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Where does a parent or guardian find information?

My child was just diagnosed. Who should I contact?

AIS, BOCES, CSE, IEP, **OPWDD**, PCSE....

Learninc is not one-size-fits-all. **Every child is different.**

I keep getting calls from the school and I don't know what to do?!

What's an IEP?

504 Plan? What's that?



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> We can help.

Are there local supports available in our *community?*

Orchard Park families with special needs students & atypical learners recognized there were far fewer opportunities for their children compared to their "typical" counterparts with little-to-no support locally. A dedicated group of parents & caregivers decided it was time to bring these families and our district partners together to create a network of support.

> On August 19, 2019, the OPSEPTSA was officially established.

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What is a SEPTSA?

It's part of the New York State PTA and National PTA*.

SEPTSA was designed to build strong partnerships among parents, teachers, students, administrators, existing PTAs and the community, for the benefit of families and children in need of special education and/or individualized services.

^{*} National PTA® comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of family engagement in schools. (pta.org)

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What does a SEPTSA do?



- Advocates for the education and well-being of EVERY child in our community
- Supports families of students with special or individual needs in the school district, placed out-of-district and within our locality
- Builds positive relationships with district staff, community, businesses, partners with other regional SEPTSA/SEPTA chapters & more!

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Who are SEPTSA members?



- Anyone that has an interest in the welfare and well-being of ALL children in our community
- Parents, guardians, families, teachers, students, school administrators, friends, neighbors, support staff, caregivers, etc.
- Membership is open to all

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Membership Benefits



parents, education experts & students **Guest speakers**

of attending in-person* or virtually

national levels. (pta.org)

- Get support & share experiences with other families
- Networking with district administrators, community members,
- Attend monthly member meetings with the flexibility
- Access to local, regional & NYS seminars and learning
- opportunities (usually FREE with your annual membership fee!)
- Fun family events & opportunities for ALL kids
- Be a part of a powerful association than can advocate on behalf of children and educators at the local, state and

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