



# ODLSS Parent University Trainings 2018-2019



## **ODLSS Vision**

Prepare students with disabilities for postsecondary success by implementing equitable practices through the use of evidence-based practices and curricula, quality instruction, and equitable supports that focus on closing learning gaps in the least restrictive environment.

## **ODLSS Core Values**

- Inclusion is emphasized, so all students are members of the general education classroom as a community.
- Special education instruction is based on individual student needs in order to create individualized education programs.
- A continuum of services is emphasized, so all students receive appropriate individualized services and gain access to grade level curriculum.
- Social-emotional and behavioral learning are critical skills for students to acquire and effectively apply in order to build positive, healthy relationships and promote their success in school and community.

## Opening remarks by Dr. Keenan



Dear Chicago Public Schools- ODLSS Families,

To support our students with disabilities, we must have our families as our thinking partners, with the intent of continuing our conversation related to serving those students.

Therefore, during the 2018-2019 school year, we will continue our efforts to support all families of students with disabilities through ongoing parent workshops and the ODLSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

In our attempts to empower families of students with disabilities, ODLSS will hold two “Parent Empowerment” Expos with the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD). We will host one in the Fall of 2018 and one in the Spring of 2019. At the Expos, our office will present special education experts to inform families about education rights, family supports, and post-secondary education strategies. Families will have an opportunity to consult with the experts about individual IEP’s. We will also host monthly Parent University workshops across the District. Additionally, ODLSS has formed a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) during the 2017-2018 School Year. The ODLSS PAC will meet second Thursday of every month to advise our office.

In our efforts to provide high-quality instruction for our students, I hope that we continue our partnership to share ideas and information with parents, community partners, educational and professional experts. I believe that building relationships among the families and subject matter experts will allow for a more productive and happy life in our students’ future endeavors.

I wish all our families a great 2018-2019 school year. I hope to see you at one or more of our events!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Keenan, Ph.D.  
Chief of Office of Diverse Learner Supports & Services

# Pot of Gold Challenge

**There is a pot of gold at the end of this rainbow of information**



**Attend 7 out of 10 ODLSS Parent University Trainings and receive a prize at the end of the school year. Be sure to sign the attendance sheet so we can confirm your attendance. You must stay for the entire training to receive credit for attending.**

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## August 2018

### Topic: BACK TO SCHOOL: Strategies to Prepare your Diverse Learner for a New School Year

**Course Description:** It can be a stressful time for both students and parents as we prepare to return to school. New teachers, new settings, your diverse learners needs may have changed and just getting back into a routine after a summer can be difficult.

In this session, you will learn strategies to prepare yourself and your diverse learner for a new school year including resources to help set up daily routines at home and how to support you, your student and the diverse learner team.

**Presenters:** Office of Diverse Learners Supports and Services (ODLSS) Parent Involvement Specialist Team (P.I. Team)

Sessions	Date	Location	Address	Time
1	Tuesday August 14, 2018	Colman, CPS Office	4655 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL, 60615, Room 406	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2	Thursday August 16, 2018	Corliss HS	821 E 103RD ST Chicago, IL, 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3	Thursday August 23, 2018	Bogan HS	3939 W 79TH ST Chicago, IL, 60652	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4	Thursday August 23, 2018	Sullivan HS	6631 N Bosworth Ave Chicago, IL 60626	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
5	Tuesday August 30, 2018	Avondale/ Logandale	3212 W George St. Chicago, IL, 60618	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6	Friday August 31, 2018	Perez HS	2001 S. Throop Chicago, IL, 60608	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

# September 2018

**Topic:** Understanding Your Rights as a Parent/Guardian

**Course Description:** Gain a comprehensive understanding of your rights that are safeguarded by state and federal law, and learn how to navigate the ISBE “Notice of Procedural Safeguards for Parent/Guardians of Students with Disabilities.”

**Presenter:** Illinois State Board of Education – ISBE Legal Department/ISBE Monitor

Sessions	Date	Location	Address	Time
1	Friday September 14, 2018	Dyett HS	555 E. 51st Chicago, IL. 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2	Thursday September 20, 2018	Bogan HS	3939 W. 79th St. Chicago, IL, 60652	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4	Friday September 21, 2018	Perez HS	2001 S. Throop Chicago, IL, 60608	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3	Wednesday September 26, 2018	Sullivan HS	6631 N. Bosworth Ave, Chicago, IL 60626	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
5	Thursday September 27, 2018	Avondale/ Logandale	3212 W. George St., Chicago, IL, 60618	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6	Friday September 28, 2018	Corliss HS	821 E. 103RD ST, Chicago, IL, 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## October 2018

### Topic: Navigating the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Process

**Course Description:** The individualized education plan (IEP) is a document written for a student with a disability that identifies needs, sets goals, and lists services to insure optimal educational and vocational outcomes. Often the IEP process can be intimidating and overwhelming to parents. Understanding the process will help parents become engaged participants in the development and implementation of the IEP.

**Presenter:** Family Resource Center on Disabilities (FRCD), Zoubida Pasha

Sessions	Date	Location	Address	Time
1	Wednesday October 10, 2018	Sullivan HS	6631 N. Bosworth Ave Chicago, IL 60626	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2	Thursday October 18, 2018	Corliss HS	821 E. 103RD St. Chicago, IL, 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3	Tuesday October 23, 2018	Perez HS	2001 S. Throop, Chicago, IL, 60608	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4	Friday October 19, 2018	Dyett HS	555 E. 51st Street Chicago, IL. 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
5	Thursday October 25, 2018	Avondale/ Logandale	3212 W. George St. Chicago, IL, 60618	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6	Tuesday October 30, 2018	Bogan	3939 W. 79TH St Chicago, IL, 60652	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



## November/December 2018

### Topic: Exercising My Rights as a Diverse Learner Parent/Guardian

**Course Description:** In this course, you will learn how to gather the tools you need before, during, and after the IEP/Eligibility meeting process and effectively exercise your rights as the Parent/Guardian of a Diverse Learner.

**Presenter:** Illinois State Board of Education – ISBE Legal Department/ISBE Monitor

Sessions	Date	Location	Address	Time
1	Tuesday November 13, 2018	Dyett HS	555 E. 51st Street Chicago, IL. 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2	Wednesday November 28, 2018	Corliss HS	821 E 103rd St. Chicago, IL, 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3	Tuesday November 20, 2018	Avondale/ Logandale	3212 W. George St. Chicago, IL, 60618	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4	Thursday November 15, 2018	Bogan HS	3939 W 79TH ST Chicago, IL, 60652	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
5	Friday November 16, 2018	Perez HS	2001 S. Throop Chicago, IL, 60608	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6	Friday November 30, 2018	Sullivan HS	6631 N Bosworth Ave Chicago, IL 60626	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

# January 2019

## Topic: What is the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)?

**Course Description:** This course will help you gain an understanding of the definition of Least Restrictive Environment and Free Appropriate Public Education. It will also help you apply these defined definitions to your diverse learner students education in accordance with CPS guidelines.

**Presenters:** Chicago Public Schools (CPS) District Representatives

Sessions	Date	Location	Address	Time
1	Tuesday January 15, 2019	Dyett HS	555 E. 51st Street Chicago, IL. 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2	Thursday January 17, 2019	Corliss HS	821 E 103RD ST Chicago, IL, 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3	Tuesday January 22, 2019	Sullivan	6631 N Bosworth Ave Chicago, IL 60626	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4	Thursday January 24, 2019	Avondale/ Logandale	3212 W George St. Chicago, IL, 60618	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
5	Thursday January 24, 2019	Bogan HS	3939 W 79TH ST Chicago, IL, 60652	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6	Friday January 25, 2019	Perez HS	2001 S. Throop, Chicago, IL, 60608	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## February 2019

### Topic: Notifications required during the Special Education Process

**Course Description:** This course will give you a general overview of forms and notices that you should receive from your school’s team during the special education process. Forms such as Notice of Conference, IEP report cards, ESY Notifications, Summer Bridge, Progress Reports and more.

**Presenters:** Chicago Public Schools (CPS) District Representatives & Illinois State Board of Education – ISBE Legal Department/ISBE Monitor

Sessions	Date	Location	Address	Time
1	Thursday February 7, 2019	Avondale/ Logandale	3212 W George St., Chicago, IL, 60618	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2	Tuesday February 12, 2019	Dyett HS	555 E. 51st Street Chicago, IL. 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3	Thursday February 14, 2019	Corliss HS	821 E 103RD ST Chicago, IL, 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4	Tuesday February 19, 2019	Sullivan HS	6631 N Bosworth Ave, Chicago, IL 60626	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
5	Thursday February 21, 2019	Bogan HS	3939 W 79TH ST, Chicago, IL, 60652	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6	Friday February 22, 2019	Perez HS	2001 S. Throop, Chicago, IL, 60608	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

# March 2019

## Topic: Advocacy : Tools of Empowerment

**Course Description:** In this course you will learn effective tools and best practices to be the best advocate for your diverse learner. We will share stories of success and programs that have helped diverse learners become successful life learners.

**Presenters:** Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Parent Involvement Specialist Team (PI Team)

Sessions	Date	Location	Address	Time
1	Tuesday March 12, 2019	Dyett HS	555 E. 51st Street Chicago, IL. 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2	Thursday March 14, 2019	Corliss HS	821 E 103RD St. Chicago, IL, 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3	Tuesday March 19, 2019	Sullivan HS	6631 N Bosworth Ave Chicago, IL 60626	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4	Thursday March 21, 2019	Avondale/ Logandale	3212 W George St. Chicago, IL, 60618	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
5	Thursday March 21, 2019	Bogan HS	3939 W 79TH St, Chicago, IL, 60652	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6	Friday March 22, 2019	Perez HS	2001 S. Throop Chicago, IL, 60608	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

# April 2019

## Topic: Including Your Diverse Learner in the General Education Classroom Setting

**Course Description:** Placing a child in the general education classroom is not enough to support your students goals. In this course you will learn strategies that will help your diverse learner be successful in the general education classroom setting with supports and services as indicated in the IEP.

Parents will understand why it is important for students to be included in the general education setting as much as possible.

**Presenters:** Chicago Public Schools (CPS) District Representatives

Sessions	Date	Location	Address	Time
1	Tuesday April 16, 2019	Dyett HS	555 E. 51st Street Chicago, IL. 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2	Thursday April 18, 2019	Corliss HS	821 E 103RD ST Chicago, IL, 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3	Tuesday April 23, 2019	Sullivan HS	6631 N Bosworth Ave Chicago, IL 60626	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4	Thursday April 25, 2019	Avondale/ Logandale	3212 W George St. Chicago, IL, 60618	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
5	Thursday April 25, 2019	Bogan HS	3939 W 79TH ST Chicago, IL, 60652	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6	Friday April 26, 2019	Perez HS	2001 S. Throop Chicago, IL, 60608	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

# May 2019

## Topic: What is Multi-Tiered System (MTSS), Progress Monitoring and the IEP Report Card?

**Course Description:** In this course you will learn the basic framework for the Multi Tiered System, the type of data collected for progress monitoring and how to read a IEP report card. Bring in your students IEP report card and have them reviewed by our team.

**Presenters:** Chicago Public Schools (CPS) District Representatives & Special Education Administrators

Sessions	Date	Location	Address	Time
1	Tuesday May 14, 2019	Dyett HS	555 E. 51st Street Chicago, IL. 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2	Thursday May 16, 2019	Avondale/ Logandale	3212 W George St. Chicago, IL, 60618	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3	Thursday May 16, 2019	Corliss HS	821 E 103RD ST Chicago, IL, 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4	Tuesday May 21, 2019	Sullivan HS	6631 N Bosworth Ave Chicago, IL 60626	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
5	Thursday May 23, 2019	Bogan HS	3939 W 79TH ST Chicago, IL, 60652	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6	Friday May 24, 2019	Perez HS	2001 S. Throop Chicago, IL, 60608	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

# June 2019

## Topic: Preparing your Diverse Learner for the Summer

**Course Description:** In this course you will learn opportunities available during the summer for parents at Chicago Public Schools, how to sign-up for Chicago Park District programs and other summer camps in the surrounding area. You will also learn some great tips to use at home to keep your diverse learner engaged over the summer.

**Presenters:** Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Parent Involvement Specialist Team (PI Team)

Sessions	Date	Location	Address	Time
1	Tuesday June 4, 2019	Sullivan HS	6631 N Bosworth Ave Chicago, IL 60626	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2	Thursday June 6, 2019	Avondale/ Logandale	3212 W George St., Chicago, IL, 60618	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
3	Tuesday June 11, 2019	Dyett HS	555 E. 51st Street Chicago, IL. 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4	Thursday June 13, 2019	Bogan HS	3939 W 79TH ST Chicago, IL, 60652	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
5	Thursday June 13, 2019	Corliss HS	821 E 103RD ST Chicago, IL, 60628	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6	Friday June 14, 2019	Perez HS	2001 S. Throop Chicago, IL, 60608	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM