



WVPTI SUMMER 2026 Newsletter

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WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

2026-2027 Parent Survey: Special Education

WVPTI is inviting parents of children receiving special education services to complete our new statewide survey. Your feedback helps improve services and outcomes for children with disabilities throughout West Virginia.

The survey asks parents about:

- Educational services and supports
- Parent involvement in decision-making
- Communication with schools
- Inclusion opportunities
- Satisfaction with educational programs
- Training and resource needs

Visit this link or scan the QR code below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YV9VH5C>

The survey is voluntary, confidential, and available to families across the state. Your voice matters!



WVPTI ROCKS! Find a WVPTI Rock and Win!

WVPTI is bringing some fun to summer with our statewide WVPTI Rocks! adventure.

How it works:

1. Find a WVPTI painted rock
2. Call the toll-free number listed on the rock
3. Learn about WVPTI Resources and Win a Prize!

This summer, WVPTI is hiding painted rocks in multiple counties across West Virginia. Follow our social media pages for clues, updates, and winner announcements.

It's a fun way to connect with families while spreading awareness about resources available across our state.



UPCOMING LIVE PARENT TRAININGS

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION & BEHAVIOR

Understanding the Connection. Building Skills. Supporting Success.

Presented by Dr. Barry Linger

Executive function skills impact organization, attention, emotional regulation, planning, and behavior. Learn practical strategies to support children and youth both at home and at school.

Topics Include:

- Executive functioning explained
- Why behavior and executive skills are connected
- Strategies families can use immediately
- Supporting independence and self-management



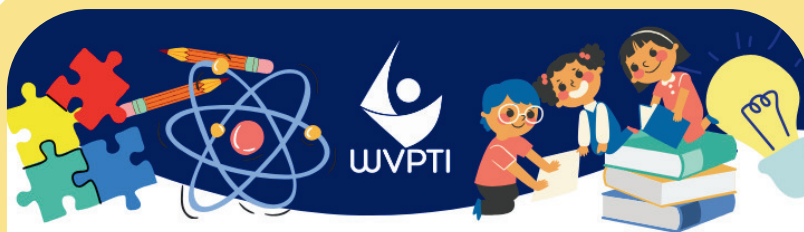
Thursday, June 25, 2026



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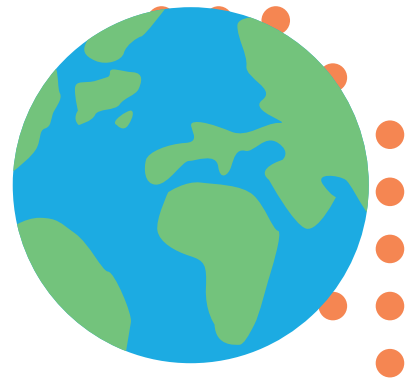
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WVPTI LIVE TRAININGS

WHEN THE WORLD SHIFTS



Moving Forward After Your Child's Diagnosis

Join special guest **Dr. Bruce Boynton, MD, PhD**, for an encouraging and informative presentation designed specifically for parents navigating a new diagnosis.

You'll Learn:

- Understanding developmental milestones
- Coping with a new diagnosis
- Building a support team
- Finding your voice as a parent
- Resources and next steps for your family



Tuesday, June 30, 2026



1:00 PM ET

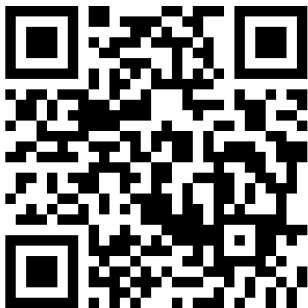


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FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

BRUCE BOYNTON, MD, PhD
Pediatrics & Neonatology

Highly respected in pediatrics and neonatology, Dr. Boynton had dedicated his career to caring for children and newborns with the most complex medical needs.

A Special Presentation For *Parents*



WVPTI LIVE TRAININGS

BASIC RIGHTS: UNDERSTANDING WV POLICY 2419



Let Valorie Guide You Through Your Parent Rights

Special education can feel overwhelming. This training breaks down the most important rights parents need to know under West Virginia Policy 2419.

Topics Include:

- Parent Rights & Procedural Safeguards
- Understanding Evaluations
- Eligibility Explained
- Participating in the IEP Process
- Dispute Resolution Options



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A graphic for the training featuring the WVPTI logo, a purple banner that says 'FREE LIVE TRAINING', and the title 'LET WVPTI GUIDE YOU THROUGH BASIC RIGHTS WV POLICY 2419'. Below the title is a road with five signs: 'KNOW YOUR PARENT RIGHTS', 'UNDERSTAND EVALUATIONS', 'ELIGIBILITY EXPLAINED', 'DISPUTE RESOLUTION', and 'IEP PARTICIPATION'. A circular photo of Valerie Gallagher is shown, with a purple box below it that says 'Presented by: Valerie Gallagher Training & Outreach Specialist'. The background is light blue with white clouds and a dotted orange border on the left side.

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6DWBXTQ>



WVPTI PRESENTS GUIDING THE JOURNEY: Caps to Compass



Registration Now open for 2026-2027!

WVPTI is excited to launch another year of our popular transition-focused parent and youth program.

Families Will Explore:

- Postsecondary Education Planning
- Employment and Career Readiness
- Independent Living Skills
- Understanding IEPs, 504 Plans, and Agency Linkages
- Supported Decision-Making and Guardianship Options
- Self-Advocacy for Youth and Families

Why Join?

- Learn from Experts
- Connect with other Families
- Build a plan that best works for your child
- Access WV-Specific resources and supports

Registration is open now through WVPTI

To Register, visit this link or scan the QR code below:


<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DWLHTY9>



We're Here for You

WV Parent Training & Information is West Virginia's only Parent Training and Information Center, providing free information, training, and support for families of children and youth with disabilities from birth through age 26.

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