Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends of Blind and Vision Impaired Children:

The National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey (NFBNJ) is sponsoring its sixth BELL (Braille Enrichment for Literacy & Learning) Academy.

The program will be held at the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. located at:

100 First Street

Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861

When: July 22 through August 2, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Monday through Friday)

Cost: Free for blind and vision impaired children ages 4 through 12 years

This years’ theme is “Placing Hands on the Future”

The BELL Academy provides children with the opportunity to learn some Braille and nonvisual concentrated instruction. This learning takes place through participation in fun, hands-on activities, including activities of daily living (ADL) skills, field trips, self-advocacy through “solve it problems”, science experiments, mobility walks, as well as numerous literacy activities (story time, practicing reading and writing in Braille, use of Braille Writers). Woven into the program is the NFB philosophy professing that blind children can do anything sighted children can do through the use of alternative techniques. This year we will provide the children the chance to imagine, create, and touch their future and dreams; by not only raising expectations through Braille instruction, but by nurturing their development of tactile arts and graphics.

Please visit: [www.nfbnj.org/bell-academy/](http://www.nfbnj.org/bell-academy/) for more information about how to register blind and vision impaired children for the BELL Academy.

Or contact Mary Jo Partyka [choirnfb@gmail.com](mailto:choirnfb@gmail.com); 609-888-5459

To register your child please fill out the NFB BELL Application Form at <https://archive.nfb.org/bell-student-application-form>.