



## Missouri Parents Act

## Office for Civil Rights

***Our mission is to ensure that all children with special needs receive an education which allows them to achieve their personal goals.***

MPACT is a statewide parent training and information center that serves parents of children with all disabilities. Our primary goal is to assist parents in their effort to effectively advocate for their children's educational rights and services. MPACT staff and volunteers are located throughout Missouri and work with public and private agencies, parent groups, professional organizations and advocacy groups to achieve that goal.

We provide up-to-date information online, as well as training sessions that take place year-round throughout the state. We encourage you to call our toll-free number (1.800.743.7634) and let our staff answer any questions you may have. You may also request more information through Missouri's education agency or your local school district.

***The mission of the Office for Civil Rights is to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation through vigorous enforcement of civil rights.***

We serve student populations facing discrimination and the advocates and institutions promoting systemic solutions to civil rights problems. An important responsibility is resolving complaints of discrimination. Agency-initiated cases, typically called compliance reviews, permit OCR to target resources on compliance problems that appear particularly acute. OCR also provides technical assistance to help institutions achieve voluntary compliance with the civil rights laws that OCR enforces. An important part of OCR's technical assistance is partnerships designed to develop creative approaches to preventing and addressing discrimination.

MPACT and OCR will present

### Understanding Your Rights in Education

**Thursday, December 9, 2010**

**MPACT –** The Art of Effective Advocacy

**OCR –** Rights under OCR as they relate to IEP's, 504's, ADA & Safe Schools Act

**Time:** Choose either **12:00pm – 3:00pm** or **6:00pm - 9:00pm**

**Location:** Boone County Family Services, 1209 E Walnut, Columbia, MO 65201

**Cost:** **FREE**

**Who:** Families, individuals with disabilities, educators, administrators, general public

**Register:** 1-877-349-3212 or by visiting MPACT's website at [www.ptimpact.org](http://www.ptimpact.org)

***Respite is available for this training for those who register. Please indicate if you will be using the respite services when you register.***

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