



Parents of Vision Impaired (NZ) Inc.

Providing a community to support parents of children with vision impairments

PVI parent webinars - Session 2

Kia ora and welcome to June!

The second sessions for our parent webinar series are coming up:

Auckland Disability Law: Advocating for your child's rights in education

PVI's New Parent Orientation: Session 2

Read on to find out more...

Education and your child's rights

This can be a key issue for parents to grapple with, especially if your child needs additional support in school. Knowing what you can (and can't!) advocate for, who to talk to about which issue, and how to write an email that gets action are all useful tools for parents.

Rachael Wiltshire, from [Auckland Disability Law](#), will be presenting this webinar on **Advocating for your child's rights in education.**

Date: Thursday 6 June

Time: 7pm to 8:30pm

Location: via Zoom

Register here: <https://forms.gle/KhjwC7dGcMD5weJu8>

This seminar will cover:

- Education rights under the law
- Advocacy strategies
- Who to talk to about what
- Asking for a meeting
- Looking after yourself

[Register for the education rights webinar here](#)

About Auckland Disability Law

Auckland Disability Law has previously delivered this series to parents in Auckland. The parents who attended felt that this was important information for them to know about, and several parents expressed the wish that they had known about these matters earlier so they could have been better prepared and made appropriate arrangements before issues arose for their children.



About Rachael Wiltshire

Rachael Wiltshire (Pākehā) is the National Community Educator for Auckland Disability Law. In this role, she delivers legal education sessions for Deaf and disabled people and their supporters on disability-related legal issues. Rachael's interest in the disability sector comes from her own experiences as an autistic person. She has previously been heavily involved with Altogether Autism, having served as one of their autistic advisors from 2020-2023. In this role she delivered presentations on autism to whānau and professionals. Rachael is also particularly interested in education. She regularly tutors NCEA students, and she is a current member of the Ministry of Education's Disability Voices Group.

PVI New Parent Orientation Series

New to the blind sector? Have questions about navigating the system?
Feeling overwhelmed by it all? Then this webinar series is for you!

PVI has put together a series of two webinars tailored for new parents. As this is a new endeavor for PVI, we are eager to hear your feedback after each session to enhance and ensure the content meets the needs of parents!

[Click here to register your interest.](#)

Session 2

Date: Monday 10 June

Time: 7pm to 8pm | 10am to 11am (same content, different times)

Location: Online via Zoom

This Session follows on from Session 1. Content includes the following:

- Blind Sector events for children
- Local agencies funded to support you
- Arts, Theatre, Ballet touch tours and audio description
- Accessible and inclusive sports

[**Click here to register your interest in this series**](#)

2024 PVI Conference 18-20 October

This year's PVI Annual Conference and AGM will be held at the Novotel, **Christchurch**. Starting Friday afternoon 18th October we will close after the AGM on Sunday 20th October. Pencil in these dates to avoid any scheduling conflicts - and stay tuned for more details, registration information, and speakers!

Donate to PVI

We try to keep costs down so parents can freely access information and supports. Your donation means we can keep connecting parents to supports and to each other. If you want to donate to the work that PVI does, and would like a claimable tax receipt, you can do so via our Give-a-little page. PVI is a registered charity, so any donations qualify for tax receipts.

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Don't forget to check out our [Facebook page](#), which has regular links to things of interest, and you can join our parent [Facebook group](#) to connect with other parents.

All the best and take care,
Rebekah Graham
National Executive Officer, PVI

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