

## Accessing Special Education: Evaluation and Eligibility Basics

*The Special Education  
Evaluation Process*  
Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
7:00 -8:00 PM

This session focuses on the initial evaluation for special education services. It addresses how to initiate an evaluation; what evaluation entails; timelines to conduct an evaluation; and pros and cons of disability labels. **Presented by Renee Myers, NCSP, Content Specialist and Beth Spivack, MSW, Family Support and Outreach Director, Formed Families Forward**

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*Reevaluations: Tips for  
Continuing Special Education  
Eligibility*  
Tuesday, March 1, 2022  
7:00-8:00 PM

This session will review when reevaluation must and can happen; explore strategies for making the most of the reevaluation process including resolution of disagreements; and examine options for transitioning from eligibility under the developmental delay to other categories. **Presented by Kelly Henderson, PhD, Executive Director and Renee Myers, NCPS, Content Specialist, Formed Families Forward**

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*Special Education for Formed  
Families: Making It Work!*  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
7:00-8:00 PM

This session will cover who in foster, adoptive and kinship families can request and consent to reevaluation; identify disability categories under which many children in formed families are eligible; distinguish the impact of pre-placement delays from disabilities requiring special education and related services; and explore trauma-sensitive assessment and evaluation approaches that result in stronger, more accurate identification of disabilities for children and youth in formed families. **Presented by Kelly Henderson, PhD, Executive Director and Beth Spivack, MSW, Family Support & Outreach Director, Formed Families Forward**

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***Connecting to Special  
Education Services for Military  
Families Formed Through  
Adoption, Kinship Care and  
Foster Care***

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022  
7:00-8:00 PM**

In this session, we will identify some characteristics of military families that are formed through foster care, adoption and kinship care; describe two ways to get started on the evaluation path; explore challenges specific to military families receiving special education services; and identify military programs that can provide support and guidance. ***Presented by Nina Manganaris, LCSW, Deputy Director, Formed Families Forward***

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**Trainings are free of charge.** These sessions are open to **all** parents, caregivers, and professionals, though content will address issues of particular relevance to foster, adoptive and kinship families.

Formed Families Forward offers training and support for foster, adoptive and kinship families raising children and youth with special needs. Register at [www.FormedFamiliesForward.org](http://www.FormedFamiliesForward.org), or 703-539-2904. NOTE that EACH webinar has its own registration.

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