Do you ever feel like you have "More to say?"

More questions to ask,

More things you would like to learn to help your child,

You are not alone.

Team LeafBridge is hosting their 2nd Educational Meeting called

"More to Say" (MTS) on

Monday, March 4th at 5pm at UCP of Greater Cleveland

10011 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106 – Room 231

Free parking available in the front of the building

The educational topic is

Legal Protections Available to Students with Disabilities

This meeting will be led by a former UCP Mom and Attorney, Linda M. Gorczynski



Attorney Linda Gorczynski is an associate in the Cleveland office at Hickman & Lowder Co., L.P.A. Her focus is special education law, in which she advises parents in their pursuit to obtain needed educational services for their disabled children. Having previously represented school districts in the area of special education law, Linda has a well-rounded view of special ed.

The meeting will include topics such as the right to...

- request an Independent Education Evaluation at the district's expense.
- be educated in the least restrictive environment (LRE).
- hold a Manifestation Hearing if your child is removed from his/her regular placement for disciplinary reasons.
- request a Functional Behavior Assessment.
- send your child to another school of your choice through a Jon Peterson or Autism Scholarship.
- unilaterally remove your child from school and educate him elsewhere.
- request facilitated meetings, mediation, due process or file a complaint with ODE or OCR,
- your child's educational records (FERPA).

Pizza and beverages will be provided!

Child Care Provided

We know it may be difficult to find childcare, so our amazing therapists and staff are donating their time to watch and entertain your children while you attend this informational meeting.

Please contact Valerie Kessler at <u>vkessler@ucpcleveland.org</u> or 216-791-8363 ext. 1407 to sign up for the meeting.