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Education Legal Issues

A presentation by Nan Jensen, Quinlaw - Hosted by Disability Connect

This seminar will be of interest to all families raising a child with a disability, whether in mainstream or special school environments. Come along and learn about enrolment rights, decision processes around special education, processes around an ORS funding decline, requests to parents for teacher aide funding contributions, requests to parents for funding for student support at extra-curricular camps and activities, stand-downs, use of restraint, and much more.

Who Should Attend:

The parents of disabled students who are concerned with the support entitlement for their child in New Zealand Schools. This seminar explores the following topics:

- Section 9 access to Special School, why is this legally required?
- Section 10 appeals to ORS decline
- Stand downs – under what conditions are they fair
- Clarifying responsibility for the student's safety and welfare during travel between school and home
- Physical aggression and use of restraint
- Issue of school requests for funding contribution from parents (to help pay for teacher aide or resources)
- School camps and extra-curricular activities – requests from the school that parents pay/provide the support person to accompany that student
- Plus a range of other education legal issues

Nan Jensen – Barrister and Solicitor, Quinlaw

Nan has been involved in the disability sector since 1998, in governance, advisory, support parent, advocacy and employee capacities. Two of her four children are on the autism spectrum, and she decided to study law after taking a successful arbitration case against the Ministry of Education to retain ORRS funding for her son. She was admitted to the bar in 2012 and specialises in disability law. She lives in Te Kowhai near Hamilton with her husband, Søren, their children and their dog.

Central Auckland	Tuesday 14 th March 12-2pm Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose
North Auckland	Tuesday 28 th March 7-9pm Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany
South Auckland	Tuesday 9 th May 7-9pm Clover Park Community House 16 Israel Ave, Clover Park
Central Auckland	Thursday 25 th May 12-2pm Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose
West Auckland	Wednesday 7 th June 7-9pm MPHS Hub West, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson

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