

TIES

(Training, Information, Empowerment, Support)



The TIES program is a parent education program designed for parents of newly diagnosed children with autism spectrum disorders. The primary objective of the TIES program is to provide information, training and support to families in order to prepare for life with a child with autism. What we hope to provide is empowerment through knowledge and support so parents can become successful advocates for their children.

The TIES Parent Education Series

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The TIES program is a weekly education series that lasts for approximately four months (16 sessions). The groups are designed to be small, approximately six families, and each session lasts 90 minutes. The small group structure allows for increased individual attention and opportunity to ask specific questions that are directly related to the child with autism. The series covers a wide range of topics from introductory information (Introduction to autism, Introduction to Behavioral Principles, Introduction to Language and Communication) to support setting up services (Services, Therapies and Interventions, IDEA and related special education laws, Educational Advocacy) to training of specific strategies (Modifying your home, Use of visuals, How to facilitate communication) to information related to family support and wellness (parent panels, representatives from local parent support organizations). Some of the sessions are led by the facilitator of the program and others are led by professionals from outside the UW Autism Center.

TIES Parent Education Curriculum

1. Parent Training: Introductory Session
2. Parent Training: Introduction to Autism
3. Parent Training: Treatment Approaches, Therapies & Related Services
4. Parent Training: Introduction to Behavioral Principles
5. Parent Training: Language and Social Communication
6. Parent Training: Sensory Processing and Occupational Therapy
7. Parent Training: Medical Follow-Up in Autism
8. Parent Training: IDEA and Related Laws
9. Parent Training: Advocacy for Families
10. Parent Training: Parent Group
11. Parent Training: Modifying the Home/Using Visuals
12. Parent Training: Nutritional Therapies/Vitamins
13. Parent Training: Teaching Using an ABA Approach
14. Parent Training: Teaching Using a Developmental Approach
15. Parent Training: Family Support
16. Parent Training: Wellness
17. Parent Training: Questions/Feedback

For more information, please contact the UW Autism Center at 253.692.4721

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