



Newsletter

Teacher Training Workshop



Thanks to the support of **Digicel** CKFTO's Teacher Training

Workshop entitled "*Behavioural and Learning Challenges*

within the Classroom - Which came first?" took place at the Hotel Normandie, St Ann's April 9 - 10. This two day inspirational workshop

integrating evidence based strategies for accommodating students within



obstacles in learning . Over 50 professionals within the education field came out to take advantage of the hands on training workshop.

CKFTO's Fifth Annual Fundraiser

Thanks to you, we have been able to subsidize therapy and support services to institutions and families across Trinidad and Tobago for the last 7 years! CKFTO's 5th Annual Fundraiser and Art Auction was held at Jaffa Restaurant on Sunday 24th May, 2015. All proceeds go toward subsidies in Occupational Therapy, Music Therapy, Programmes and other Support Services to more than 61% for our clients throughout Trinidad and Tobago.

Social Integration of Persons with Disabilities Campaign



His Worship Alderman Raymond Tim Kee, Mayor of Port of Spain in support of our Social Integration of Persons with Disabilities campaign, made a welcomed visit to Caribbean Kids and Families Therapy

Organisation's (CKFTO) Centre in St. James to inspect the first of many Handicapped Parking Signs to be installed by the Port of Spain



Regional Corporation. The Mayor applauded Spanish petroleum company Repsol for their support and example in the " Open Your Mind- Discover the Ability in Disability Sensitization Campaign."

UWI Network and Outreach for Disability Education and Sensitization

In April, our Social Integration of Persons with Disabilities (SIPD) display took part in UWI's conference "Towards Social Integration, Rights, Roles, Recognition of Persons with Disabilities."

This two-day conference sought to address and provide information to assist persons with disabilities.

WHAT IS AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM?

An Individualized Education Program (IEP) is a written document of the educational program designed to meet a child's individual needs. If your child has been diagnosed with a disability and found to be needing special education services, an IEP is formulated to meet those needs. The purpose of the IEP is to address your child's unique learning issues and it includes specific educational goals. The IEP will also document the services the school (and private therapists, if applicable) will provide, and how progress will be measured. This document should be reviewed annually to monitor your child's progress and determine what, if any, changes should be made to the plan. In some circumstances the document may have to be reviewed before the year is complete, for instance if there are any substantial changes to the child's behavior or learning.

There are several people involved in the creation of the IEP. It is important to work as a team to assess your child's strengths and weaknesses and formulate a plan that best helps your child to succeed. The members of an IEP team are typically:

- the parents
- a psychologist
- the child's teacher
- a special education teacher (if available)
- the school principal or representative
- the child (if he or she is over 16, your child can participate in the meeting to help develop a transition plan)

Depending on the child's specific needs the following persons may *also* be in attendance:

- a physical therapist
- an occupational therapist
- a speech therapist
- a vision or hearing specialist

ALERT Summer Camp

Dates

July 13-17

2 groups offered daily!

We know

from the experiences of families and the findings of research, that having a child

with a disability powerfully affects everyone in the family, especially the child's brothers and sisters. Disability affects each sibling individually, as well as the relationships between siblings.

Children who have a sibling with special needs have needs of their own. To support our families, CKFTO's SIBS (Supporting and Including Brothers

and Sisters) and SIBSTEEN Support Groups, is uniquely crafted to meet the needs of Caribbean children. This program focus on having fun and connecting with other children who face similar triumphs and challenges of living with a sibling with special needs. For information on our monthly groups call 628-3268 or info@ckfto.org

