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# **Cerebral Palsy of Westchester to Host Family Seminar on Federal Disability Rights Laws**

## *Self Advocacy/Legal Advocacy*

*Rye Brook, NY* – On Thursday, September 26, 2019, Cerebral Palsy of Westchester (CPW) will host a Family Education and Training Seminar focused on Self Advocacy and Legal Advocacy. The event will be held at CPW’s David G. Osterer Center main campus located at 1186 King Street in Rye Brook and will run from 6pm-8pm. It is free and open to the public. Three attorneys from the firm of Parker Hanski LLC will speak at the event. The program’s aim is to help families who care for a relative with a developmental disability, aid caregivers, improve family stability and preserve family unity.

The seminar will provide an informative overview of Federal Disability Rights Laws, focusing on the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. These laws will be discussed and will illustrate how individuals are able to assert their rights to equal access to amenities such as housing, stores, restaurants, and other public accommodations that maintain architectural barriers. Two examples of “architectural barriers” include failing to provide accessible parking and creating inaccessible entrances that can only be accessed by steps or ramps with slopes that are too steep.

The speakers Robert Hanski, Adam Hanski, and Glen Parker from the law firm of Parker Hanski LLC, specialize in civil rights law, specifically the rights of persons with disabilities as protected by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Fair Housing ACT (FHA). The firm assists individuals with disabilities and civil rights organizations in asserting their rights to equal access of housing and businesses open to the public.

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Cerebral Palsy of Westchester’s mission is to advance the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. Since 1949, CPW has been the leading non-profit organization in Westchester and Fairfield County provided essential education services, direct services, vocational training, recreation, rehabilitation and advocacy to children and adults with developmental disabilities including autism, neurological impairments, intellectual disabilities, epilepsy and cerebral palsy. The organization’s motto is Realizing Tomorrow’s Potential...Today!

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