



TN Parent Training and Information Center  
Collaborating with TN School Systems  
Improving Outcomes for Children with Disabilities

*STEP's mission is to empower parents through information, training and support to become effective partners with professionals in planning appropriate educational programs for their children.*

**Collaborating with STEP will help your school:**

INCREASE PARENT PARTICIPATION

IMPROVE TRANSITION OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS

ENSURE SMOOTH TRANSITIONS FROM TEIS

PROMOTE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL

REDUCE NUMBER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRALS

ADVANCE RTI INITIATIVES AND READING IMPROVEMENT

IDENTIFY & RESOLVE AREAS OF NON-COMPLIANCE

STRETCH RESOURCES THROUGH PARTNERING

**Let us work with you to reach your objectives!**

## **STEP Services for Schools**

### **Our staff can:**

- Identify emerging issues and assist with resolution planning
- Plan Transition Institutes
- Facilitation at IEP meetings
- Partner on school events and inform families of events
- Distribute Surveys to Families
- Connect districts with family members to serve on boards

### **In Service Training:**

- Age Appropriate Transition Assessments
- Train the Trainer: RTI What Parent's Need to Know
- Literacy: Strategies to reach student's with significant disabilities
- Building Effective Communication with Parents
- Parent Involvement Standards In Action Training

**NOTE:** Workshops or trainings where families are invited are FREE.  
RTI & Literacy Trainings are FREE. Other in-service trainings may have a fee.

### **Parent Workshops**

- Communication and Conflict Resolution
- Parent's Introduction to Special Education Rights & Responsibilities under IDEA
- Parent's As Collaborative Leaders
- Understanding & Using Evaluations
- Response to Intervention (RTI): What Parent's Need to Know
- Literacy is for ALL and Literacy in the IEP
- Next STEP: IEP Development and Goal Writing
- Inclusion & Least Restrictive Environment
- Early Childhood Transition
- Transition to Adulthood: (for students, parents & teachers)
- Understanding Section 504
- Workshops in Spanish and Conferences for Multicultural Families

**Contact a Coordinator in your area to establish a collaborative connection with STEP, request further information, or to request a service. [www.tnstep.org](http://www.tnstep.org)**

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