



10:45 a.m. – 11:30 am Workshops

Social Security Disability Benefits: The Requirements, the Benefits and How to File

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**Presenter: Elba Esmurria, Representative,
Social Security Administration**

In this workshop you will learn what the requirements are for Social Security disability benefits, the filing process, and different types of benefits. Current online services and resources, and how working can affect eligibility of benefits will be discussed. Time will be allowed for a questions & answers.

Navigating Vocational Rehabilitation

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**Presenter: John C. Gutierrez, Senior Staff Advocate,
Arizona Center for Disability Law**

This presentation will guide you through the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) process. You will learn about services that may be available to you through the VR program. Attendees will also learn what to do in case VR services are denied.

Strategies for a Successful IEP Meeting

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**Presenter: Martha Leon, Staff Advocate,
Arizona Center for Disability Law**

In this workshop you will learn what to do to prepare for an IEP meeting, what to do during the meeting, and what do after the meeting.

Noon Panel Discussion on Diversity and Community Inclusion.



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Youth Transition Panel



**Moderator: George Garcia, Executive Director,
Southwest Institute for Families and Children**

Growing up with a disability comes with its challenges, but with the right type of support, young adults can achieve their goals and live an independent lifestyle. Young adults with disabilities will talk about obstacles they have overcome to achieve their goals.

Creating Boundaries & Limits of School Aged Children with Special Needs



**Erika Y. Mendoza, M.Ed., Director, CPLC Parenting Arizona
Rosemary Ochoa, M.Ed., Parent Educator, Home Visitation, CPLC
Parenting Arizona**

Strategies will be discussed on how to create healthy boundaries, limits and expectations of school age children with special needs that are applicable across settings.

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Take Back Your Neighborhood Panel

Moderated by: Ray Yocopis, Community Education & Uolunteer Program City of Phoenix, Neighborhood Services

Attendees will learn about the various programs and services offered to City of Phoenix residents that support efforts in neighborhood revitalization. Attendees will meet community members active and engaged in keeping their community safe and blight free. This workshop will motivate attendees to make a difference in the community..

Work is Possible

Iuan L. Rivera Program Manager\Benefits 2 Work Ability360

This presentation outlines some of the work incentives available to help individuals receiving Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income when they return to work. It dispel the myths regarding the loss of benefits such as Medicare and\or Medicaid. It is designed to empower and educate the consumer as a means of promoting independence and demonstrating that it is possible to move out of poverty.