

# R.A.I.N (Riverside Area Inclusion Network)

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Dear District 96 Parents :

As Summer approaches we all look forward to time away from the “routine” and hopefully some pleasant warm weather. We’d like to extend an invitation to all parents and their children with IEP/504s to connect over the summer break and learn more about R.A.I.N and the many programs we have to help each other in navigating the special education road. We are looking to grow R.A.I.N into a phenomenal network of parents and students dedicated to our mission of awareness, education, support, networking, and acceptance of students with learning differences.

We’ll have many great opportunities over summer to share our knowledge and work together. We hope you can find the time to bring your ideas and benefit from some of the many events we are planning for the summer:

- June 15<sup>th</sup> Sensory Modulation and Ideas for the Summer with Speaker Christy Walloc, Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Program Specialist at Rush University Medical Center
  - Riverside Library Meeting Room 6:30pm
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Riverside Library 6:30pm Topic: Preparing for your IEP/504
- End of August (date TBD) Back to School Picnic

Recognizing that summer is a busy time for all if you can’t make it to any of the above events we’d still love to hear from you, and know what topics are of interest for future discussions and events. Please send us an email with your information as we’d like to gather a parent directory for R.A.I.N in an effort to effectively communicate our events and plans to the parents of children with IEPs and 504 plans. Have a great summer and we hope to see you in August for a picnic where we can all gear up for the 2011-2012 school year! To share your information and receive future directed communications please email [mylaf@prodigy.net](mailto:mylaf@prodigy.net) or call Mary Komperda at 708-447-8648. Thank you for your interest.