



Parents of Vision Impaired (NZ) Inc.

Providing a community to support parents of children with vision impairments

Term 2 means PVI parent webinars!!

Kia ora and welcome to Term 2 (May - June - July)! We are thrilled to share that PVI has been busy organizing a series of parent webinars to support you along the way.

Exciting news - we have partnered with Auckland Disability Law for a webinar series on Supported Decision Making, EPAs, and the PPPR Act tailored for parents of teenagers. Additionally, we have developed an orientation series designed specifically for parents new to the blind sector. Read on for more details on each webinar.

Supported Decision Making, EPA's and the PPPR Act

These are key issues for parents to grapple with, especially as your children who may need support for making decisions become teenagers and adults. Better to be prepared early than be caught by surprise!

Rachael Wiltshire, from [Auckland Disability Law](#), will be presenting a series of two webinars. The first webinar focuses on **Supported Decision Making, EPAs, and the PPPR Act.**

Date: Thursday 9 May

Time: 7pm to 8:30pm

Location: via Zoom

Register here: <https://forms.gle/CrF9ounA1UipsqBf7>

This first seminar will cover:

- The principles of Supported Decision Making
- Risks and tensions of Supported Decision Making
- What is the capacity to make decisions?
- The law around these issues – Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act (PPPR Act), its purpose, and its relevance to parents and supporters of disabled children
- The options available to parents when more than just Supported Decision Making is necessary; Executive Powers of Attorney (EPA's), Guardianship orders under the Act, and Wills.

The second webinar will cover **advocating for your child's rights in education** and will be held Thursday 6 June, 7pm to 8:30pm. Further details to come closer to the time.

Register for the Supported Living, EPAs and PPPR 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 1

Date: Monday 13 May

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

Location: Online via Zoom

Session 2

Date: Monday 10 June

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

Location: Online via Zoom

Content includes the following:

- The acronyms you need to know
- Introduction to BLENNZ and BLVNZ (and how to enrol)
- What you need to know about MOH, MOE, and MSD
- Navigating the blind sector
- Finding your way around the disability sector
- Where to go to find support
- Useful things to know

[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.

Donate via Give-A-Little here

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,
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National Executive Officer, PVI

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