Space is limited!

If you have any questions **prior to** the day of training, please call the Family Phone Line: 800-359-3722.

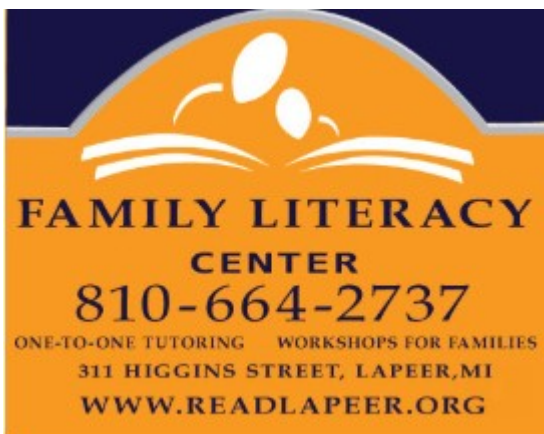
To reach us on the **day of** training, please call 517-944-4304 .



## Tutoring For Students

Many parents are not sure how to help their children succeed in school. However, with training and support, they can become more involved in home learning activities and have a chance to help their children succeed. The Family Literacy Center, in partnership with the Lapeer District Library offer free tutoring to help your child succeed.

Call us to find out how we can help. We offer a variety of classes for parents. Family Literacy Center's Child tutoring program may be available, too.

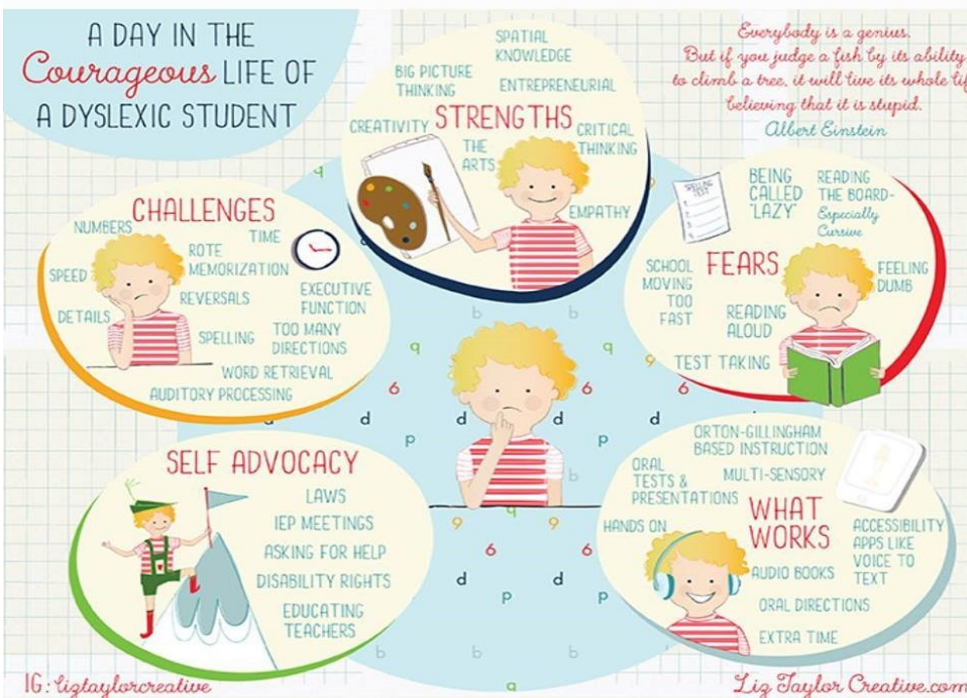


### HOURS:

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday  
9:00 am to Noon

**Family Literacy Center**  
PO Box 485  
311 Higgins Street  
Lapeer, MI 48446  
810-664-2737  
ican@readlapeer.org



**Dyslexia affects at least 1 out of every 5 children in the United States**

**Dyslexia represents the most common and prevalent of all known learning disabilities.**

**Find more out about dyslexia by visiting:**

**<https://dyslexiaida.org/>**