**Blind Parents Division of the National Federation of the Blind of Colorado**

**Blind Parents Seminar**

**August 23-24, 2019**

**Colorado Center for the Blind**

**2233 W. Shepperd Ave**

**Littleton, CO 80120**

**Accommodations:** Attendees can book lodging at the Hampton Inn and Suites Highlands Ranch. Mention that you are with the Colorado Center for the Blind to receive our special room rate of 138.00 per night. Book your room by calling 303-794-1800

**Friday Night Bowling Outing**: Stay Tuned for more details

**Saturday:**

**8:00am-9:00am Registration and continental breakfast**

**9:00am-9:30am** Opening Remarks and Introductions

Julie Deden, Director

Colorado Center for the Blind

Scott LaBarre, President

NFBCO

Nate Trela, President

Blind Parents Division NFBCO

**9:30am-9:55am Parental Rights Legislation: Our roadmap to success**

Scott LaBarre, President

NFBCO

Dan Burke, Public Relations Specialist

Colorado Center for the Blind

**9:55am-10:25am Resources for Blind parents**

Nate Trela

Parents Division NFBCO

**10:25am-11:25am Blind Parents Panel: Experiences from a diverse group of blind parents**

Pipi Adams, Entrepreneur

Pipi LLC

Nate Trela, President

Blind Parents Division NFBCO

Maureen Nietfeld, Outreach Manager

JB&K Services

Kevan Worley, CEO

Worley Enterprises

**11:25am-12:25pm: Advocacy through the life span - an interactive presentation**  
Brent Batron, Assistant Director

Colorado Center for the Blind  
Anahit LaBarre

Senior Services Specialist

**12:25pm-1:00pm Lunch: Break and grab your boxed lunch**

**1:00pm-1:45pm Keynote Address**

Melissa Riccobono, Education and Parenting Consultant

National Federation of the Blind

**2:00pm-5:00pm Breakout Sessions**

**Infant Track**

**2:00pm-3:00pm Planning to Parent**

* Conception/adoption
* Setting up the home
* Making the most of your prenatal visits
* Hospital Advocacy

Maureen Nietfeld, Outreach Manager

JB&K Services

**3:00pm-3:30pm Brainstorming alternative Techniques for Common Parenting Tasks**

Chris Parsons, Senior Outreach Specialist

Colorado Center for the Blind

**3:30pm-5:00pm Hands on Stations**

Station 1: Making Baby Food

Station 2: Measuring Medication

Station 3: Baby Gadgets: pack n’ play, strollers, carriers, and more

Station 4: Installing Car Seats

**Elementary Track**

**2:00pm-3:00pm Teaching Your Kids Basic Kitchen Skills**

Melissa Riccobono, Education and Parenting Consultant

National Federation of the Blind

**3:00pm-4:00pm Being an Involved Parent: From the classroom to extra curriculars**

Brent Batron, Assistant Director

Colorado Center for the Blind

Ena Batron

Stay at Home Mother of Five

**4:00pm-5:00pm Hands on Family Fun Stations**

Station 1 Board Games

Station 2 Reading and Literacy Resources

Station 3 Playing Together: Sports and outdoor games

**Pre-Teen and Teen Track**

**2:00pm-3:00pm: Navigating the Teens, how to effectively monitor and supervise**

Nate Trela, President

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Anahit LaBarre, Senior Services Specialist

Colorado Center for the Blind

**3:00pm-3:45pm Getting Around Town: Driving, transit, and the logistics**

Nate Trela, President

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Anahit LaBarre, Senior Services Specialist

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Ena Batron, Stay at Home Mom of Five

**3:45pm-4:30pm Successful Transitions, first jobs, college prep and college, moving away from home**

Dan Burke, Public Relations Specialist

Colorado Center for the Blind

**4:30pm-5:00pm Advocating for Fair Auto Insurance**

Scott LaBarre Esq., President

NFBCO

**Grandparents Track**

**2:00pm-3:00pm** **Being an. Involved Grandparent: From changing diapers to overnight visits**   
Phylis Chavez

John Batron

**3:00pm-3:30pm Keeping Up with Your Family on Social Media**

Chris Parsons, Senior Outreach Specialist

Colorado Center for the Blind

**3:30pm-4:00pm Sharing Your Family Heritage**

Peggy Chong, The Blind History Lady

**4:00pm-5:00pm Hands on Family Fun Stations**

Station 1 Board Games

Station 2 Reading and Literacy Resources

Station 3 Playing Together: Sports and outdoor games

**6:00pm-8:00pm Dinner at Romano’s Pizzeria RSVP (each family is responsible for their dinner check)**

**Youth Track and Nursery Care**

**8:30am-5:00pm Nursery care (for children 3 and under)**

**Ages 4-7 Morning Schedule**

**9:00am-10:00am Tactile Art**

**10:00am-11:00am Gym: Goalball orientation**

**11:00am-12:00pm Braille Board Games**

**Ages 8-10 Morning Schedule**

**9:00am-10:00am Braille Board Games**

**10:00am-11:00am Tactile Art**

**11:00am-12:00pm Gym: Goalball orientation**

**Ages 11 and Up**

**9:00am-10:00am Gym: Goalball orientation**

**10:00am-11:00am Braille Board Games**

**11:00am-12:00pm Tactile Art**

**All Youth**

**12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch and Free Play**

**1:30-3:30 Movie Ages 4-10**

**Movie Ages 11 and Up**

**3:30-4:00 Snack and Social Time**

**4:00-5:00 Discussion Groups**

**Ages 4-7: Guide Dogs and More**

**Ages 8-10: Growing Up with a Blind parent Group 1**

**Ages 11 and Up: Growing Up with a Blind Parent Group 2**