

## # 92 Summer Vacation is Over and Newsletter's Begin Again!

Dearest Advocates:

As many of you are aware, this summer I took time off from the newsletter and some of my advocacy activities to have more time with my family. Now that the children are back in school, I will be starting back up the newsletter in hopes to keeping everyone informed of disability information, advocacy opportunities, as well as, general information.

Over the next few weeks, I will be making some changes to the website so it will be more accurate and up to date with current information. I will also be making some announcements on my consulting business. Stay tuned for more information.

Thanks to everyone that respected my time off and did not flood me with emails/phone calls, etc. I have started back up my consulting services so if you are interesting in receiving help for a fee for service for the Katie Beckett / Deeming Waiver, NOW/COMP Waivers, education and general advocacy, please contact me for additional information or go to my website. [www.heidijmoore.com](http://www.heidijmoore.com)

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer.

Below is an announcement about a Special Needs Workshop at Mt. Bethel in Marietta on Saturday, August 29. Jon Zimring will be presenting on educational law and special education and I will be presenting on the Katie Beckett / Deeming Waiver and the NOW/COMP disability waivers for those interested. Registration is required.

If you want me to consider having upcoming events placed on my website, please send me a brief email explaining the conference/event, etc and the flyer in a pdf format.

***“UNITED – WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!”***

Sincerely,

***Heidi***

**(Proud Mother to Jacob - 9 yrs old with Down syndrome and Jared - 7 yrs old)**

***“Help the Children Now, So They Can Help Themselves Later!”***

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**Special Needs Workshop**

**Sat, August 29, 2009**

**8:30am-12pm**

***Managing “Special” Education for your Child***

***A Workshop to Equip Parents***

***By Jonathan Zimring, Attorney at Law specializing in education law and special education***

This workshop is designed to provide parents with the tools necessary to fully participate in the IEP process. Parents will be informed of their and their children's basic rights, entitlements as well as specific tasks to manage the IEP documents and the IEP meeting itself. Other topics to be covered include: Evaluations, Consent, Least Restrictive Environment, Researched Based Methodologies, Placement decisions, Progress Reporting to name a few.

**1pm 3pm**

***Understanding Katie Beckett Deeming and NOW/COMP Waivers***

***By Heidi J. Moore, a leading Georgia advocate for special needs children and Owner of Heidi J. Moore Consulting***

The Katie-Beckett Deeming and the NOW/COMP Waivers have helped many families of children and adults with disabilities. Over the last few years the qualifications changed, Heidi Moore will review current changes; how to apply for and renew for the waivers; what services are offered under each waiver; and finally, what you need to know in order to navigate the difficult Medicaid system.

**Location**

Mt Bethel UMC -- Room F011  
4385 Lower Roswell Road  
Marietta, GA 30068

**Cost**

\$50 per person or \$70 per couple before August 24th  
after August 24th \$65 per person or \$80 per couple.

**You can register online.** Deadline is Sunday, August 23.

<http://www.mtbethel.org/upcoming1613/Special-Needs-Workshop>

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