**Winter Workshop Series**
November 12, 2014 • 6:30pm – 8:30pm • Franklin Elementary, 1433 San Antonio Avenue, Alameda
Hosted by the Alameda Special Education Parent Support Group • www.alamedaspedpsg.org

**Advocacy Tips: Negotiating the Special Education System**
Presented by Robin Miller, JD, Education Advocate

Information is power!
Children who have consistent, knowledgeable advocates are most likely to receive appropriate services and supports.

Children who have consistent, knowledgeable advocates are most likely to have positive outcomes.

This workshop will provide you with the tips and tools you will need to be an effective advocate for your student. Robin will review "must do" actions, tips on building partnerships and effective collaboration.

Robin Miller is a long time Education Advocate for DREDF’s Parent Training and Information Center and Foster Youth Resources in Education (FYRE) project. On the home front, Robin has been advocating for her own son’s IEP for nearly 15 years, and early on participated in Berkeley Unified School District’s Special Education Task Force and later Expert Panel to improve inclusive education in Berkeley. Prior to her position at DREDF, Robin worked primarily in policy research, education and advocacy on homelessness and poverty-related issues, conducting research at Public Health Institute and as Senior Staff Attorney for HomeBase: The Center for Common Concerns. Robin is also an attorney, and has a bachelor’s degree from Cornell University, where she majored in Anthropology, and a law degree from University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall).

**Planning for the Future Now can Protect your Tomorrow!**
Presented by Katherine A. Montgomery, JD and Srinoi G. Rousseau, JD, MBA

What happens when you or a loved one becomes incapacitated?

What happens to your assets if you were to die tomorrow? Who would take care of your children?

What simple actions can you take now to avoid problems down the road?

How does a will compare to a trust? What is a Special Needs Trust?

How is a Conservatorship different than a Guardianship? What are the different types of Conservatorships?

Katherine A. Montgomery, JD, emphasizes public benefits planning in her practice. This includes Medi-Cal advice for long-term care, advice for individuals on means-tested public benefits in receipt of inheritances or litigation proceeds, and special needs trusts. Kathy is the past chair of the Elder Law and Conservatorship Committees of the Alameda County Bar Association’s Trusts and Estates Section and she is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the State Bar of California’s Trusts and Estate’s Section. Katherine is a 1981 graduate of Hastings College of the Law.

Srinoi G. Rousseau, JD, MBA, practices in areas of Conservatorships (including limited Conservatorship for the developmentally disabled and LPS Conservatorships for the gravely disabled), probate, Medi-Cal eligibility for long-term care, powers of attorney, trust analysis and administration, trusts and wills for single individuals, and special needs trusts. She is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, the East Bay Trusts and Estates Lawyers, Alameda County Bar Association, Contra Costa Bar Association, and the Asian American Bar Association. Srinoi is a 1983 graduate of Santa Clara University’s School of Law. She also received her Masters in Business Administration from Santa Clara University, School of Business, in 1983. She has an A.B. in Psychology from the University of Southern California.

**Supporting the English Language Learner at Home and School**
Presented by Carolyn Kernkamp, BA, BCLAD, Multiple Subject

How can I support my English Language Learner (ELL) in the classroom and beyond?

When is Special Education early intervention an appropriate option for my student?

Through the guidance of Carolyn, participants in this workshop will review ELD (English Language Development) supports, assessments and resources provided in the Alameda school district.

Carolyn Kernkamp is both a 4th grade and English Language Development Resource teacher at Franklin Elementary in Alameda. Mrs. Kernkamp has been a teacher for 20 years, 7 as a full time English Language Development Specialist and 5 as Franklin’s ELD Resource. She has a bachelor’s in History from UCLA, her teaching credential is from John F. Kennedy University. Mrs. Kernkamp also holds a BCLAD certificate in Spanish. She has taught every grade in elementary school except Kindergarten. Mrs. Kernkamp began her teaching career in Rodeo, California, teaching in a large Title I school with over 1000 students. She joined the Alameda Unified School District 6 years ago as the ELD teacher at Earhart. Mrs. Kernkamp has also served as a mentor teacher for both teachers entering the profession and teachers needing to improve their classroom skills. On a personal note, Mrs. Kernkamp has three grown daughters, of whom she is inordinately proud, and lives in Berkeley with her husband and hairy dog Hugo. She is an avid CAL fan.