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The **mission** of KY-SPIN, Inc. is to link families and individuals with disabilities to valuable resources that will enable them to live productive, fulfilling lives.

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Director's Corner

Hi, hope all is well. Every child needs a way to communicate: to share their thoughts, express their needs, and connect with others. While children may communicate in different ways- through words, gestures, expressions, or behavior- each way is important and meaningful. As caregivers, when we recognize and support how our children communicate, we help them feel understood, valued, and confident. We also play an important role in helping others understand how our child communicates, so they can be supported and heard in every environment. Together, we can ensure every child has a way to share their voice and is understood.

With Love,
Rhonda Logsdon



Teaching Our Little Ones Communication Skills

Helping Kids Develop The Communication Skills Needed For A Life Time Full Of Conversation!





Conversation Starters

Help KY-SPIN Kids learn how to start fun conversations!

Cut these questions out and use them in a game. You can shuffle them, each person picks one. Then take turns asking someone in the circle the question.

Getting to Know You Starters

If you could switch places with someone for a day, who would it be?

What's your favorite thing to eat for lunch?

What's one thing that always makes you laugh?

What's your favorite thing to play with?

Silly & Fun Starters

If you could have any animal as a pet—even a dinosaur—what would you pick?

Would you rather slide down a rainbow or bounce on clouds?

What would you do if your shoes could talk?

If you had a robot friend, what would you name it?

Imaginative Starters

If you had a spaceship, where would you fly to first?

What would your dream treehouse have inside?

If you could invent a holiday, what would it be called?

What would your superhero name be?

Easy Starters

Do you like pizza or ice cream more?

What color do you wear the most?

Do you like loud or quiet places?

What's your favorite toy or game?



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● Conversation Starters

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Family Activities

Sometimes our little ones are not sure what to say in new situations or how to start a new friendship. That's totally okay! By teaching them fun conversation starters, we can help them feel more confident and ready to talk to others. When kids know how to begin a conversation, it becomes easier to make friends and build great relationships.

- Find your favorite spot and let's begin!
- Use the activity above to start a conversation
- Next step - work together to come up with ideas for different conversations they would like to have with friends.

KBE names Rhonda Logsdon as winner of the 2026 Robinson Award

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) presented the 2026 Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education to Rhonda Logsdon, the executive director of Kentucky Special Involvement Network (KY-SPIN), at its April 9 meeting. [Read More](#)



The Kentucky Board of Education honored Rhonda Logsdon, center, the executive director of KY-SPIN, with the 2026 Robinson Award for Diversity and Equity in Public Education. She poses for a photo with KBE Vice Chair Lu S. Young, left, and Commissioner of Education Robbie Fletcher. Photo by Joe Ragusa, Kentucky Department of Education, April 9, 2026

Join us as we celebrate the entire KY-SPIN team's dedication and passion to empowering individuals with disabilities, their families, and professionals!



Upcoming Events!

Bridging the Gap in Special Education



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Join KY-SPIN for friendly, easy-to-follow sessions to help you understand the Special Education Process.



Upcoming Sessions

Date	Topic
April 2, 2026	Building Partnerships
April 9, 2026	Overview of Section 504, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) & Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 2004
April 16, 2026	The Special Education Process
April 23, 2026	Individualized Education Program (IEP) Development, Pt 1
April 30, 2026	IEP Development, Pt 2
May 7, 2026	IDEA Procedural Safeguards and Dispute Resolution
May 14, 2026	504 Plan and Individual Health Plan (IHP)


Weekly Virtual Sessions
TWO Attendance Options


10:00 am - 11am EST
OR
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm EST



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Lunch and Learn



LUNCH & LEARN Webinars

KY-SPIN provides training, information, and valuable resources to individuals with disabilities, their families and professionals.

April 14, 2026 & May 12, 2026
12-1pm EST

Summer break is rapidly approaching!
Lunch & Learn webinars will resume the 2nd
Tuesday in August

**In the meantime, visit us on the web, and
follow us @kyspininc**



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April 14, 2026

**Elevating Family Voice: Bridging the Transition
from Early Intervention to Preschool for Children
who are DeafBlind**

Presented by Donna Carpenter, Kentucky Deafblind Project. This session explores the diverse experiences of families of children with vision and hearing differences as they transition from early intervention to preschool services. Participants will consider family perspectives to better understand common challenges and successes during this process. The session will also highlight family-centered strategies, tools, and resources that can support more successful and collaborative transitions.

May 12, 2026

**From Misunderstanding to Support: Navigating
Invisible Disabilities in Education**

Invisible disabilities profoundly impact behavior, attendance and learning. This session helps participants recognize subtle signs of need, navigate student rights under education law and apply practical advocacy strategies. We emphasize family-educator collaboration to develop effective, individualized supports for every student.

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Transition Tuesday



TRANSITION TUESDAYS

Building a Strong Foundation for Youth with Disabilities

Online Webinars

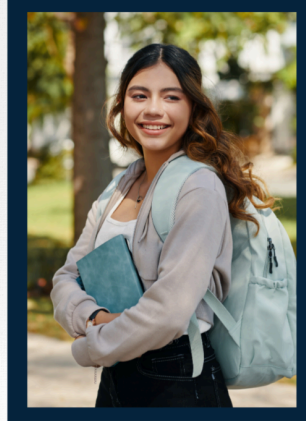
WHEN: 4TH TUESDAY MONTHLY
TIME: 9:30AM - 10:15AM EST

April 28, 2026 Collaborative Communication Skills for Everyday Situations

Build confidence in speaking up, sharing your needs, and working toward solutions. This session introduces six key self-advocacy skills and practical communication tools to help you navigate everyday situations, resolve disagreements respectfully, and use your voice to create positive change.

May 26, 2026 Taking Charge of your Mental Health: an Empowering Lesson for Kentucky Youth

Learn what causes changes in mental health, how to recognize signs that seeing a professional may be beneficial, and how to have that conversation with a trusted adult. Participants will also gain access to national and statewide resources to aid in daily and crisis mental health support.



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Educators and students encouraged to attend!

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Resource Central



**The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)
Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL)
Part 5 - IEP Consideration of Special Factors:
Communication Needs video**

[Part 5 - IEP Consideration of Special Factors: Communication Needs presentation](#) Handout



[KY-SPIN Learning Center](#), offering free online, self-paced learning courses designed to help families, youth and professionals!

Early Childhood

Let's discover what we may have in common with someone who has a disability!

Most important of all is we all want to be...

Loved and Included

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Let's Find What We Have in Common!
This fun activity helps us learn that we have things in common with everyone!

- 1. Think About What You Like** - What's your favorite food? What games do you like to play?
- 2. Meet a New Friend** - At the park or school, approach someone new with a smile and say, "Hi! I'm _____. What's your name?"
- 3. Find Something the Same, Talk about what you both like** - Do you both love pizza? Do you both enjoy music?
- 4. Talk About It** - Share with others what you learned and how you are alike in different ways.
- 5. Draw or Write** - Show what you learned by making a picture or writing a few words below.

Everyone is special, and we can all be good friends!

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Helping kids connect starts with simple moments. This KY-SPIN activity invites children to meet someone new, talk about what they both like, and discover what they have in common.

Download [Let's Find What We Have in Common! Children's Activity](#)

Resources:

- [7 Activities That Help Kids Communicate With Others](#)
- [Early Childhood Education: The Power of Interactions](#)
- [20 Evidence-Based Social Skills Activities and Games for Kids](#)
- [Speech and Language Activities for 3 to 5 year olds](#)

If you need someone to talk to....

- [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#): Call or Text 988
- Kentucky [Community Mental Health Centers \(CMHCs\)](#) 24-Hour Crisis Numbers
- Disaster Distress Helpline Crisis line: 1-800-985-5990 (also available for Voice Phone-VP); Spanish-speakers can press "2" for 24/7 bilingual services. Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/ddh>

Youth Connect

Collaborative Communication

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Strengthen Your Self Advocacy Skills

Enhance teamwork by finding ways to self advocate, compromise and by practicing active listening in your conversations.

Find Ways to Compromise
Be open to solutions that benefit everyone

Practice Active Listening
Focus fully, ask questions and respond thoughtfully

Learn to Communicate as a Team!

L Listen
U Use respect
C Compromise
K Know your reasons

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My Communication Skills

MY COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Show Understanding
Show your desire to relate and learn

Identify Person
Conversations are different depending on with whom you are speaking

Practice
Family, friends and teachers are great practice partners

Ask Questions
After speaking, pause to listen and then ask clarifying questions

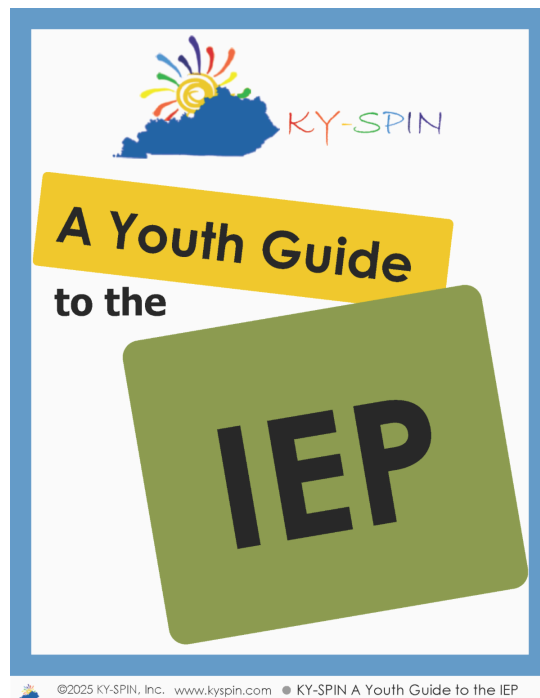
Listen with purpose
Focus on listening, not speaking

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A Youth Guide to the IEP



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