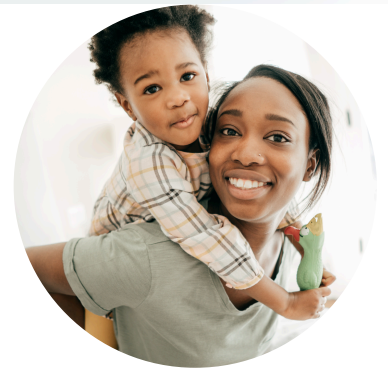


# Parent Leadership Academy

**2026 Application open for Spring and Fall Series**

**Spring Thursday Night Series starts April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fall Wednesday Night Series starts September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

AJE is providing a free virtual leadership development and advocacy skills training on Special Education, Effective Advocacy for children at school and in medical settings, and School Governance with a focus on the needs of students with disabilities and special health care needs.



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The 2026 Spring PLA series will be held online Thursday evenings at 7:00pm starting April 9<sup>th</sup>. The 2026 Fall PLA series will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. All sessions will be recorded. The 2026 [application](https://forms.gle/itUCXXpxYEZn2rez7) (<https://forms.gle/itUCXXpxYEZn2rez7>) has more details about both sessions, or you can contact Maria Blaeuer at 202-678-8060 ext. 213 or [maria.blaeuer@aje-dc.org](mailto:maria.blaeuer@aje-dc.org).



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per series**

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# PLA Topics

additional topics  
may include:

School Choice  
Secondary Transition  
Strong Start/Early Stages  
Restorative Justice  
Advocacy Programs  
Student Behavior



## Laws Protecting Students with Disabilities

ADA, 504, IDEA, and other laws.



## Democracy & Education

Education governance in DC, who does what & how they got there.



## All About the IEP

A deep dive into all parts of the IEP



## Effective Communication and Advocacy

Strategies for meetings with schools.



## IDEA

The legal basis for Special Education



## Working with Doctors & other Care Providers

Best practices for families, advocating for health equity



## School Discipline

Student Behavior, Manifestation Determination Reviews



## Testimony and other Forms of Systemic Advocacy

Sharing your story

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