

Catskill Central School District

Parents of Children with Special Needs Support Group

Parent Support Group-Origin

One major goal of the Catskill Central School District is to provide quality and meaningful education for all children. This is sometimes easier said than done. Some of our children have special needs which hinder their ability to learn and be a successful member of the academic community. There are a myriad of reasons for these difficulties.

Recently the District established a study group to gain more knowledge about Autism and Related Disabilities. One goal of this group was to try to reach out to the families of these children. It was decided to expand this to families of all children with special needs.

The Vision:

It is the hope of this group to reach out to families, faculty and staff of our schools in order to gain a better understanding of the disabilities that hinder a child's ability to function successfully. We hope to create a learning environment that will better meet the needs of all children in our schools.

It is our hope that with commitment, training, support and cooperation we can provide an inclusive environment where all children can reach their potential.

Our Plan:

- Establish a support group that will meet regularly.
- Provide speakers on a variety of topics
- Facilitate discussions among parents of children with special needs
- Explore the availability of resources and information
- Foster communication between home and school (parents, teachers, administrators...)

First Meeting:

An open discussion about the needs of families and what future topics you would like addressed.

Date: *October 6th , 2008*

Time: *6:30 pm*

Place: *CES Library*

We encourage you to join us.

Child care will be provided.